

CLINICAL TNM CLASSIFICATION (2002)

T	PRIMARY TUMOUR
<input type="checkbox"/> TX	Primary tumour cannot be assessed
<input type="checkbox"/> T0	No evidence of primary tumour
<input type="checkbox"/> Tis	(DCIS) Ductal carcinoma insitu
<input type="checkbox"/> Tis	(LCIS) Lobular carcinoma in situ
<input type="checkbox"/> Tis	(Paget's) Paget's disease of the nipple with no tumour
Note:	Paget's disease associated with a tumour is classified according to the size of the tumour
<input type="checkbox"/> T1	Tumour 2 cm or less in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> T1mic	Microinvasion 0.1 cm or less in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> T1a	> 0.1 cm but ≤ 0.5 cm in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> T1b	> 0.5 cm but ≤ 1 cm in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> T1c	> 1 cm but ≤ 2 cm in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> T2	> 2 cm but ≤ 5 cm in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> T3	> 5 cm in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> T4	Tumour of any size with direct extension to chest wall/skin
<input type="checkbox"/> T4a	Extension to chest wall, not including pectoralis muscle
<input type="checkbox"/> T4b	Edema (including peau d'orange), or ulceration of the skin of the breast, or satellite skin nodules confined to the same breast
<input type="checkbox"/> T4c	Both 4a and 4b
<input type="checkbox"/> T4d	Inflammatory carcinoma

N	REGIONAL LYMPH NODES
<input type="checkbox"/> NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
<input type="checkbox"/> N0	No regional lymph nodes metastasis
<input type="checkbox"/> N1	Metastasis to movable ipsilateral axillary node(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> N2	Metastasis to ipsilateral axillary lymph nodes fixed or matted, or in <i>clinically apparent*</i> ipsilateral internal mammary nodes in the <i>absence</i> of clinically evident axillary lymph nodes metastasis
<input type="checkbox"/> N2a	Metastasis in ipsilateral axillary lymph nodes fixed to one another (matted) or to other structures.
<input type="checkbox"/> N2b	Metastasis only in <i>clinically apparent*</i> ipsilateral internal mammary nodes in the <i>absence</i> of clinically evident axillary lymph node metastasis
<input type="checkbox"/> N3	Metastasis in ipsilateral infraclavicular lymph node(s), with or without axillary lymph node involvement, or in <i>clinically apparent*</i> ipsilateral internal mammary lymph nodes in the <i>presence</i> of clinically evident axillary lymph node metastasis; or metastasis in ipsilateral supraclavicular lymph node(s), with or without axillary or internal mammary lymph node involvement
<input type="checkbox"/> N3a	Metastasis in ipsilateral infraclavicular lymph node(s) and axillary lymph node
<input type="checkbox"/> N3b	Metastasis in ipsilateral internal mammary lymph node(s) and axillary lymph node(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> N3c	Metastasis in ipsilateral supraclavicular lymph node(s)

M	DISTANT METASTASIS
<input type="checkbox"/> MX	Presence of distant metastasis cannot be assessed
<input type="checkbox"/> M0	No distant metastasis
<input type="checkbox"/> M1	Distant metastasis

PATHOLOGICAL TNM CLASSIFICATION (2002)

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<input type="checkbox"/> pT2	> 2 cm but ≤ 5 cm in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> pT3	> 5 cm in greatest dimension
<input type="checkbox"/> pT4	Tumour of any size with direct extension to chest wall/skin
<input type="checkbox"/> pT4a	Extension to chest wall, not including pectoralis muscle
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<input type="checkbox"/> pT4c	Both 4a and 4b
<input type="checkbox"/> pT4d	Inflammatory carcinoma

