

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:

Ch	Publication/Page	Chapter Name	Section	Change
33	Manual – p.380 Handbook – p.465	Vulva	Regional Lymph Nodes	Revise N1a: One or two lymph node metastasis each less than 5mm

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
3	Manual – p. 33 Handbook – p. 57	Lip and Oral Cavity	Prognostic Features	Figure 3.3B has an incorrect graph. The numbers in the table are correct.
10	Manual – p. 106 Handbook – p. 137	Esophagus and Esophagogastric Junction	Anatomy	Add to Figure 10.3 (A-C): Stations 18 and 19 are not considered regional lymph nodes.
13	Manual – p.138 Handbook – p.169	Appendix	Histopathologic Type	Remove goblet cell carcinoid and adenocarcinoid from the list of types. Add: Goblet cell carcinoid and adenocarcinoid are staged using the appendiceal carcinoma schema.
15	Manual – p.166 Handbook – p.209	Anus	Regional Lymph Nodes	Change paravertebral to internal iliac
34	Handbook – p.471	Vagina	Anatomic Stage/ Prognostic Groups	Change T _i to T _{is} for Stage 0
43	Manual – p.479-480 Handbook – p.548	Kidney	Introduction	Remove: from patients undergoing nephrectomy, in reference to Figure 43.1. Replace cancer-specific with all-cause mortality in Table 43.1 legend.
57	Manual – p. 610-611 Handbook – p.675-676	Lymphoid Neoplasms	Prognostic Features	Change IPI and FLIPI age to >60 in Table 57.2. Change Prognostic Features text in IPI to <60, and text in FLIPI to 60 years and younger.

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
7	Manual – p.79 Handbook – p.103	Major Salivary Glands	Change 8981 to 8982
24	Manual – p.241 Handbook – p.285	Pancreas	Add 8971
36	Manual – p.404 Handbook – p.481	Corpus Uteri	Revise to: 8000-8790, 8950-8951, 8980-8981 (Carcinoma) 8800, 8890-8898, 8900-8921, 8930-8931, 8935 (Leiomyosarcoma and Endometrial Stromal Sarcoma) 8933 (Adenosarcoma)

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
28	Manual – p.297	Soft Tissue Sarcoma	Staging Form	Add T2a to Group III for pathologic
31	Manual – p.342	Melanoma of the Skin	Staging Form	Change Prognostic Factor Clinically Significant: vertical growth plate to vertical growth phase
33	Manual – p.383	Vulva	Staging Form	Revise N1a: One or two lymph node metastasis each less than 5mm

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