

MALIGNANT MELANOMA OF UPPER AERODIGESTIVE TRACT DATA SHEET (ICD10 C00-06, C10-14, C30-32)

UICC TNM 8th EDITION STAGING SUMMARY

Stage Group	T stage	N stage	M stage
Stage III	T3	N0	M0
Stage IVA	T4a	N0	M0
	T3, T4a	N1	M0
Stage IVB	T4b	Any N	M0
Stage IVC	Any T	Any N	M1

TNM Clinical Classification

T – Primary Tumour

TX	Primary tumour cannot be assessed
T0	No evidence of primary tumour
T3	Tumour limited to the epithelium and/or submucosa (mucosal disease)
T4a	Tumour invades deep soft tissue, cartilage, bone, or overlying skin
T4b	Tumour invades any of the following: brain, dura, skull base, lower cranial nerves (IX, X, XI, XII), masticator space, carotid artery, prevertebral space, mediastinal structures
Note	Mucosal melanomas are aggressive tumours, therefore T1 and T2 are omitted as are stages I and II.

N – Regional Lymph Nodes

NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis
N1	Regional lymph node metastasis

M – Distant Metastasis

M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Distant Metastasis
Note - The MX category is considered to be inappropriate as clinical assessment of metastasis can be based on physical examination alone. (The use of MX may result in exclusion from staging.)	

TNM Pathological Classification	
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<i>The pT and pN categories correspond to the T and N categories</i>	
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pN0	Histological examination of a regional lymphadenectomy specimen will ordinarily include 6 or more lymph nodes. If the lymph nodes are negative, but the number ordinarily examined is not met, classify as pN0.
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pM – Distant Metastasis*	
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pM1	Distant metastasis microscopically confirmed
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Note - *pM0 and pMX are not valid categories	
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