# Appendix B TNM classification of adrenal cortical carcinomas (UICC TNM 8)

This update to Appendix B provides updated information on staging using UICC TNM 8, which should be used for all tumours diagnosed after 1 January 2018.

### Primary tumour (pT)

pTX Primary tumour cannot be assessed

pT0 No evidence of primary tumour

pT1 ≤5 cm, no extra-adrenal invasion

pT2 >5 cm, no extra-adrenal invasion

pT3 Any size, locally invasive but not involving adjacent organs\*

pT4 Any size with invasion of adjacent organs\*

\*Adjacent organs are defined as: kidney, diaphragm, great vessels (renal vein or vena cava), pancreas and liver.

**Regional lymph nodes (pN)**

pNX Cannot assess regional nodes

pN0 No nodes involved

pN1 Regional nodes involved\*\*

\*\*Regional lymph nodes are the hilar, abdominal para‐aortic and paracaval lymph nodes. Laterality does not affect the N categories.

**Distant metastatis (pM)**

pM0 No distant metastases

pM1 Distant metastases

### Stage grouping

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|  | **UICC TNM 8** | **ENSAT**  |
| **Stage 1**  | T1  | N0  | M0  | Same as UICC TNM 8 |
| **Stage 2**  | T2  | N0  | M0  | Same as UICC TNM 8 |
| **Stage 3**  | T1/T2  | N1  | M0  | Tumour with any of the following: * lymph node involvement
* extra-adrenal tissue infiltration
* venous tumour thrombus in renal vein or IVC
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| T3/T4  |  N0/N1  |  M0 |
| **Stage 4**  | Any T  |  Any N  |  M1  | Any tumour with distant metastasis  |

**Reference**

1 Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma. *In*: Brierley JD, Gospodarowicz MK, Wittekind C (eds). *TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours (8th edition).* Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 2017.