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Important Announcement: New 8th Edition of TNM Staging

Dear Colleague,

The UICC and AJCC have closely collaborated in the development of the 8th edition of TNM which was to take effect beginning January 1st, 2017. As stage is an important component both for patient care, cancer control and research, we would be grateful if your organization would consider informing its members of the change, either directly or by forwarding an email from us announcing the changes.

Information including educational material regarding TNM will be available on UICC and AJCC websites:

<https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Physician/Pages/8th-Edition-Webinars.aspx>

<http://www.uicc.org/resources/tnm>

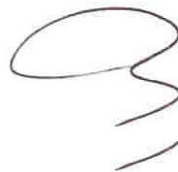
The complexities of this collaboration and the late release of these materials have not afforded the vendor community and key partners such as CAP, the time required to incorporate the new protocols into their electronic solutions effective January 1st, 2017. The AJCC has recently decided not to implement the changes until January 1st 2018. The Canadian Council of Cancer Registries may shortly decide to adopt the same date. It is especially important therefore to ensure that you and your colleagues are using and referring to the same TNM edition (7th or 8th) when discussing cancer stage and record which edition you are using to stage individual patients.

On behalf of CPAC, thank you for sharing this important information.

Sincerely,



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