

# CoC Operative Standard 5.8: Pulmonary Resection

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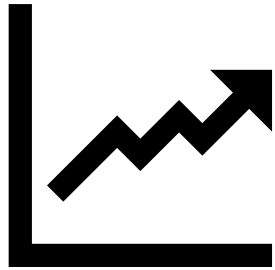
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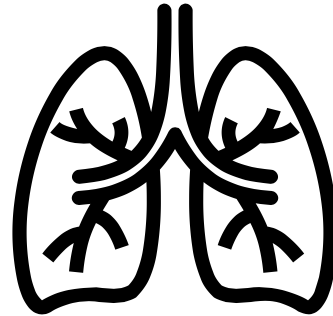
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- The ACS launched the CSSP in June 2020, recognizing growing evidence that adherence to specific operative techniques leads to:

Longer survival



Better surgical outcomes



Improved quality of life

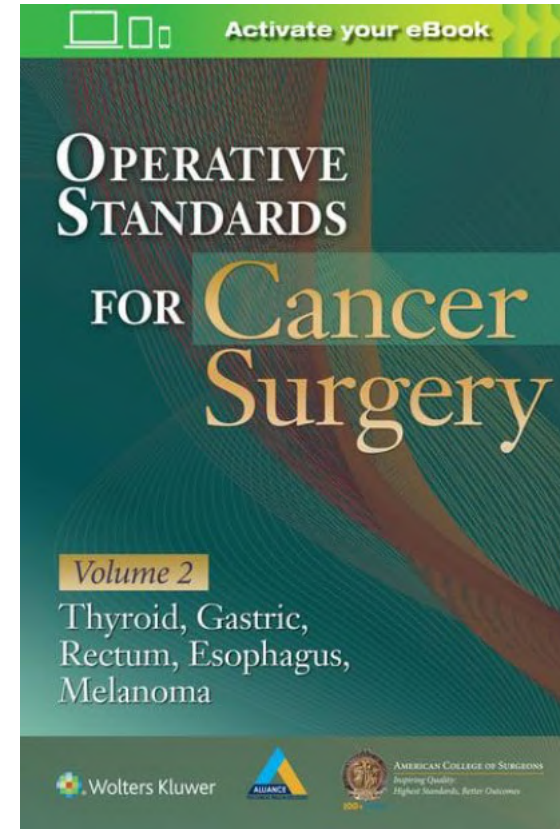
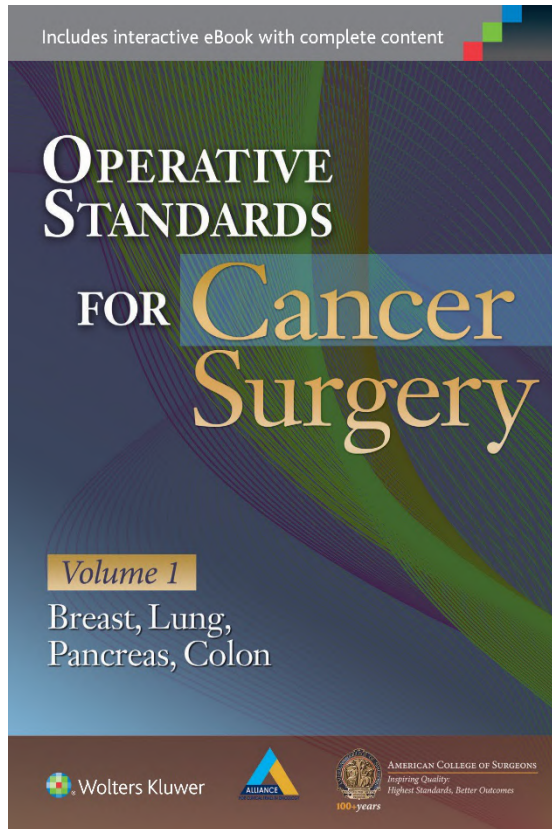


- Shift from standards based in facilities/equipment to **outcomes-based standards**

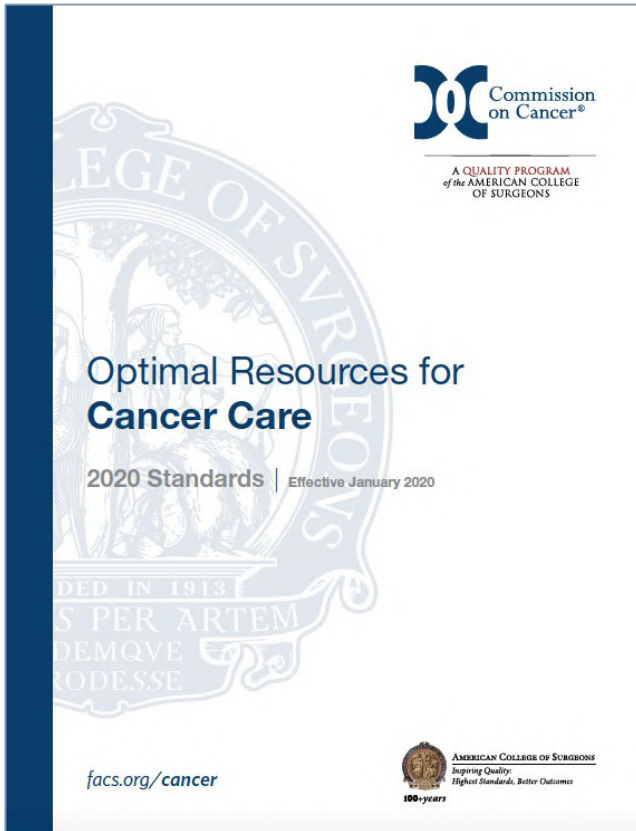
# Cancer Surgery Standards Program (CSSP)

- Mission: To **improve the quality of care** for persons with cancer
- Goals:
  - **Set evidence-based standards** for the technical conduct of oncologic surgery
  - **Educate surgeons** on the key technical aspects of oncologic procedures
  - **Create tools** which support implementation and adherence to the standards
    - Synoptic operative report templates

