

# Module IV Advanced

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# AJCC

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# Overview

- Continues instructions for learning AJCC staging
  - Progress with the rules
    - Correct classifications
    - Assigning T, N, and M categories
    - Assigning stage group
  - Cover rules for exceptions and unique complex cases on these topics
  - Encompassing some nuances for these topics
  - Provide final piece of staging rules

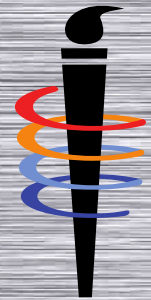


# Learning Objectives

- Demonstrate correct usage of classifications
- Employ principles of assigning T, N, and M categories
- Distinguish choices for assigning stage group
- Illustrate critical thinking skills in applying AJCC rules
- Utilize additional materials
- Evaluate self-guided learning through webinar and quiz



# Information and Questions on AJCC Staging



# AJCC Web site

- <https://cancerstaging.org>
- Cancer Staging Education menu includes
  - General
    - Staging Moments – 15 case-based presentations in cancer conference format to promote accurate staging with answers and rationales
  - Registrar
    - Presentations
      - Registrar’s Guide to Chapter 1, AJCC Seventh Edition
      - Explaining Blanks and X, Ambiguous Terminology and Support for AJCC Staging
  - Physicians
    - 14 free webinars on staging rules and some disease sites
    - 18 articles on AJCC staging in various medical journals

