

**Table II. TNM Staging of Soft Tissue Sarcoma**

**Definitions of TMN**

<b>Primary Tumor (T)</b>	
TX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
T1	Tumor 5 cm or less in greatest dimension
T1a	Superficial tumor
T1b	Deep tumor
T2	Tumor more than 5 cm in greatest dimension
T2a	Superficial tumor
T2b	Deep tumor
Note: Superficial tumor is located exclusively above the superficial fascia without invasion of the fascia; deep tumor is located either exclusively beneath the superficial fascia, superficial to the fascia with invasion of or through the fascia, or both superficial yet beneath the fascia.	

<b>Regional Lymph Nodes (N)</b>	
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis
N1*	Regional lymph node metastasis
*Presence of positive nodes (N1) in M0 tumors is considered Stage III	

<b>Distant Metastasis (M)</b>	
M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Distant metastasis

**Anatomic Stage / Prognostic Groups**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Grade</b>
IA	T1a	N0	M0	G1,GX
	T1b	N0	M0	G1,GX
IB	T2a	N0	M0	G1,GX
	T2b	N0	M0	G1,GX
	T1a	N0	M0	G1,GX
	T1b	N0	M0	G1,GX
IIA	T1a	N0	M0	G2,G3
	T1b	N0	M0	G2,G3
IIB	T2a	N0	M0	G2
	T2b	N0	M0	G2
III	T2a, T2b	N0	M0	G3
	Any T	N1	M0	Any G
IV	Any T	Any N	M1	Any G

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