

Lesson 19

Stage Group

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M Category for Pathologic Stage

- pM not required to assign pathologic stage group
- Pathologic stage group options with cM
 - pT pN cM0
 - pT pN cM1
- Pure clinical and pure pathologic stage groups
 - Refers to following AJCC rules for that classification
 - Does **NOT** refer to using all “c” or all “p” for each category



pM1 Special Rules

- pM1
 - Microscopic confirmation of distant mets during diagnostic workup (clinical stage)
 - Sanctions **both** clinical and pathologic stage group assignment
 - Do not need to meet resection criteria for pathologic stage
- Stage group options – pM1 found during diagnostic workup
 - cT cN pM1 clinical stage IV
 - cT cN pM1 pathologic stage IV



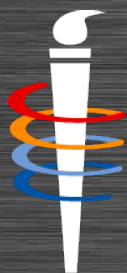
In Situ Neoplasm

- CIS definition
 - Has not involved any structures in primary organ that
 - Allows tumor cells to spread to regional nodes or distant sites
- CIS exception to stage group guidelines
 - Clinical stage
 - pTis cN0 cM0 clinical stage 0
 - Pathologic stage
 - pTis cN0 cM0 pathologic stage 0
- Caution for pathologic stage
 - Cannot use CIS rule in isolation
 - Must also meet pathologic stage resection criteria
 - Avoids sampling error when resection might show invasion
 - Example: TURB



Thank you

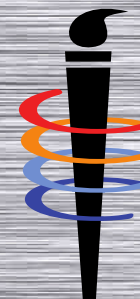
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