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

Table 1:

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

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<td>Lip and Oral Cavity</td>
<td>Prognostic Features</td>
<td>Figure 3.3B has an incorrect graph. The numbers in the table are correct.</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Manual – p. 106</td>
<td>Esophagus and Esophagogastric Junction</td>
<td>Anatomy</td>
<td>Add to Figure 10.3 (A-C): Stations 18 and 19 are not considered regional lymph nodes.</td>
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<td>Appendix</td>
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<td>Remove goblet cell carcinoid and adenocarcinoid from the list of types. Add: Goblet cell carcinoid and adenocarcinoid are staged using the appendiceal carcinoma schema.</td>
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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:

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

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