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pN	REGIONAL LYMPH NODES
<input type="checkbox"/> pNX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
<input type="checkbox"/> pN0	No regional lymph nodes metastasis histologically, no additional examination for isolated tumour cells (ITC)***
<input type="checkbox"/> pN0(i-)	No regional lymph node metastasis histologically, negative IHC
<input type="checkbox"/> pN0(i+)	No regional lymph node metastasis histologically, positive IHC, no IHC cluster greater than 0.2 mm
<input type="checkbox"/> pN0(mol-)	No regional lymph node metastasis histologically, negative molecular findings (RT-PCR)
<input type="checkbox"/> pN0(mol+)	No regional lymph node metastasis histologically, positive molecular findings (RT-PCR)
Note:	RT-PCR: reverse transcriptase/polymerase chain reaction
<input type="checkbox"/> pN1	Metastasis in 1 to 3 axillary lymph nodes, and/or in internal mammary nodes with microscopic disease detected by sentinel lymph node dissection, but <i>not clinically apparent**</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> pN1mi	Micrometastasis (greater than 0.2 mm, none greater than 2.0 mm)
<input type="checkbox"/> pN1a	Metastasis in 1 to 3 axillary lymph nodes
<input type="checkbox"/> pN1b	Metastasis in internal mammary nodes with microscopic disease detected by sentinel lymph node dissection, but <i>not clinically apparent**</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> pN1c	Metastasis in 1 to 3 axillary lymph nodes and in internal mammary nodes, with microscopic disease detected by sentinel lymph node dissection, but <i>not clinically apparent**</i> (if associated with more than 3 positive axillary lymph nodes, the internal mammary nodes are classified as pN3b to reflect in increased tumour burden.)
<input type="checkbox"/> pN2	Metastasis in 4 to 9 axillary lymph nodes, or in <i>clinically apparent*</i> internal mammary lymph nodes in the absence of axillary lymph nodes metastasis
<input type="checkbox"/> pN2a	Metastasis in 4 to 9 axillary lymph nodes (at least 1 tumour deposit greater than 2.0 mm)
<input type="checkbox"/> pN2b	Metastasis in <i>clinically apparent*</i> internal mammary lymph nodes in the <i>absence</i> of axillary lymph nodes metastasis
<input type="checkbox"/> pN3	Metastasis in 10 or more axillary lymph nodes, or in infraclavicular lymph nodes, or in <i>clinically apparent*</i> ipsilateral internal mammary lymph nodes in the presence of 1 or more positive axillary lymph nodes; or in more than 3 axillary lymph nodes with clinically negative microscopic metastasis in internal mammary lymph nodes; or in ipsilateral supraclavicular lymph nodes
<input type="checkbox"/> pN3a	Metastasis in 10 or more axillary lymph nodes (at least 1 tumour deposit greater than 2.0 mm), or metastasis to the infraclavicular lymph nodes
<input type="checkbox"/> pN3b	Metastasis in <i>clinically apparent*</i> ipsilateral internal mammary lymph nodes in the presence of 1 or more positive axillary lymph nodes; or in more than 3 axillary lymph nodes and in internal mammary lymph nodes with microscopic disease detected by sentinel lymph node dissection, but <i>not clinically apparent**</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> pN3c	Metastasis in ipsilateral supraclavicular lymph nodes

M	DISTANT METASTASIS
<input type="checkbox"/> pMX	Presence of distant metastasis cannot be assessed
<input type="checkbox"/> pM0	No distant metastasis
<input type="checkbox"/> pM1	Distant metastasis

NOTE:

mic Microinvasion is the extension of cancer cells beyond the basement membrane into the adjacent tissues with no focus more than 0.1 cm in greatest dimensions. When there are multiple foci of microinvasion, the size of only the largest focus is used to classify the microinvasion. (Do not use the sum of all the individual foci) The presence of multiple foci of microinvasion should be noted, as it is with multiple larger invasive carcinomas

* *Clinically apparent* is defined as detected by imaging studies (excluding lymphoscintigraphy) or by clinical examination

** *Not clinically apparent* is defined as not detected by imaging studies (excluding lymphoscintigraphy) or by clinical examination

*** Isolated tumour cells (ITC) are defined as single tumour cells or small cell clusters not greater than 0.2 mm, usually detected only by immunohistochemical (IHC) or molecular methods, but which may be verified on H&E stains. ITCs do not usually show evidence of malignant activity (eg. proliferation or stromal reaction)