# Cancer Surgery Standards Program (CSSP)



# The CoC Operative Standards (2020)



Standard	Disease Site	Procedure	Documentation
5.3	Breast	Sentinel node biopsy	Operative report
5.4	Breast	Axillary dissection	Operative report
5.5	Melanoma	Wide local excision	Operative report
5.6	Colon	Colectomy (any)	Operative report
5.7	Rectum	Mid/low resection (TME)	Pathology report (CAP)
<b>5.8</b>	<b>Lung</b>	<b>Lung resection (any)</b>	<b>Pathology report (CAP)</b>

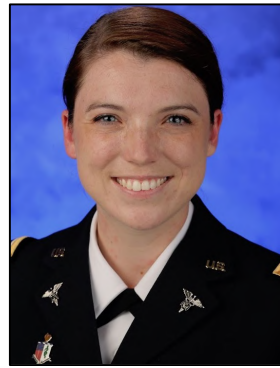
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# Standard 5.8: Lung Resection

## Rationale



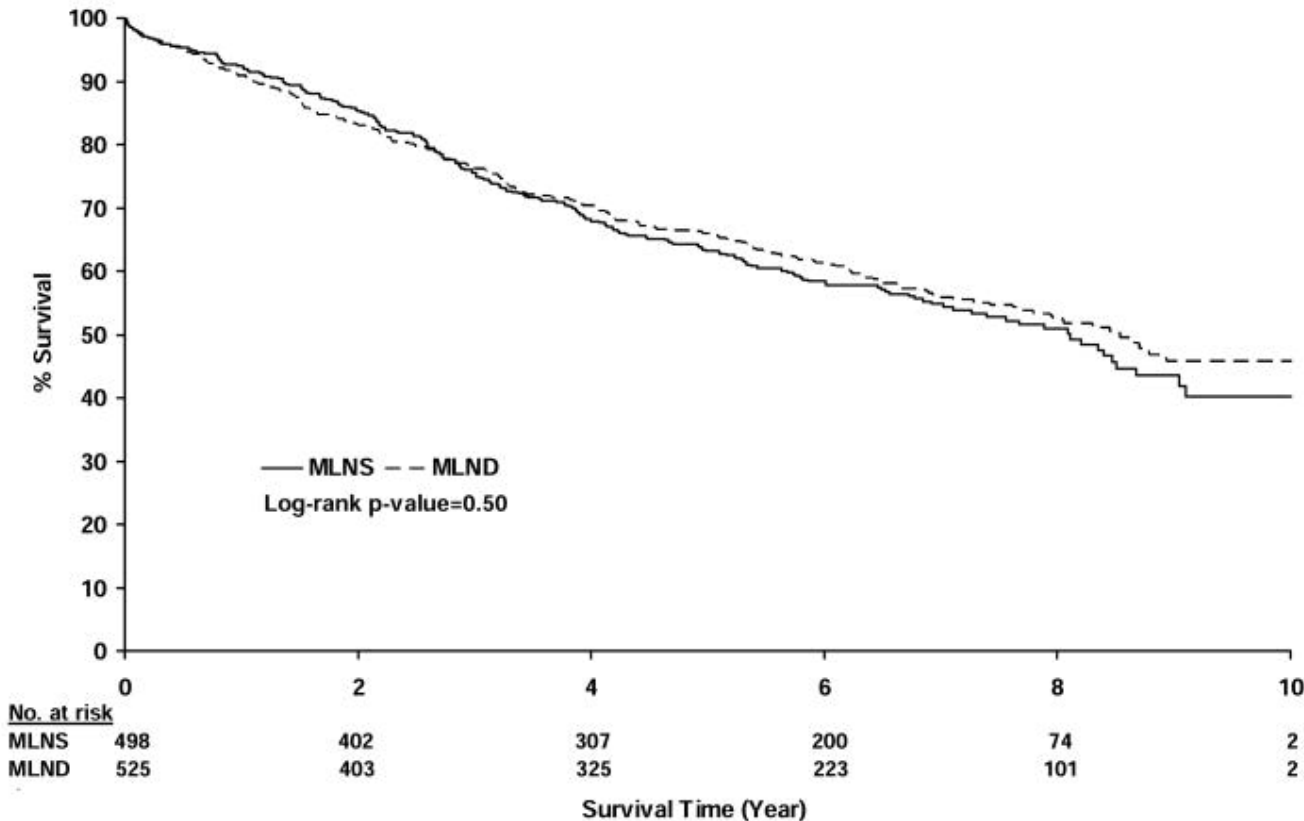
# Pulmonary Nodal Staging as an Operative Standard: Rationale

- Staging is dependent on status of N1 and N2 nodal stations
- Mediastinal lymph node assessment is recommended
- Audits of surgeon operative notes and pathology reports show poor concordance regarding procedure performed and extent of lymph node sampling

