

Final FRCR Part A – Guidance on TNM Staging

TNM staging is not part of the latest version of the Clinical Radiology core curriculum (2016).

Therefore, **candidates will not be expected** to answer specific questions about the TNM staging of a specific tumour given imaging appearances on radiology studies.

e.g. which TNM stage for carcinoma x are the described imaging features most consistent with?

- a) T3, N2, M1
- b) T2, N3, M1
- c) T3, N1, M0
- d)

and so on

However, **candidates will be expected** to demonstrate understanding and knowledge of the radiological features important to the evaluation of common malignancies. These would be malignancies that a trainee entering their third year of clinical radiology training should be expected to have encountered either during reporting sessions, through private study and/or by attending MDT's.

e.g. the importance of imaging and correctly evaluating the appearance of the adrenal gland when a patient is considered for surgery after presenting with a primary NSCLC.

This is considered by the examiners to be a scenario with which a CR trainee entering year 3 of training should be familiar.