

# IASLC STAGING OF LUNG CANCER (9<sup>th</sup> Edition)

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Scalene (ipsi./contralateral)	Supraclavicular	Contralateral			Ipsilateral				LYMPH NODE (N)										
		Hilar	Mediastinal		Subcarinal	Mediastinal	Hilar	Peribronchial		Intrapulmonary									
●	●	●	●								N3	III B		III C					
–	–	–	–	●	●						N2b	III A		III B					
–	–	–	–								N2a	II B		III A		III B			
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–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		N0	IA1	IA2	IA3	I B	II A	II B	III A		
PRIMARY TUMOUR (T)										T1a	T1b	T1c	T2a	T2b	T3	T4			
Tx		1 - Size								≤ 1cm	> 1cm ≤ 2cm	> 2cm ≤ 3cm	> 3cm ≤ 4cm	> 4cm ≤ 5cm	> 5cm ≤ 7cm		> 7cm		
Occult carcinoma: Tumour is proven histopathologically but not visualised by imaging or bronchoscopy																			
T0		2 – Criteria of Extent								No extension proximal to the lobar bronchus		Main bronchus involved, but not the carina  Atelectasis or obstructive pneumonitis extending to the hilum, involving part or all of the lung				Involvement of the carina			
No evidence of primary tumour																			
Tis										Local invasion		None; the tumour is surrounded by lung or visceral pleura		Visceral pleura or Adjacent lobe		Chest wall, parietal pleura, phrenic nerve, pericardium, azygos vein, thoracic nerve roots		Trachea, oesophagus, mediastinum, heart, great vessels, vagus n, recurrent laryngeal n, diaphragm, brachial plexus, vertebral body	
Carcinoma in situ																			
T1mi		Satellite nodule(s)		None		None		Separate tumour nodule(s) in the same lobe		Separate tumour nodule(s) in a different ipsilateral lobe									
Minimally invasive adenocarcinoma																			

DISTANT METASTASIS (M)	
<b>M0</b>	No distant metastasis
<b>M1a</b>	Separate tumour nodule(s) in contralateral lung Pleural or pericardial nodule(s) Malignant pleural or pericardial effusions
<b>M1b</b>	Single extrathoracic metastasis in a single organ system
<b>M1c1</b>	Multiple extrathoracic metastases in a single organ system
<b>M1c2</b>	Multiple extrathoracic metastases in multiple organ systems