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Localized/Regional/Distant Stage Adjustments

For 1973–2009 SEER Research Data (November 2011 submission) and Later Releases

The SEER Program strives to make all L/R/D stage variables consistent for all cancer sites for the appropriate years. However, there are certain site/year combinations where this is not possible. The following table details changes imposed on the stage variables by the SEER Program.

Any cases diagnosed in years not covered by the year range indicated in parentheses within the stage variable name are coded as Blank. Cancer sites without notations for a stage variable are fully staged within the year ranges covered by the variable.

Site Recode with Kaposi Sarcoma and Mesothelioma	SEER Summary Stage 2000 (1998+)	SEER Historic Stage A*	SEER Summary Stage 1977 (1995–2000)	SEER Summary Stage 2000 (2001–2003)
Gum and Other Mouth	All cases are blank			
Nasopharynx	All cases are blank	2004+ all cases are blank		
Tonsil	All cases are blank			
Oropharynx	All cases are blank			
Hypopharynx	All cases are blank			
Other Oral Cavity and Pharynx	All cases are blank			
Gallbladder	All cases are blank			
Other Biliary	All cases are blank			
Retroperitoneum	All cases are blank			
Peritoneum, Omentum and Mesentery	All cases are blank	1973–1987 all cases are blank		
Other Digestive Organs	All cases are blank			
Nose, Nasal Cavity and Middle Ear	All cases are blank	1973–1982 all cases are blank		
Larynx		2004+ all cases are blank		
Lung and Bronchus		1973–1987 all cases are blank		
Pleura	All cases are blank	1973+ all cases are unstaged		
Trachea	All cases are blank	2004+ all cases are blank		12/10/14 1:08 PM

Bones and Joints	All cases are blank			
Other Non–Epithelial Skin	All cases are blank			
Ovary	Non-malignant cases are blank			
Vagina	All cases are blank	2004+ all cases are blank		
Other Female Genital Organs	All cases are blank			
Prostate		1973–1994 all cases are blank 1995+ all localized and regional cases coded as “Localized/regional (Prostate cases)”	All localized and regional cases codes as “Localized/regional (Prostate cases)”	
Penis	All cases are blank			
Other Male Genital Organs	All cases are blank			
Bladder		1973+ all cases originally staged as in situ are converted to localized	1995–2000 all cases originally staged as in situ are converted to localized	
Ureter	All cases are blank			
Other Urinary Organs	All cases are blank			
Eye and Orbit	All cases are blank			
Brain and Other Nervous System	Non-malignant cases are blank	1973+ all cases are unstaged		
Other Endocrine including Thymus	All cases are blank	2004+ all cases are blank		
Hodgkin Lymphoma		1973+ all cases are unstaged		
NHL		1973+ all cases are unstaged		
Myeloma		1973+ all cases are distant		
Leukemia	All cases are blank			
Mesothelioma	All cases are blank	2004+ all cases are blank		
Kaposi Sarcoma	All cases are blank	Not staged	Not staged	
Miscellaneous	All cases are blank	1973+ all cases are unstaged		

* [Historic Stage Coding for 2004+ \(http://seer.cancer.gov/seerstat/variables/seer/yr1973_2009/lrd_stage/Hist-Stage-Coding-CS-Nov2012.xls\)](http://seer.cancer.gov/seerstat/variables/seer/yr1973_2009/lrd_stage/Hist-Stage-Coding-CS-Nov2012.xls) (XLS – 280 KB)

Related Materials

2 of 3 [SEER Summary Staging Manual – 2000 \(http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/ssm/\)](http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/ssm/)

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▪ [Summary Staging Guide April 1977 \(http://seer.cancer.gov/archive/manuals/historic/ssm_1977.pdf\)](http://seer.cancer.gov/archive/manuals/historic/ssm_1977.pdf) (PDF – 4.3 MB)

- [Localized/Regional/Distant Stage Adjustments for other data releases](http://seer.cancer.gov/seerstat/variables/seer/lrd-stage/) (<http://seer.cancer.gov/seerstat/variables/seer/lrd-stage/>)

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