

Since the publication of the 7th edition of the AJCC *Cancer Staging Manual*, there are no staging clarifications for the 6th reprint. Please be assured that the content of the 7th edition, as published in October 2009, is **sound and accurate**.

Table 1:

Ch	Publication/Page	Chapter Name	Section	Change
No staging clarifications for the 6 th reprint				

The following further clarifications include non-essential but *useful* information in using the AJCC 7th Edition as shown in Table 2:

Table 2:

Ch	Publication/Page	Chapter Name	Section	Change
4	Manual – p.45 Handbook – p.69	Pharynx	Primary Tumor (T)	Delete "/" from and/or in Hypopharynx T1
25	Manual – p.261 Handbook – p.313	Lung	Basis for Current Revisions	Stage group labels added in order: IA, IB, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV, to Figure 25.4 Stage group labels added in order: I, II, III, IV, to Figure 25.5
25	Manual – p.263 Handbook – p.316	Lung	Primary Tumor (T)	Add comma after (PL3) in T3
34	Manual – p.388	Vagina	Anatomic Stage/ Prognostic Groups	Change Ti to Tis for Stage 0

Additionally, after the publication of 7th edition a validation of the ICD-O-3 site/type labels was performed by staff from the National Cancer Data Base and Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) to support cancer surveillance activities. As a result topography and histology codes were updated. These codes are used *primarily by cancer registry staff* and not clinicians. A complete table of updated topography and histology codes may be [downloaded here](#). The updated codes are reflected in Table 3 below:

Table 3:

Ch	Publication/Page	Chapter Name	Topography & Histology Codes
57	Manual – p.607 Handbook – p.669	Lymphoid Neoplasms	Revise to: 9590-9699, 9702-9729, 9735, 9737, 9738, 9811-9818, 9837 (all sites) 9823, 9827 (excludes C42.0, C42.1, C42.4)

The following changes *critical* for accurately staging cancer cases have been made to the staging forms as shown in Table 4.

Table 4:

Ch	Publication/Page	Chapter Name	Section	Change
4	Manual – p.51	Pharynx	Staging Form - (T)	Delete "/" from and/or in Hypopharynx T1
25	Manual – p.267	Lung	Staging Form - (T)	Add comma after (PL3) in T3
31	Manual – p.341	Melanoma of the Skin	Staging Form - (N)	Add <input type="checkbox"/> N2 in clinical column for 2-3 nodes
33	Manual – p.383	Vulva	Staging Form - (T)	Replace ? with ≤ for T1a
35	Manual – p.400	Cervix Uteri	Staging Form	Change IIA1 to IIA2 for T2a2 for pathologic stage
50	Manual – p.543	Malignant Melanoma of the Conjunctiva	Staging Form - (T)	Add asterisk for Tis definition Add asterisk to T1a definition: ** Add: **Quadrants are defined by clock hour, starting at the limbus (e.g., 6, 9, 12, 3) extending from the central cornea, to and beyond the eyelid margins. This will bisect the caruncle.

Questions related to the 7th edition *Manual* and *Handbook* should be directed to ajcc@facs.org.