*Nelson et al. 2015, De Leyn et al. 2014, Osarogiagbon et al. 2015*

# Mediastinal Lymph Node Assessment

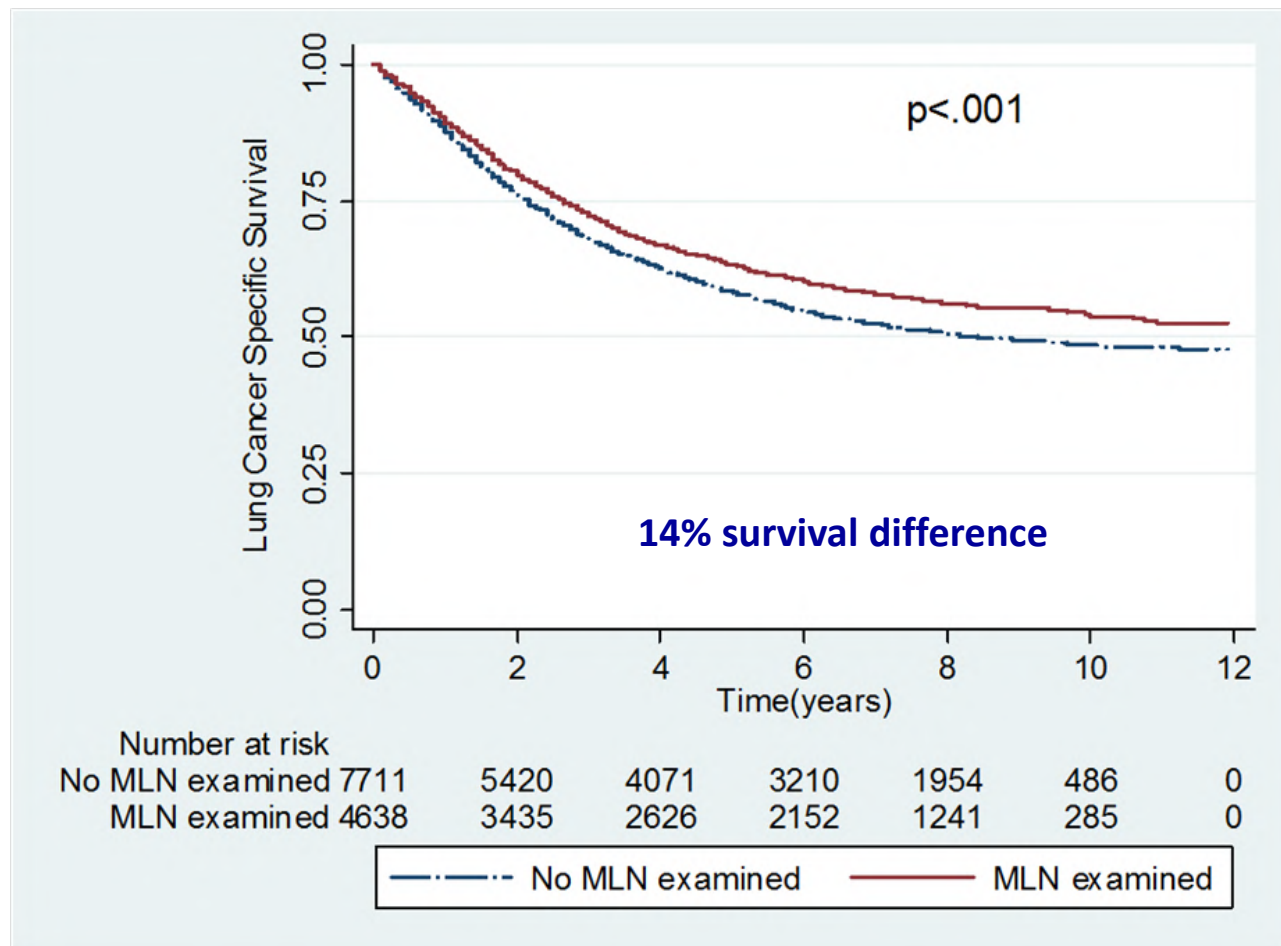
Overall Survival by Arm - Eligible patients



**ACOSOG Z0030:**  
**Equivalent survival for**  
*Systematic* Mediastinal lymph  
node sampling (MLNS)  
VS  
Mediastinal lymph node  
dissection (MLND)

Darling et al. 2011

# Examining Mediastinal Lymph Nodes Improves Survival



Osarogiagbon et al. 2012

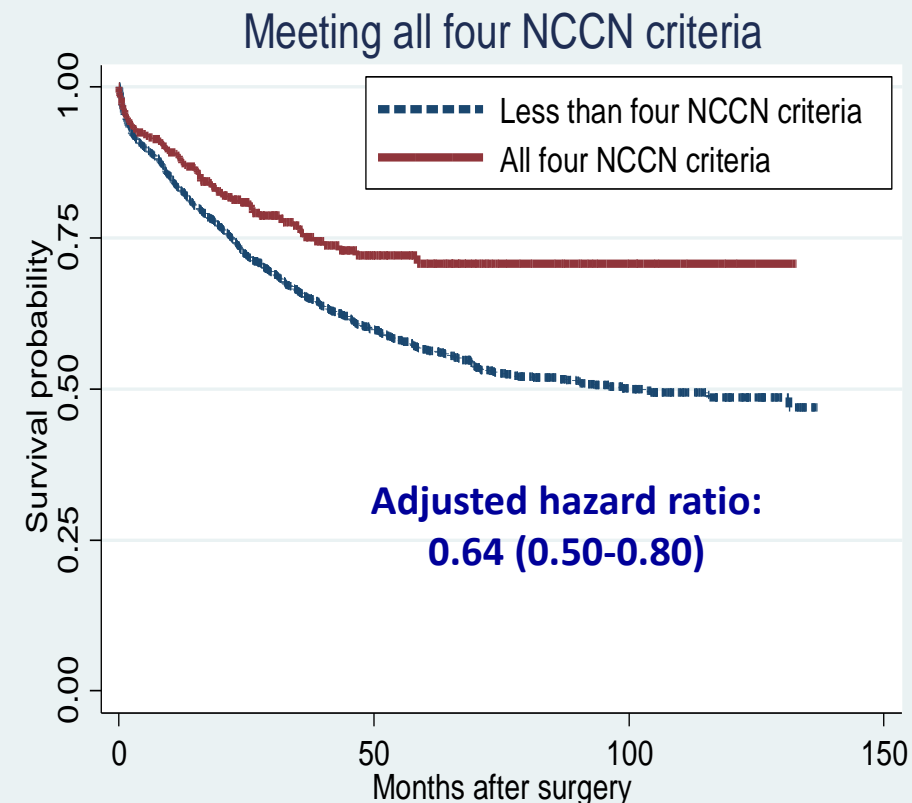
# Examining Mediastinal Lymph Nodes Improves Survival

**Following NCCN guidelines improves survival**

## NCCN

### Guidelines:

1. Anatomic resection
2. Negative margins
3. Examination of hilar/ intrapulmonary LNs
4. Examination of  $\geq 3$  mediastinal LNs



Number at risk	0	50	100	150
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*Osarogiagbon et al. 2017*

