

**Table 7.3. Continued**

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**TNM Definitions**

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*Distant Metastasis (M)*

MX: Distant metastasis cannot be assessed

M0: No distant metastasis

M1: Distant metastasis

*AJCC Stage Groupings*

Stage 0            Tis, N0, M0

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

*Histologic Grade (G)*

GX-Grade cannot be assessed

G1-Well differentiated

G2-Moderately differentiated

G3-Poorly differentiated

*Residual Tumor (R)*

RX-Presence of residual tumor cannot be assessed

R0-No residual tumor

R1-Microscopic residual tumor

R2-Macroscopic residual tumor

Nasopharynx/Oropharynx

*Primary Tumor (T)*

TX: Primary tumor cannot be assessed

T0: No evidence of primary tumor

Tis: Carcinoma in situ

**Nasopharynx**

T1: Tumor confined to the nasopharynx

T2: Tumor extends to soft tissues

T2a: Tumor extends to oropharynx and/or nasal cavity without parapharyngeal extension

T2b: Any tumor with parapharyngeal extension

T3: Tumor involves bony structures and/or paranasal sinuses

T4: Tumor with intracranial extension and/or involvement of cranial nerves, infratemporal fossa, hypopharynx, orbit, or masticator space

**Oropharynx**

T1: Tumor 2 cm or less in greatest dimension

T2: Tumor more than 2 cm but  $\leq 4$  cm in greatest dimension