



## **TNM Staging Classification of Prostate Cancer**

### **T Stage**

- T1: No palpable disease on DRE
  - T1a: Cancer discovered incidentally in less than 5% of the tissue resected during a TURP
  - T1b: Cancer discovered in more than 5% of the tissue resected during a TURP
  - T1c: Cancer detected on transrectal prostate biopsy specimens being performed due to an elevated PSA level
- T2: Palpable disease but no evidence of extracapsular extension
  - T2a: Cancer palpable on less than one half of one side of the gland
  - T2b: Cancer palpable on only one side but involving more than half of that side
  - T2c: Cancer palpable on both sides of the gland
- T3: Extracapsular extension or involvement of the seminal vesicles
  - T3a: Extracapsular extension
  - T3b: Seminal vesicle invasion
- T4: Invasion of the bladder, rectum, or pelvic side wall

### **N Stage**

- N0: No pelvic lymph node involvement
- N1: Pelvic lymph node metastases

### **M Stage**

- M0: No distant metastases
- M1: Visceral or distant lymph node metastases

DRE = digital rectal examination; PSA = prostate-specific antigen; TNM = tumor, node, metastasis; TURP = transurethral resection of the prostate.

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