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# Staging basis

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 001079                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: This data element describes the timing and evidence for T, N and M stage values.  
Context: For survival analysis adjusted by stage at diagnosis and distribution of cancer cases by type and stage.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphanumeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: A  
Minimum Size:  
Maximum Size: 1  
Guide For Use: Clinical stage is based on evidence obtained prior to treatment from physical examination, imaging, endoscopy, biopsy, surgical exploration or other relevant examinations.  
Pathological stage is based on histological evidence acquired before treatment, supplemented or modified by additional evidence acquired from surgery and from pathological examination.  
Refer to the UICC reference manual TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours for coding rules.  
Collection Methods: From information provided by the treating doctor and recorded on the patient's medical record.  
Related metadata: relates to the data element Cancer staging - M stage code version 1  
relates to the data element Cancer staging - N stage code version 1  
relates to the data element Cancer staging - T stage code version 1  
relates to the data element Cancer staging - TNM stage grouping code version 1

relates to the data element Staging scheme source version 1

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### *Administrative Attributes*

Source Document: UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours (5th Edition) (1997).

Source Organisation: International Union Against Cancer (UICC).

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### *Data Element Links*

#### *Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element*

NHIM Physical wellbeing

#### *Data Agreements which include this Data Element*

DSS - Cancer (clinical) From 04-Jun-04 to

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