

Section Three: Staging lung cancer

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Key points:

- Staging describes:
 - the size of the cancer
 - if there is cancer in the lymph nodes
 - if the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.
- Lung cancer is given a number from stage 1 to stage 4. The lower the number, the less your cancer has spread.
- Small cell lung cancer can be further divided into two stages:
 - Limited disease
 - Extensive disease

Ngā kōrero matua:

- Ka whakamārama te whakawāhanga:
 - te rahi o te matepukupuku.
 - mehemea he matepukupuku kei ngā tīpona waitinana.
 - mehemea kua rauroha te matepukupuku ki wāhi kē o te tinana.
- Ka hoatuna he nama mō te matepukupuku pūkahu mai i te wāhanga 1 ki te wāhanga 4. Mena he iti te nama, he iti ake te rauroha o tō matepukupuku.
- Ka taea te whakawehewehe anō i te matepukupuku pūkahu pūtau-iti ki ngā whakawāhanga e rua:
 - Tahumaero here
 - Tahumaero whānui

Staging non-small cell lung cancer

Staging describes:

- the size of your cancer (T)
- if there is cancer in your lymph nodes (N)
- if the cancer has spread to other parts of your body (M).

Your treatment team will use the TNM information collected from the tests you have had to give the cancer a number from stage 1 to stage 4. In general, the lower the number, the less the cancer has spread. A higher number, such as stage 4, means a more serious cancer.

Non-small cell lung cancer

Stage 1	The cancer is no bigger than 4cm and hasn't spread outside the lung or to any lymph nodes.	Early lung cancer
Stage 2	The cancer can be different sizes. It may have spread to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• nearby lymph nodes• other parts of the lung• areas just outside the lung.	Loco-regional lung cancer

Stage 3	<p>The cancer can be any size and has usually spread to lymph nodes. It may also be growing into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other parts of the lung • the airway • surrounding areas outside the lung. 	<p>Locally advanced lung cancer or Regionally advanced lung cancer</p>
Stage 4	<p>The cancer can be any size. It may have spread to lymph nodes and one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lung on the other side • The fluid in the pleura around the lungs or the heart • Another part of the body, such as the liver, bones or brain. 	<p>Advanced lung cancer</p>

Staging small cell lung cancer

Small cell lung cancer can be divided into two stages, or doctors may use the TNM system:

- Limited disease - the cancer can be seen only in one lung and/or nearby lymph nodes on the same side of the chest
- Extensive disease - the cancer has spread outside the lung, within the chest area, or in fluid around the lungs (known as pleural effusion), or to other parts of the body.