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Important Announcement: New Edition of TNM Staging

Dear Colleague,

The UICC and AJCC have closely collaborated in the development of the 7th edition of TNM which is to take effect beginning January 1st, 2010. Details of the changes between the 6th and 7th editions of TNM are available on the CPAC Cancer view Canada at:

http://www.cancerview.ca/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=4433&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=6&mode=2&in_hi_userid=3411&cached=true

We have been working closely with the cancer pathology community and the College of American Pathologists to revise their synoptic cancer pathology protocols to align with the 7th edition TNM. In July 2009, the Canadian Association of Pathologists has endorsed the new CAP cancer protocols as the pan-Canadian content standard for cancer pathology reporting. This collaboration will help to ensure the quality, completeness and consistency of pathologic reporting. Further information about CAP checklists is available at www.cap.org.

In addition, the CPAC Cancer View site also contains links:

UICC Introduction to staging
UICC publications
UICC Frequently Asked Questions
UICC Help Desk support

AJCC Inquiry and Response System
AJCC publications
Planned educational activities

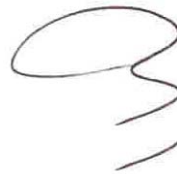
It is important to note that the complexities of this collaboration and the late release of these materials have not afforded the vendor community the time required to incorporate the new CAP protocols into their electronic solutions effective January 1st, 2010. It is especially important in the early part of 2010 to ensure that you and your colleagues are using and referring to the same TNM edition (6th or 7th) when discussing cancer stage.

On behalf of the National Staging Initiative, thank you for your continued hard work and support.

Sincerely,



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