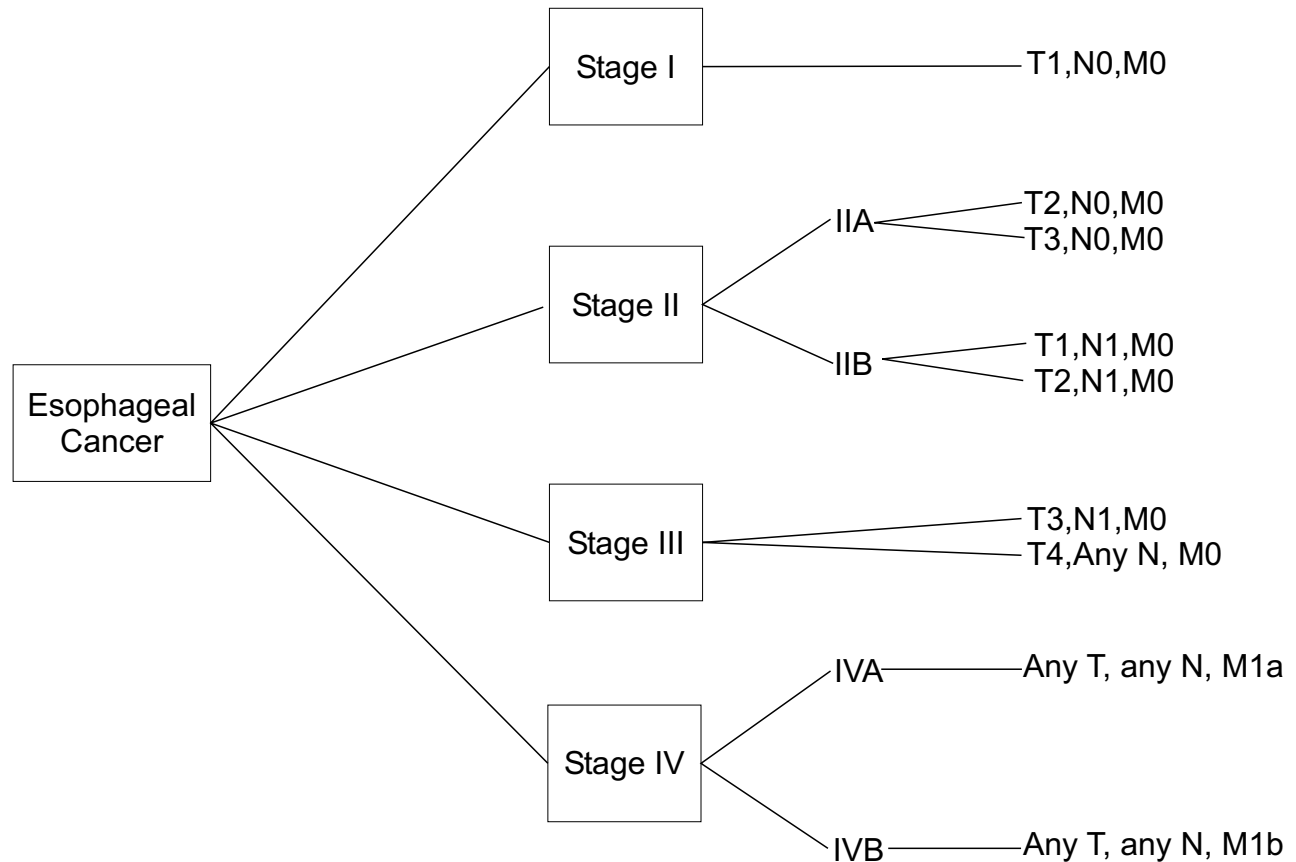


# Esophageal Cancer



**T1-** Tumor invades lamina propria or submucosa

**T2-** Tumor invades the muscularis propria

**T3-** Tumor invades adventitia

**T4-** Tumor invades adjacent structures

**N0-** Regional lymph nodes without metastasis

**N1-** Regional lymph nodes with metastasis

**M0-** No distant metastasis

**M1-** Distant metastasis

**M1a-** In tumors of the upper thoracic esophagus, presence of metastasis in the cervical nodes

**M1b-** In all tumors, metastasis other than to the cervical nodes

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