

Esophageal Cancer Staging

AJCC TNM 8th Edition			AJCC TNM 7th Edition	
	Description			Description
TX	<i>Tumor cannot be assessed</i>	=	TX	<i>Tumor cannot be assessed</i>
T0	<i>No evidence of primary tumor</i>	=	T0	<i>No evidence of primary tumor</i>
Tis	<i>High Grade dysplasia, defined as malignant cells confined to the epithelium by the basement membrane</i>	=	Tis	<i>High Grade dysplasia</i>
T1a	<i>Tumor invades lamina propria or muscularis mucosa</i>	=	T1a	<i>Tumor invades lamina propria or muscularis mucosa</i>
T1b	<i>Tumor invades submucosa</i>	=	T1a	<i>Tumor invades submucosa</i>
T2	<i>Tumor invades muscularis propria</i>	=	T2	<i>Tumor invades muscularis propria</i>
T3	<i>Tumor invades adventitia</i>	=	T3	<i>Tumor invades adventitia</i>
T4a	<i>Tumor invades pleura, pericardium, azygos vein, diaphragm or peritoneum</i>	=	T4a	<i>Resectable tumor invades pleura, pericardium or diaphragm</i>
T4b	<i>Tumor invades other adjacent structures such as aorta, vertebral body, or airway.</i>	=	T4b	<i>Unresectable tumor invading other adjacent structures such as aorta, vertebral body, trachea, etc.</i>