

## OTHER STAGING SYSTEMS

### AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (AUA) STAGING

From time to time you will see reference to the AUA prostate cancer staging system, also called Jewett staging or sometimes AUS (American Urologic System) staging. Although cancer registrars do not code this particular staging system on abstracts, you should be aware of this classification, as it is still used by many older physicians. The AUA System generally correlates to the TNM staging system and to Collaborative Staging. The major categories are labeled A – D and are based on the size of the primary tumor relative to the size of the prostate and involvement of adjacent structures. AUA stage was modified and revised in the T category of TNM, so the categories are no longer exactly equivalent.

#### **AUA    Definition**

**Stage A**    Clinically suspected, not palpable

- *Stage A correlates to T1 and the 10 – 15 range in CS Extension*

**A1**    Focal, well differentiated, 3 or fewer foci

**A2**    Diffuse, poorly differentiated, more than 3 foci

**Stage B**    Clinically palpable, confined to organ

- *Stage B correlates to T2 and the 20 – 24 range in CS Extension*

**B1**    Less than 1.5 cm involving 1 lobe

**B2**    Greater than 1.5 cm, diffuse or both lobes involved

**Stage C**    Extension beyond the capsule

- *Stage C correlates to T3 and the 41 – 49 range in CS Extension*

**C1**    No involvement of seminal vesicles

**C2**    Involvement of seminal vesicles

**Stage D1**    Involvement of pelvic lymph nodes below the aortic bifurcation (iliac, obturator, and inguinal lymph nodes)

- *Stage D1 iliac and obturator nodes correlate to regional lymph nodes (N1) and code 10 in CS Lymph Nodes*

- *Inguinal lymph nodes are now distant lymph nodes (M1a) and code 12 in CS Mets at Dx*

**Stage D2**    Lymph node involvement above the aortic bifurcation and/or distant metastasis

- *Stage D2 lymph nodes correlate to distant lymph nodes (M1a) and codes 11 – 12 in CS Mets at Dx*

- *Stage D2 distant metastases correlate to bone metastases (M1b) and other distant metastases codes (M1c) and codes 30 – 55 in CS Mets at Dx*