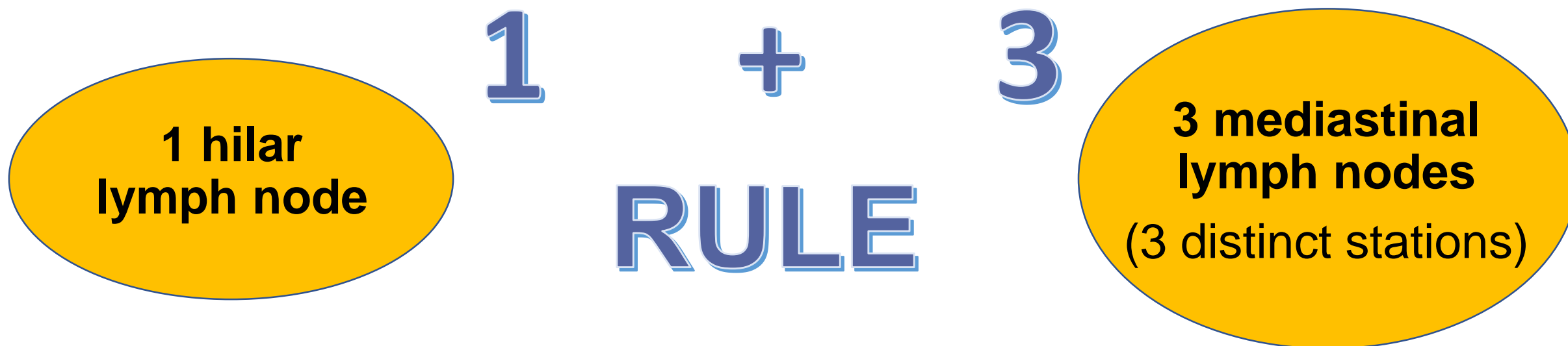
# Pulmonary Resection Critical Elements: Lymph node staging

- Mediastinal staging prior to treatment (radiographic or invasive)
- Invasive mediastinal staging for central tumors, clinical N1 disease and tumors >3cm
- Confirmation of imaging findings at thoracic exploration
- **Mediastinal staging at the time of lung resection**

Any curative intent lung resection, including:

Non-small cell lung cancer  
Small cell lung cancer  
Carcinoid tumor

# Standard 5.8: Pulmonary Nodal Staging



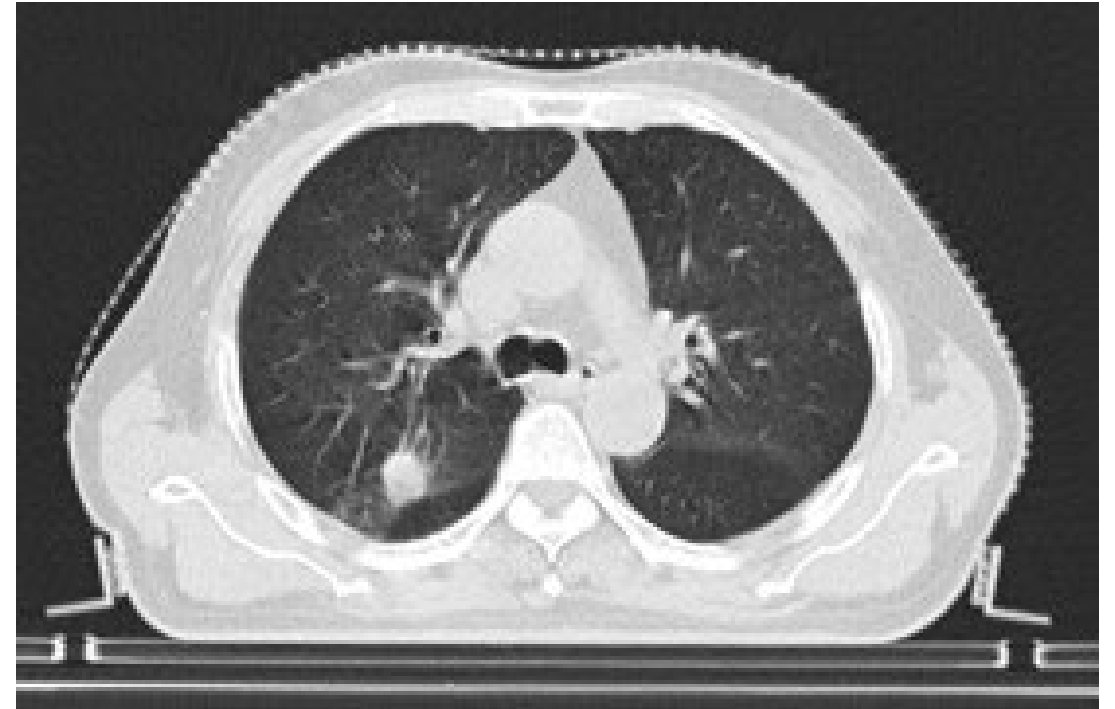
# Standard 5.8: Lung Resection

## Technique



# Case Presentation: Lung Cancer

- 60 year old man with 40 pack year smoking history, referred by PCP after screening CT
- 2 cm peripheral mass found in right upper lobe
- No apparent nodal disease on CT or PET
- Scheduled for VATS lobectomy





# Pulmonary Resection: Lymph Node Stations

## LEFT

9L

8L

7

6

5

(4L & 2L  
if accessible)



## RIGHT

9R

8R

7

10R

4R

2R

Mediastinal stations:

Single digit (2-9)

Hilar stations:

Double digit (10+)

# Lymph Node Stations

## Superior Mediastinal Nodes

- 1 Highest mediastinal
- 2 Upper paratracheal
- 3 Pre-vascular and retrotracheal
- 4 Lower paratracheal (including azygos nodes)

