

Appendix A Staging of thymic epithelial neoplasms – 9th TNM staging¹

T	Descriptors
T1	Tumour limited to the thymus, with or without encapsulation, or directly invades the mediastinal pleura but does not involve any other mediastinal structure. T1a 5 cm or less in its greatest dimension. T1b larger than 5 cm in its greatest dimension.
T2	A tumour with direct invasion of the pericardium (either partial or full thickness), the lung or phrenic nerve
T3	A tumor with direct invasion into any of the following: brachiocephalic vein, superior vena cava, chest wall or extrapericardial pulmonary artery or veins
T4	A tumor with invasion into any of the following: aorta (ascending, arch or descending), arch vessels, intrapericardial pulmonary artery, myocardium, trachea, oesophagus

Category	Definition (involvement of):^a
N0	No nodal involvement
N1	Metastasis in anterior (perithymic) nodes
N2	Metastasis in deep intrathoracic or cervical nodes, including the paratracheal, subcarinal, aortopulmonary window, hilar, jugular and supraclavicular nodes
M0	No metastatic pleural, pericardial or distant sites
M1	M1a Separate pleural or pericardial nodule(s) M1b Pulmonary intraparenchymal nodule or distant organ metastasis

Stage	T	N	M
I	T1	N0	M0
II	T2	N0	M0
IIIa	T3	N0	M0
IIIb	T4	N0	M0
IVa	T any	N1	M0

	T any	N0,1	M1a
IVb	T any	N2	M0, M1a
	T any	N any	M1b

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