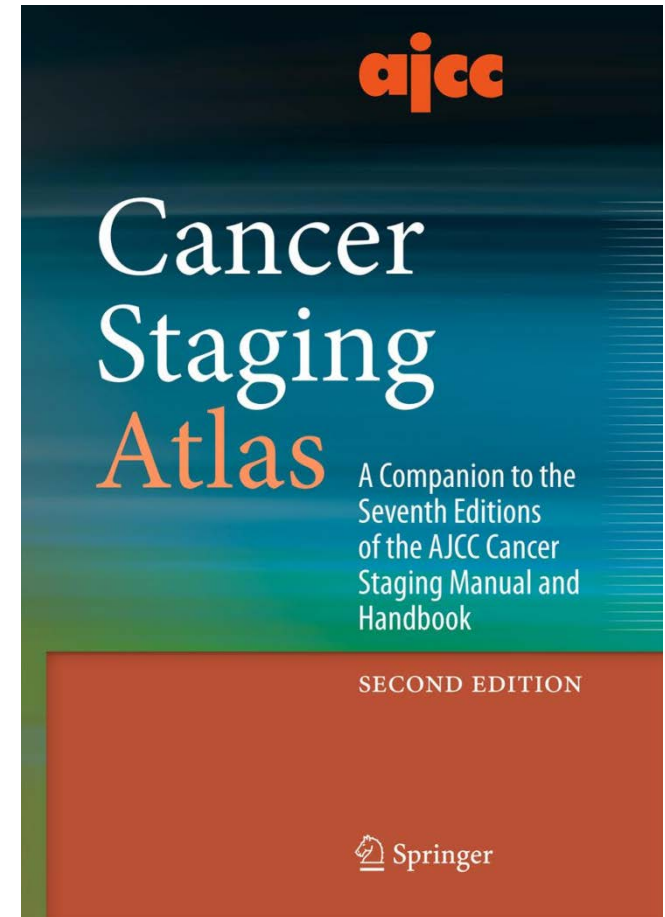
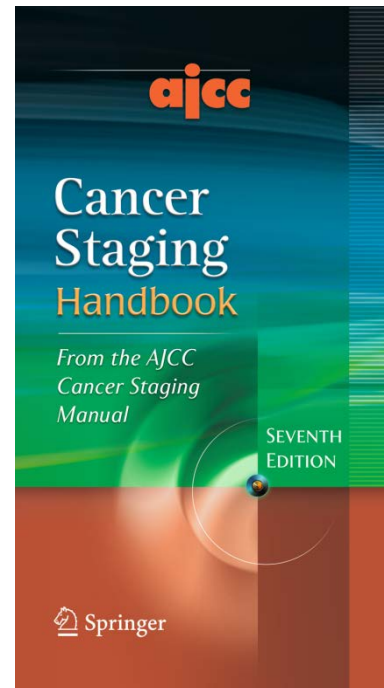
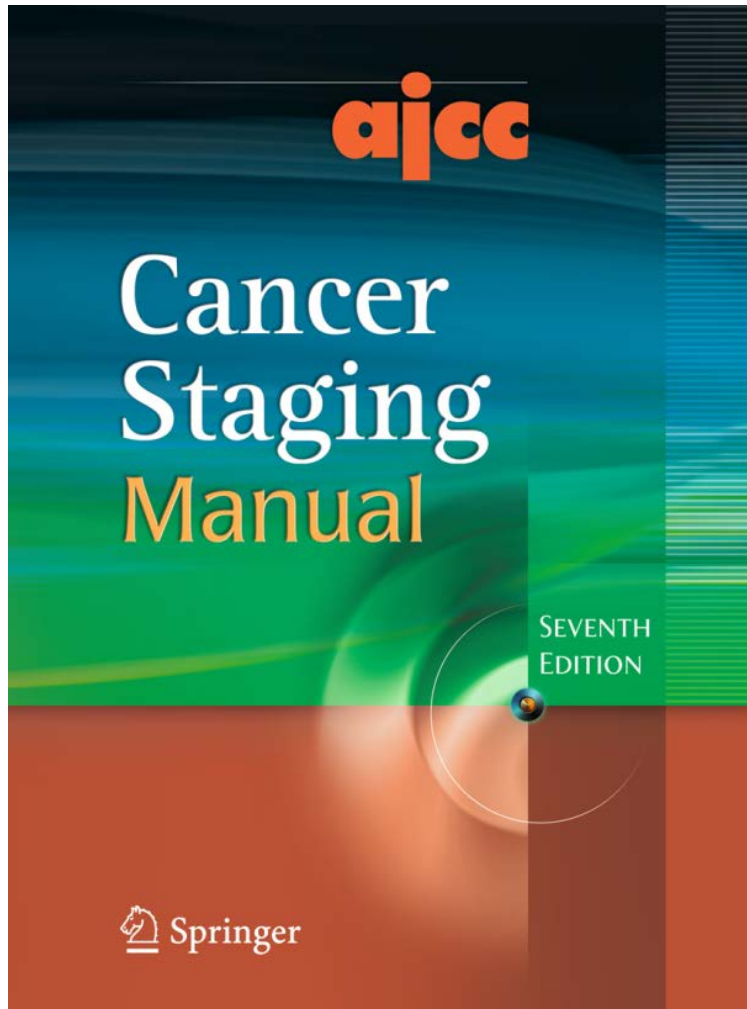


# CAnswer Forum

- Submit questions to AJCC Forum
  - Located within CAnswer Forum
  - Provides information for all
  - Allows tracking for educational purposes
- Special AJCC sub-forums for staging education questions
- <http://cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/>



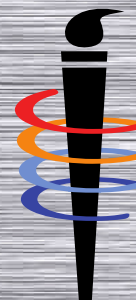
# AJCC Cancer Staging Manual and Atlas



Order at  
<http://cancerstaging.net>



# Summary





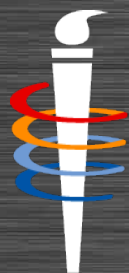
# Summary

- Articulate and recognize AJCC rules and guidelines
- Apply AJCC principles accurately
  - Classifications
  - T, N, and M categories
  - Stage group
- Illustrate critical thinking skills in applying AJCC criteria
- Validate lessons
  - Additional materials
  - Webinar and quiz



# Thank you

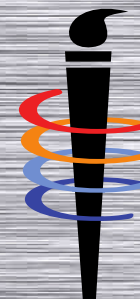
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