## Aortic Nodes

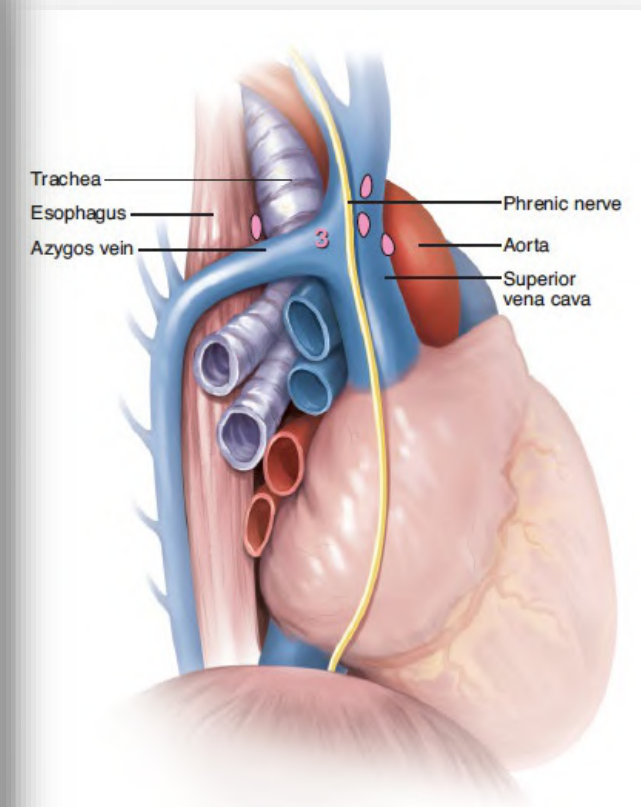
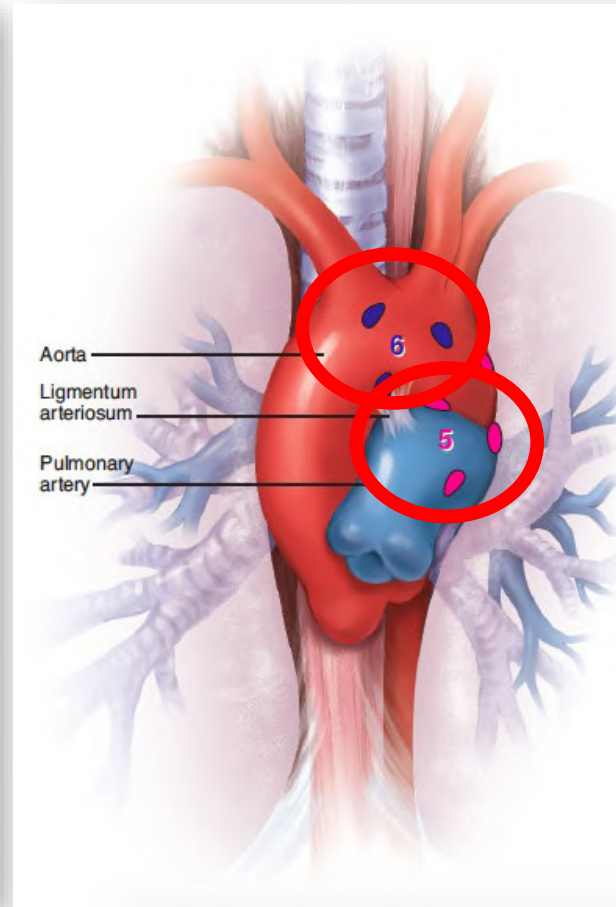
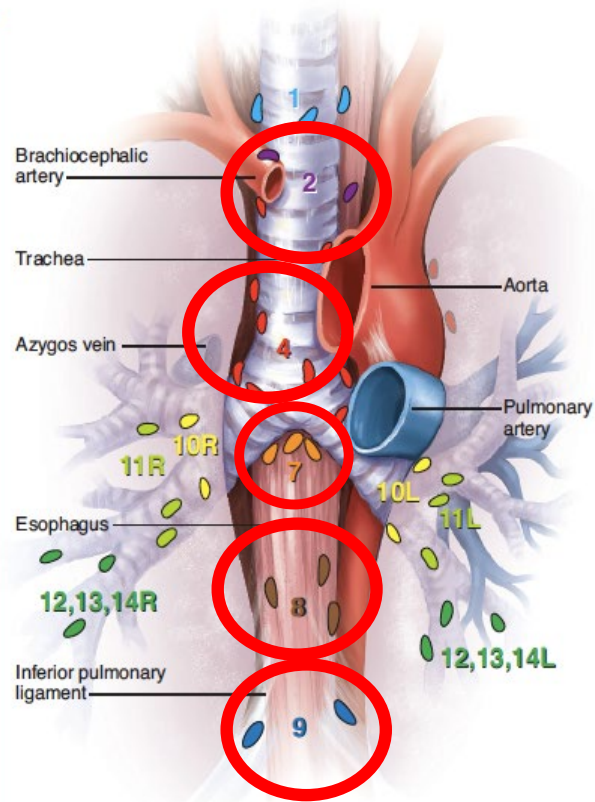
- 5 Subaortic (A-P window)
- 6 Para-aortic (ascending aorta or phrenic)

## Inferior Mediastinal Nodes

- 7 Subcarinal
- 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)
- 9 Pulmonary ligament

