Module I
Introduction

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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
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• 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