





THE 8TH EDITION OF UICC TNM CLASSIFICATION FOR OESOPHAGEAL AND OESOPHAGOGASTRIC JUNCTION CANCER

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The 8th edition of the UICC TNM classification has been updated from the previous 7th edition using data derived from the Worldwide Esophageal Cancer Collaboration (WECC) in 2017. The 8th edition of the esophageal and oesophagogastric TNM classification has been revised based on WECC data for 22654 patients derived from 33 institutions in 12 countries. The most notable update in the 8th edition for oesophageal and EGJ cancer includes the categorisation into clinical, pathological and pathological prognostic stages, according to each histopathological type of EGJ and SCC. The pathological prognostic stage was classified more specifically according to T and N factors based on both histopathological differentiation and tumor location. The definition of EGJ cancer was changed from tumors with an epicenter within 5 cm to those within 2 cm of the EGJ.

The 8th edition was updated from the WECC database, it was derived from 1970 to 2014. However, recent standard treatment for advanced oesophageal and EGJ cancer is neoadjuvant treatment before surgery. The database needs to be updated to predict and improve survival, it may be valuable for the next 9th edition.