## N<sub>1</sub> Nodes

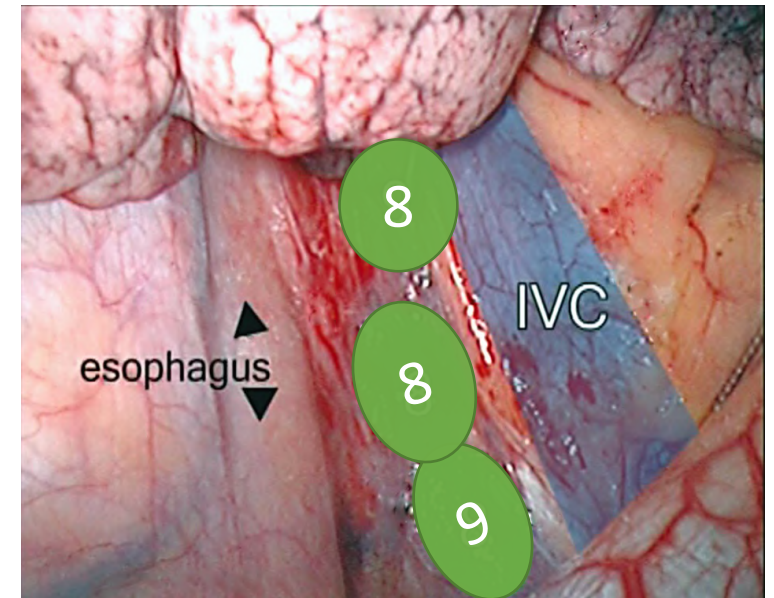
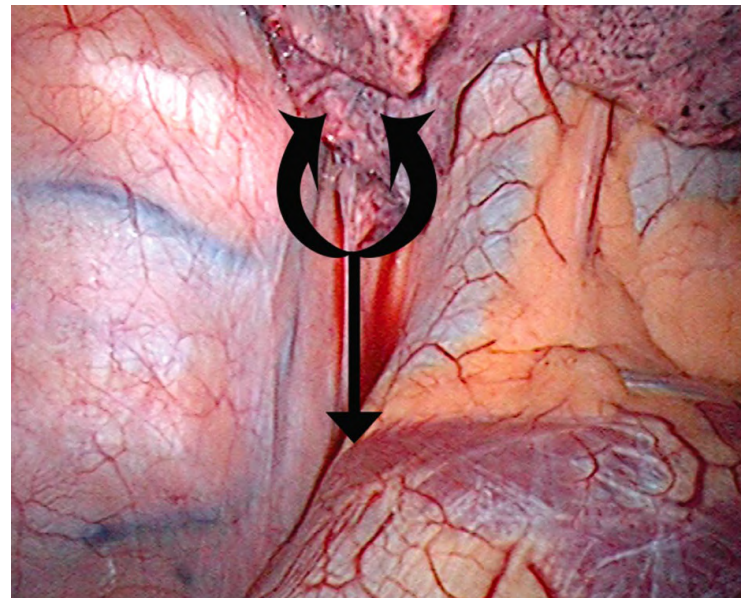
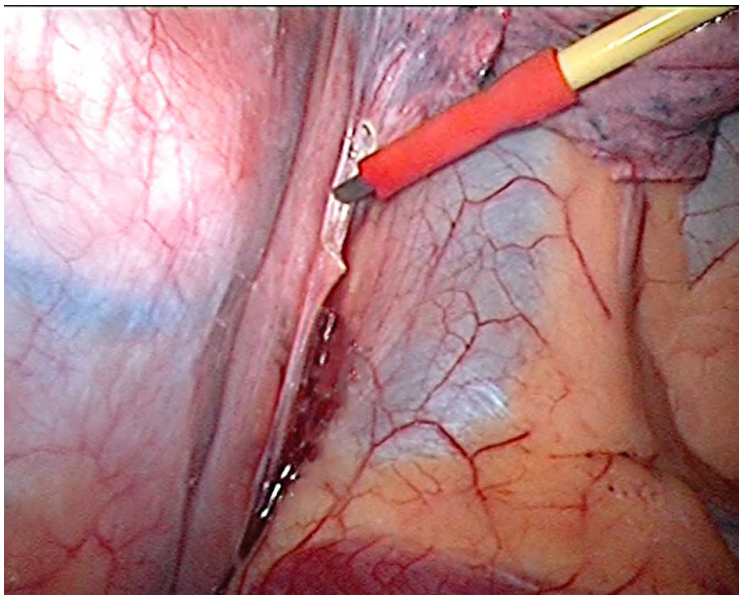
- 10 Hilar
- 11 Interlobar
- 12 Lobar
- 13 Segmental
- 14 Subsegmental



Nelson et al. 2015

# Pulmonary resection: Technique (right)

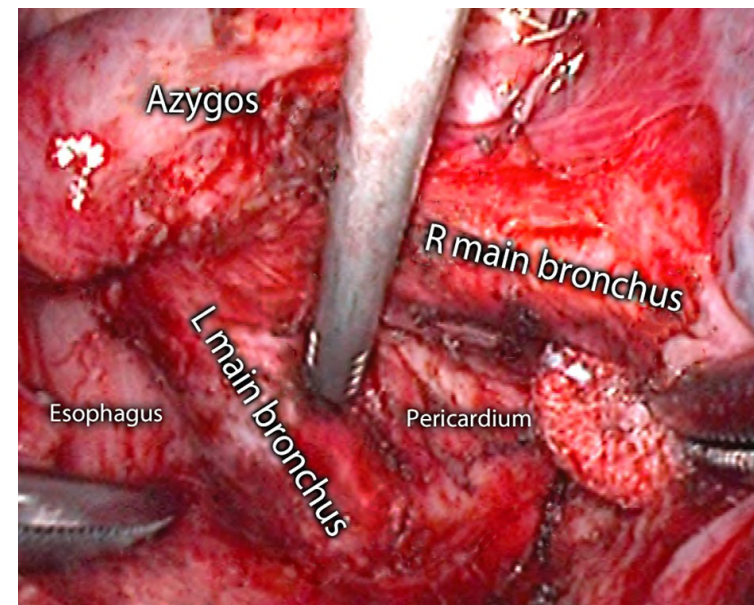
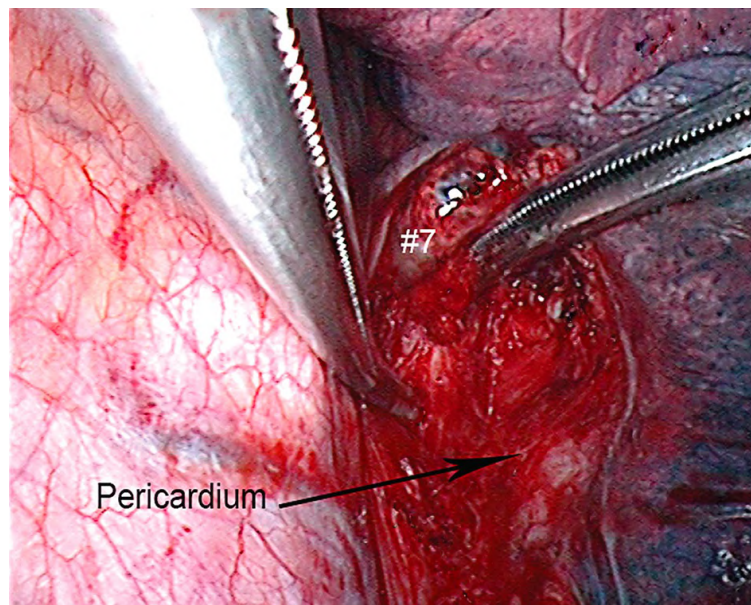
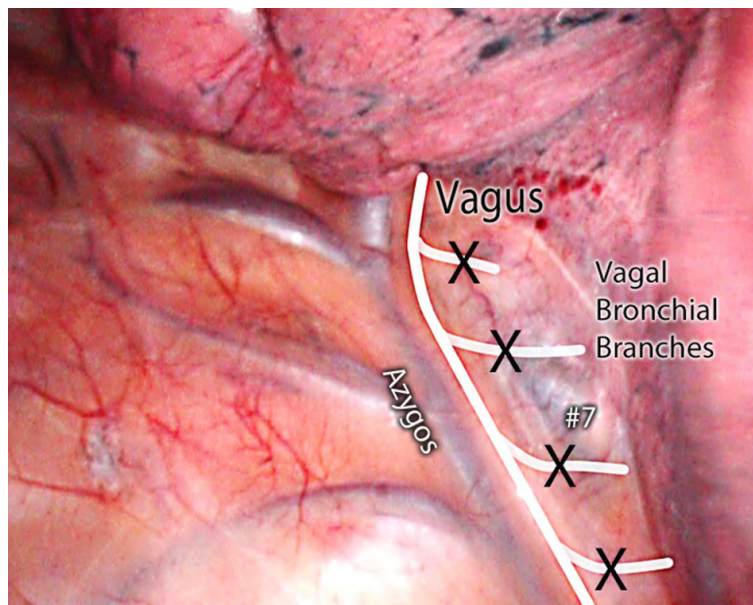
Right sided approach to stations  
8 (para-esophageal) & 9 (inferior pulmonary ligament)



