

8th Edition of the AJCC Gastric Cancer Staging System

T category definitions, gastric cancer

- TX Primary tumor cannot be assessed
- T0 No evidence of primary tumor
- Tis Carcinoma in situ: intraepithelial tumor without invasion of the lamina propria
- T1 Tumor invades lamina propria, muscularis mucosae, or submucosa
 - T1a Tumor invades lamina propria or muscularis mucosae
 - T1b Tumor invades submucosa
- T2 Tumor invades muscularis propria
 - Tumor penetrates subserosal connective tissue without invasion of visceral peritoneum or adjacent structures. T3 tumors also include those extending into the gastrocolic or gastrohepatic ligaments, or into the greater or lesser omentum, without perforation of the visceral peritoneum covering these structures
- T3 Tumor invades serosa (visceral peritoneum) or adjacent structures
 - T4a Tumor invades serosa (visceral peritoneum)
 - Tumor invades adjacent structures such as spleen, transverse colon, liver, diaphragm, pancreas, abdominal wall, adrenal gland, kidney, small intestine, and retroperitoneum
 - T4b Tumor invades adjacent structures such as spleen, transverse colon, liver, diaphragm, pancreas, abdominal wall, adrenal gland, kidney, small intestine, and retroperitoneum

N category definitions, gastric cancer

- NX Regional lymph node(s) cannot be assessed
- N0 No regional lymph node metastasis
- N1 Metastasis in 1 to 2 regional lymph nodes
- N2 Metastasis in 3 to 6 regional lymph nodes
- N3 Metastasis in 7 or more regional lymph nodes

M category definitions, gastric cancer

- M0 No distant metastasis
- M1 Distant metastasis

Anatomic stage/prognostic groups, gastric cancer

Stage I	T1, T2,	N0	M0
Stage IIA	T1, T2	N1, N2, N3	M0
Stage IIB	T3, T4a	N0	M0
Stage III	T3, T4a	N1, N2, N3	M0
Stage IV	T4b	Any N	M0
Stage IV	Any T	Any N	Any M1