

Appendix A FIGO and TNM staging of vulval carcinoma

FIGO 2021 and UICC TNM (9th edition)¹ staging of vulval carcinoma

Primary tumour (T category)

FIGO 2021	UICC TNM 9	Description
	TX	Primary tumour cannot be assessed
	T0	No evidence of primary tumour
	Tis	Carcinoma in situ (preinvasive carcinoma), high grade HPV-associated squamous intraepithelial lesion (VIN II or VIN III), HPV-independent vulval intraepithelial neoplasia
I	T1	Tumour confined to the vulva or vulva and perineum
IA	T1a	Tumour size ≤ 2 cm and stromal invasion ≤ 1 mm ^a
IB	T1b	Tumour size > 2 cm and/or stromal invasion > 1 mm ^a
II	T2	Tumour of any size with extension to lower one-third of the urethra, lower one-third of the vagina, lower one-third of the anus with negative nodes
III	T3	Tumour of any size invades upper two-thirds urethra, upper two-thirds vagina, bladder mucosa or rectal mucosa. (See also regional lymph node section below for FIGO)
IVA	T4	Tumour fixed to pelvic bone. (See also regional lymph node and distant metastasis sections below for FIGO)

^aDepth of invasion is measured from the basement membrane of the deepest, adjacent, dysplastic, tumour-free rete ridge (or nearest dysplastic rete peg) to the deepest point of invasion.

Regional lymph nodes (N category)

FIGO 2021	UICC TNM 9	Description
	NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed

	N0	No regional lymph node metastases
	N0(i+)	Isolated tumour cells in regional lymph node(s)
III	N1	Tumour involvement of non-fixed, non-ulcerated regional ^b lymph nodes
IIIA	N1mi	Tumour involvement (>0.2mm but ≤2.0 mm in diameter) of regional ^b lymph nodes
IIIA	N1a	Tumour involvement (>2.0mm but ≤5 mm in diameter) of regional ^b lymph nodes
IIIB	N1b	Tumour involvement (>5mm) of regional ^b lymph nodes
IIIC	N1c	Tumour involvement of regional ^b lymph nodes with extracapsular spread
IVA	N2	Tumour involvement of fixed or ulcerated regional ^b lymph nodes.

^bRegional refers to inguinal and femoral lymph nodes.

Distant metastasis (M category)

FIGO 2021	UICC TNM 9	Description
	cM0	No distant metastasis
IVB	M1	Distant metastases (including pelvic lymph node metastasis)

References

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