

Making Sense of Melanoma Staging

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Types of Staging

- Clinical staging
- Pathological staging
- Based on 7th Edition of AJCC staging
- 8th edition takes effect next year

Clinical Staging

- Microstaging of tumour
- Clinical & Radiological evaluation for metastasis
- After complete excision of the Primary

Pathological Staging

- Microstaging of primary AND.....
- Regional lymph node evaluation

TNM

- Tumour depth size (T1 - T4 a&b)
- Regional Lymph nodes (N1 - N3 a,b,c)
- Metastasis (M1a,b,c)
- (LDH)
- This forms the basis of the classification

ANATOMIC STAGE/PROGNOSTIC GROUPS							
Clinical Staging ³				Pathologic Staging ⁴			
Stage 0	Tis	N0	M0	0	Tis	N0	M0
Stage IA	T1a	N0	M0	IA	T1a	N0	M0
Stage IB	T1b	N0	M0	IB	T1b	N0	M0
	T2a	N0	M0		T2a	N0	M0
Stage IIA	T2b	N0	M0	IIA	T2b	N0	M0
	T3a	N0	M0		T3a	N0	M0
Stage IIB	T3b	N0	M0	IIB	T3b	N0	M0
	T4a	N0	M0		T4a	N0	M0
Stage IIC	T4b	N0	M0	IIC	T4b	N0	M0
Stage III	Any T	≥ N1	M0	IIIA	T1-4a	N1a	M0
					T1-4a	N2a	M0
				IIIB	T1-4b	N1a	M0
					T1-4b	N2a	M0
					T1-4a	N1b	M0
					T1-4a	N2b	M0
					T1-4a	N2c	M0
				IIIC	T1-4b	N1b	M0
					T1-4b	N2b	M0
					T1-4b	N2c	M0
					Any T	N3	M0
Stage IV	Any T	Any N	M1	IV	Any T	Any N	M1

Discussion?!