

Table 7.3. Continued**TNM Definitions****AJCC stage groupings**

Stage I	T1, N0, M0
Stage II	T2, N0, M0
Stage III	T3, N0, M0
Stage III	T1, N1, M0
Stage III	T2, N1, M0
Stage III	T3, N1, M0
Stage IVA	T4a, N0, M0
Stage IVA	T4a, N1, M0
Stage IVA	T1, N2, M0
Stage IVA	T2, N2, M0
Stage IVA	T3, N2, M0
Stage IVA	T4a, N2, M0
Stage IVB	T4b, any N, M0
Stage IVB	Any T, N3, M0
Stage IVC	Any T, Any N, M1

Residual Tumor (R)

RX-Presence of residual tumor cannot be assessed

R0-No residual tumor

R1-Microscopic residual tumor

R2-Macroscopic residual tumor

Minor Salivary Glands**Lip and Oral Cavity****Primary Tumor (T)**

TX: Primary tumor cannot be assessed

T0: No evidence of primary tumor

Tis: Carcinoma in situ

T1: Tumor 2 cm or less in greatest dimension

T2: Tumor more than 2 cm but ≤ 4 cm in greatest dimension

T3: Tumor >4 cm in greatest dimension

T4: (Lip) Tumor invades through cortical bone, inferior alveolar nerve, floor of mouth, or skin of face, i.e., chin or nose*

T4a: (Oral cavity) Tumor invades through cortical bone, into deep (extrinsic) muscle of tongue (genioglossus, palatoglossus, and styloglossus), maxillary sinus, or skin of face

T4b: Tumor involves masticator space, pterygoid plates, or skull base and/or encases internal carotid artery

*Superficial erosion alone of bone/tooth socket by gingival primary is not sufficient to classify as T4.

Regional Lymph Nodes (N)

NX: Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed

N0: No regional lymph node metastasis

N1: Metastasis in a single ipsilateral lymph node, ≤ 3 cm in greatest dimension

N2: Metastasis in a single ipsilateral lymph node, >3 cm but ≤ 6 cm in greatest dimension, or in multiple ipsilateral lymph nodes, ≤ 6 cm in greatest dimension, or in bilateral or contralateral lymph nodes, ≤ 6 cm in greatest dimension

N2a: Metastasis in a single ipsilateral lymph node >3 cm but ≤ 6 cm in greatest dimension

N2b: Metastasis in multiple ipsilateral lymph nodes, ≤ 6 cm in greatest dimension

N2c: Metastasis in bilateral or contralateral lymph nodes, ≤ 6 cm in greatest dimension

N3: Metastasis in a lymph node >6 cm in greatest dimension