

# CARCINOMA OF THE APPENDIX STAGING DIAGRAM

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NOTIFY <u>DATA QUALITY & REGISTRY</u> IF STAGE/DIAGNOSIS IS AMENDED

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# AJCC 7<sup>th</sup> Edition for Diagnosis Date ≥ 01 January 2010 <u>Definitions for T, N, and M Descriptors</u>

## PRIMARY TUMOR (T)

- TX Primary tumour cannot be assessed
- TO No evidence of primary tumour
- Tis Carcinoma in situ: intraepithelial or invasion of lamina propria<sup>1</sup>
- T1 Tumour invades submucosa
- T2 Tumour invades muscularis propria
- T3 Tumour invades subserosa, non-peritonealized periappendiceal tissues, or mesoappendix
- Tumour perforates visceral peritoneum, including mucinous peritoneal tumour within the right lower quadrant and/or directly invades other organs or structures<sup>2, 3</sup>
- T4a Tumour perforates visceral peritoneum, including mucinous peritoneal tumour within the right lower quadrant
- T4b Tumour directly invades other organs or structures<sup>2,3</sup>
- Note<sup>1</sup>: Tis includes cancer cells confined within the glandular basement membrane (intraepithelial) or lamina propria (intramucosal) with no extension through muscularis mucosae into submucosa.
- Note<sup>2</sup>: Direct invasion in T4 includes invasion of other intestinal segments by way of the serosa, e.g. invasion of ileum.
- Note<sup>3</sup>: Tumour that is adherent to other organs or structures, macroscopically, is classified cT4b. However, if no tumour is present in the adhesion, microscopically, the classification should be pT1, 2, or 3, depending on the anatomical depth of wall invasion.

# REGIONAL LYMPH NODES (N) (Ileocolic)<sup>1</sup>

- NX Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
- No No regional lymph node metastasis<sup>2</sup>
- N1 Metastasis in 1 3 regional lymph nodes
- N2 Metastasis in 4 or more regional lymph nodes
- Note<sup>1</sup>: A satellite peritumoural nodule in the periappendiceal adipose tissue of a primary carcinoma without histological evidence of residual lymph node in the nodule may represent discontinuous spread (T3), venous invasion with extravascular spread (T3, V1/2) or a totally replaced lymph node (N1/2).
- **Note<sup>2</sup>:** Histological examination of a regional lymphadenectomy specimen will ordinarily include 12 or more lymph nodes. If the lymph nodes are negative, but the number ordinarily examined is not met, classify as pN0.

### **DISTANT METASTASIS (M)**

- M0 No distant metastasis (only applicable for clinical staging i.e. if a cM1 is biopsied and is negative, it becomes cM0, not pM0)
- M1 Distant metastasis
- M1a Intraperitoneal metastasis beyond the right lower quadrant, including pseudomyxoma peritonei
- M1b Non-peritoneal metastasis

#### **RESIDUAL TUMOUR (R)**

- O Complete resection, margins histologically negative, no residual tumour left after resection
- 1 Incomplete resection, microscopic tumor at or within ≤ 1 mm of any margin
- 2 Incomplete resection, margins macroscopically or grossly involved or gross disease remains after resection
- 9 Unknown

As with colon, staging is based on depth of invasion.

Goblet cell carcinoids are classified according to the carcinoma schema.

Separate mucinous from non-mucinous carcinomas (grading is of particular importance for mucinous tumours).

Histopathological Grading						
GX	Grade of Differentiation Cannot be Assessed					
G1	Well Differentiated	Mucinous Low Grade				
G2	Moderately Differentiated	Mucinous High Grade				
G3	Poorly Differentiated	Mucinous High Grade				
G4	Undifferentiated					