

# Module I

# Introduction

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# AJCC

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# Overview

- Provide an overview of AJCC staging
  - Background materials to explain
    - Why staging is performed
    - How staging is used
  - Broad discussion of staging
    - Classifications
    - T, N, and M categories
    - Stage group
  - Terminology differences
    - Physician manuals and patient care
    - Registry manuals and surveillance community
  - Link to additional material
  - Webinar with quiz

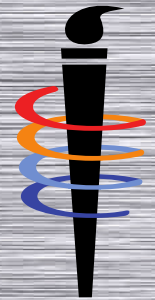


# Learning Objectives

- Describe intent and purpose of AJCC staging
- Identify uses of AJCC staging
- Demonstrate correct usage of classifications
- Recognize basic principles of T, N, and M categories
- Recognize meaning of stage groups
- Analyze AJCC manual and physician terminology intent
- Utilize additional materials
- Evaluate 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

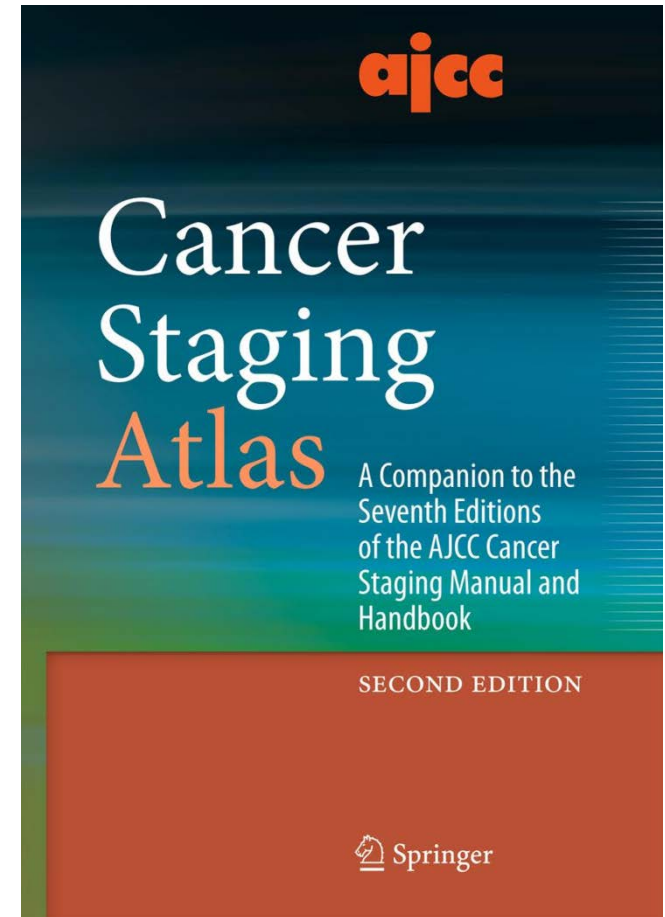
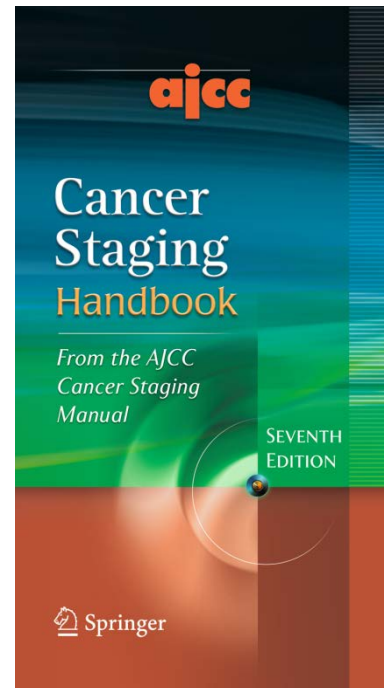
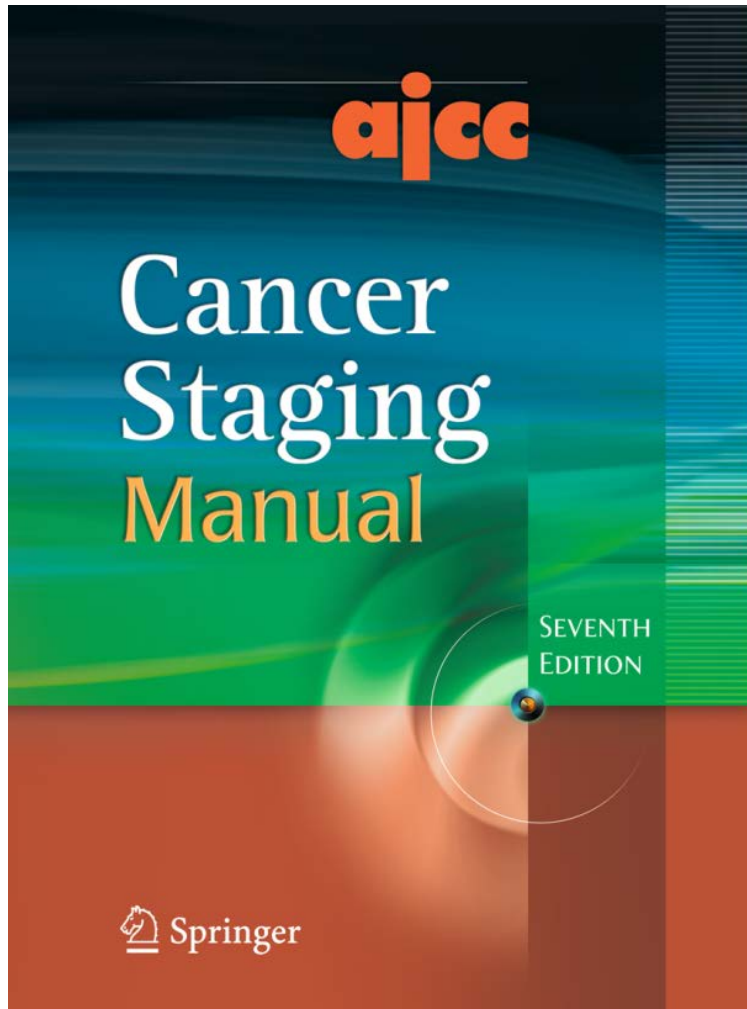


# CAnswer Forum

- 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/>



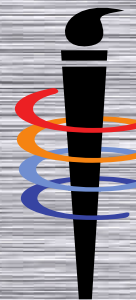
# AJCC Cancer Staging Manual and Atlas



Order at  
<http://cancerstaging.net>



# Summary





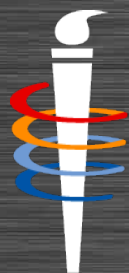
# Summary

- Articulate intent and purpose of AJCC staging
- Describe uses of AJCC staging
- Recognize basic principles
  - Classifications
  - T, N, and M categories
  - Stage groups
- Interpret terminology as intended
- Validate lessons
  - Additional materials
  - Webinar and quiz



# Thank you

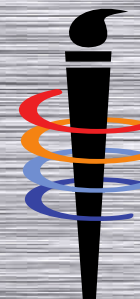
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