*Nelson et al. 2015*

# Pulmonary resection: Technique (right)

## Right sided approach to station 7 (subcarinal)



Nelson et al. 2015

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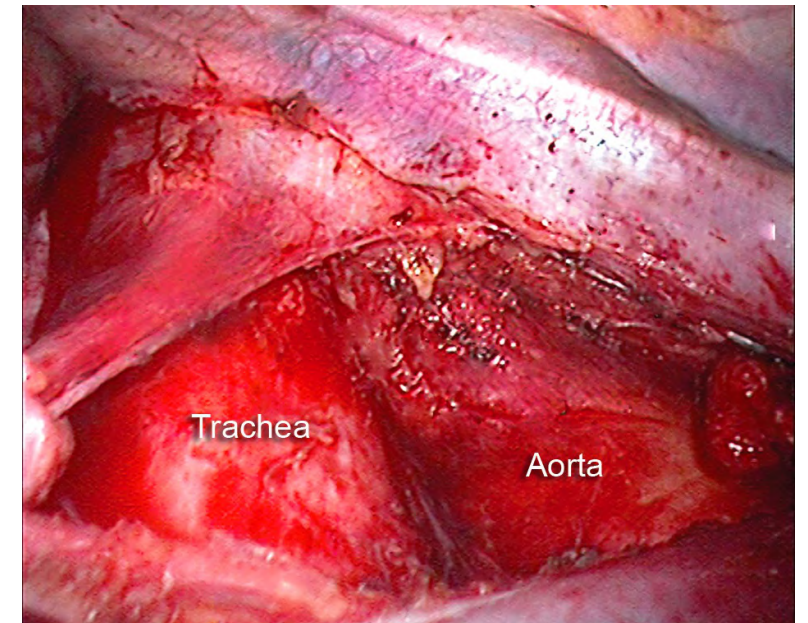
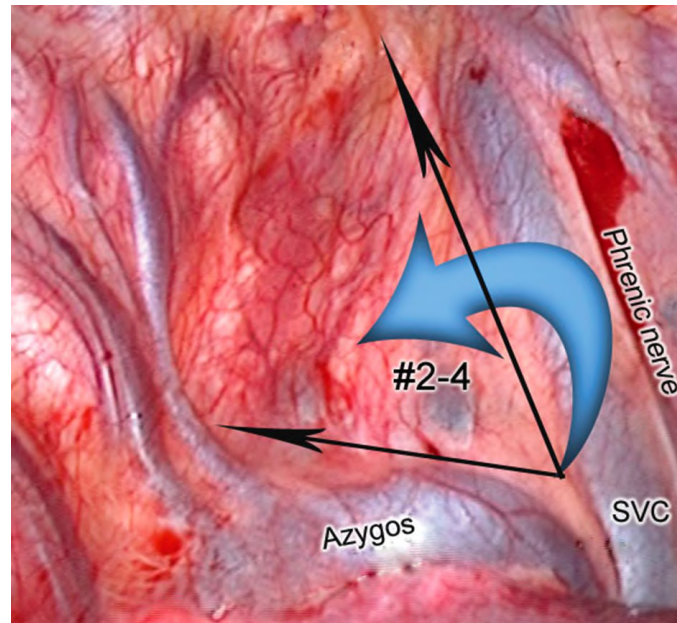
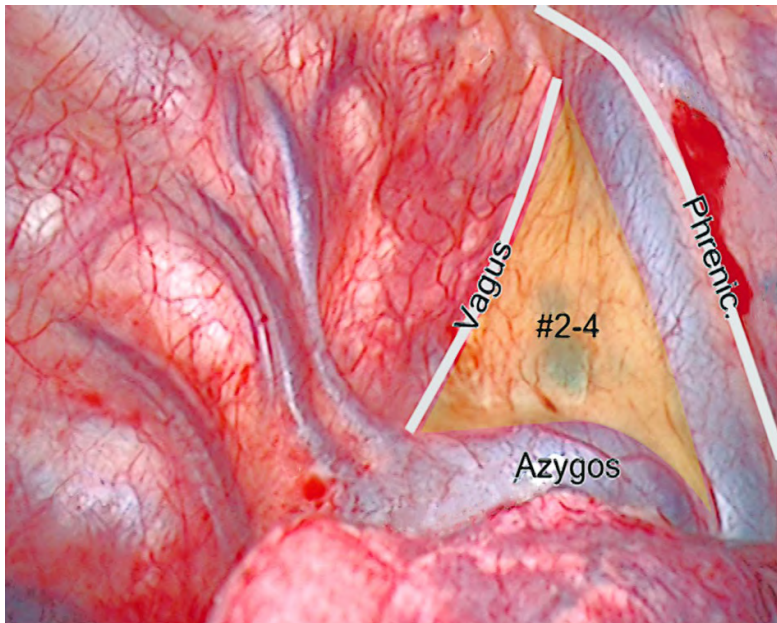


