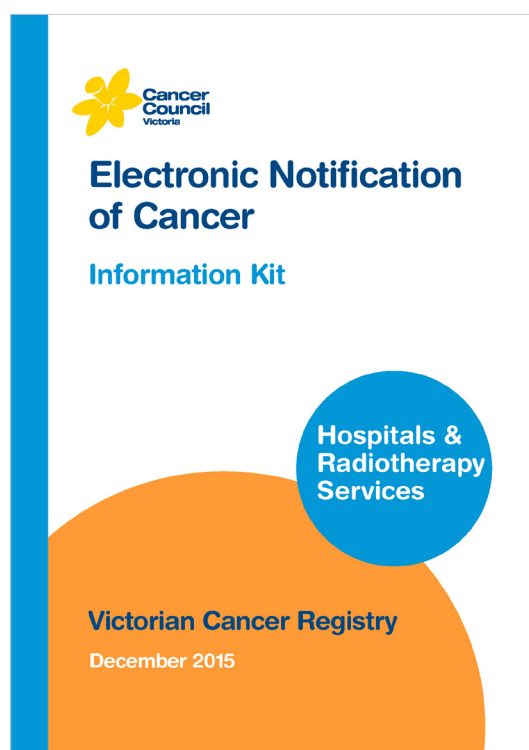
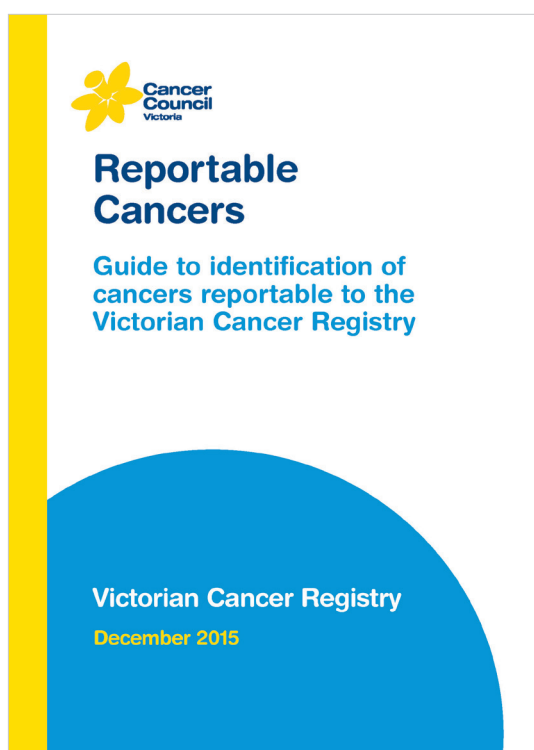




# Addendum

## Cancer Stage at Diagnosis Lookup Table

*This information is to be used in conjunction with:*



## Victorian Cancer Registry

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Classifying the stage of cancer varies with each staging system and cancer site.

The Victorian Cancer Registry stage values have been developed using the most common stage values as listed in the table below. This has been provided to support consistent and valid data collection.

For the purpose of cancer registration, 'cancer stage at diagnosis' is the stage documented at, or as close as possible to, the time of diagnosis.

If the exact date or time period of diagnosis is unknown, register the stage of cancer documented at or around the time of admission to your facility.

Cancer stage at diagnosis details are only applicable to the primary cancer.

Cancer Stage Values	General Descriptors*
1	
1A	<b>Stage 1</b> Early disease localised to the tissue of origin (applies to most cancer staging systems)
1B	
1C	
2	
2A	<b>Stage 2</b> More advanced localised disease (dependant on size of tumour and regional lymph node involvement)
2B	
2C	
3	
3A	<b>Stage 3</b> More extensive disease including regional lymph node involvement and direct spread or extension into adjacent organs or tissues
3B	
3C	
4	
4A	<b>Stage 4</b> Distant spread of metastatic disease to non-regional lymph nodes, organs or tissue
4B	
4C	

\*Note that these descriptors are to be used as a general guide only and vary between cancer sites

Examples:

- A prostate cancer that has invaded adjacent organs is determined to be Stage 4 and not Stage 3 as suggested by general rules
- Melanoma with any regional lymph node metastasis is a Stage 3