

**AMERICAN JOINT COMMITTEE ON
CANCER TNM SYSTEM FOR
COLORECTAL CANCER STAGING**

**STAGING OF COLORECTAL CANCER
AJCC RNM SYSTEM AND DUKE STAGE EQUIVALENTS**

Tumor		Stage	Tumor	Node	Metastases	Duke Stage
Tis	Carcinoma in situ: intraepithelial or invasion of the lamina propria	0	Tis	N0	M0	N/A
T1	Invasion of the submucosa	I	T1 or T2	N0	M0	A1, B1
T2	Invasion into the muscularis propria	II	T3 or T4	N0	M0	B2, B3
T3	Invasion through the muscularis propria into the subserosa	III	Any T	N1 or N2	M0	C
T4	Invasion through visceral peritoneum or invasion into adjacent organs	IV	Any T	Any N	M1	D
Node						
N0	No lymph node metases					
N1	Metastases in one to three lymph nodes					
N2	Metastases in four or more lymph nodes					
Meastases						
M0	No distant metastases					
M1	Distant metastases present					

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