

# Melanoma staging undergoes evidence-based revision

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(HealthDay)—The American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) melanoma staging system has been revised, according to a report published online Oct. 13 in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*.

Jeffrey E. Gershenwald, M.D., from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and [colleagues](#) from the AJCC Melanoma Expert Panel assembled a large database of >46,000 patients from 10 centers worldwide with stages I, II, and III melanoma diagnosed since 1998. Changes in the eighth edition Cancer Staging Manual were based upon analysis of this database.

Key changes include recording tumor thickness measurements to the nearest 0.1 mm; new definitions of T1a and T1b (T1a,

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