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# Pulmonary resection: Technique (right)

## Right sided approach to stations 2R (upper paratracheal) and 4R (lower paratracheal)



*Nelson et al. 2015*

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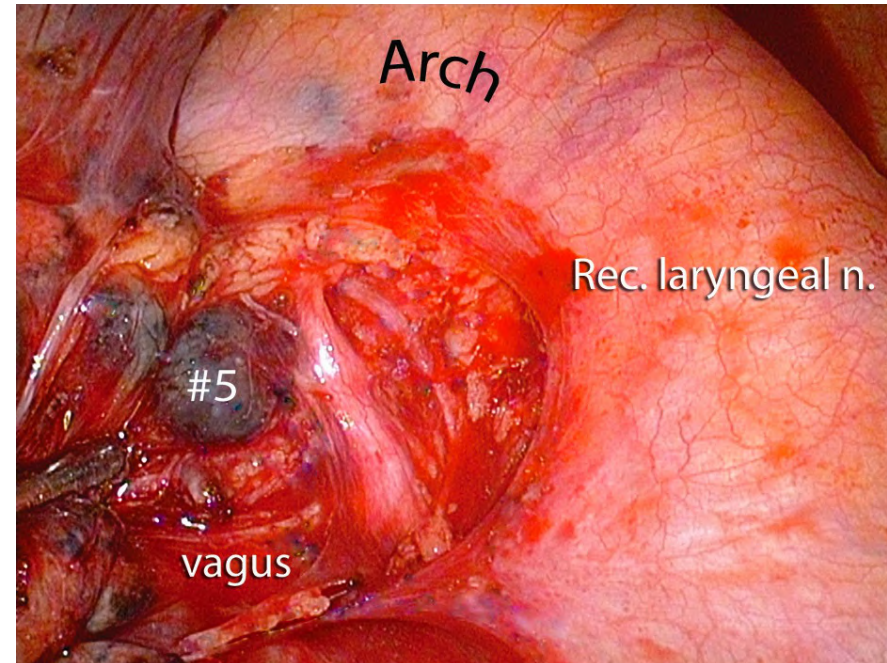


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# Pulmonary resection: Technique (left)

Left sided approach to stations 5 (sub-aortic) and 6 (para-aortic)



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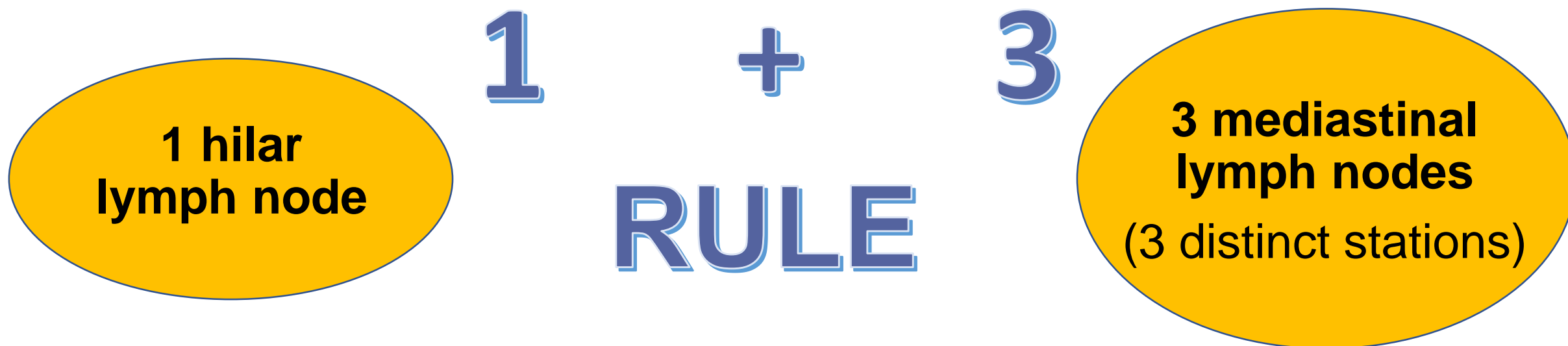
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# Standard 5.8: Pulmonary Nodal Staging



# Standard 5.8: Lung Resection

## Documentation, Implementation Timeline & Compliance





# CoC Compliance Measures: Standard 5.8

1) The hilum and mediastinum should be **thoroughly staged at the time of lung resection**, even in patients undergoing non-anatomic parenchyma sparing resection (i.e. a wedge resection)

2) The surgical pathology report must contain lymph nodes from at least **one hilar station and at least three distinct mediastinal stations**

3) The nodal stations examined by the pathologist must be documented in curative pulmonary resection pathology reports **in synoptic format**

# Example of a CAP Lung Resection Synoptic Report

CAP Approved

Thorax • Lung • Resection • 4.1.0.1

## Surgical Pathology Cancer Case Summary

Protocol posting date: February 2020

### LUNG: Resection

Select a single response unless otherwise indicated.

#### Synchronous Tumors (required if morphologically distinct unrelated multiple primary tumors are present)

Present\*  
Specify total number of primary tumors identified: \_\_\_\_  
Specimen ID(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cannot be determined

\* Morphologically distinct tumors that are considered to represent separate primary lung cancers should have separate synoptic reports

#### Procedure (select all that apply)

Wedge resection  
 Segmentectomy  
 Lobectomy  
 Completion lobectomy  
 Sleeve lobectomy  
 Bilobectomy  
 Pneumonectomy  
 Major airway resection (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not specified

(...and other sections)

#### Lymph Node Examination (required only if lymph nodes present in the specimen)

**Number of Lymph Nodes Involved:** \_\_\_\_  
 Number cannot be determined (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify nodal station(s) involved (applicable only if node(s) involved): \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Lymph Nodes Examined:** \_\_\_\_  
 Number cannot be determined (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify nodal station(s) examined: \_\_\_\_\_

#### + Extranodal Extension (Note J)

+  Not identified  
+  Present  
+  Cannot be determined

#### Treatment Effect (Note I)

No known presurgical therapy  
 Greater than 10% residual viable tumor  
 Less than or equal to 10% residual viable tumor  
 Cannot be determined

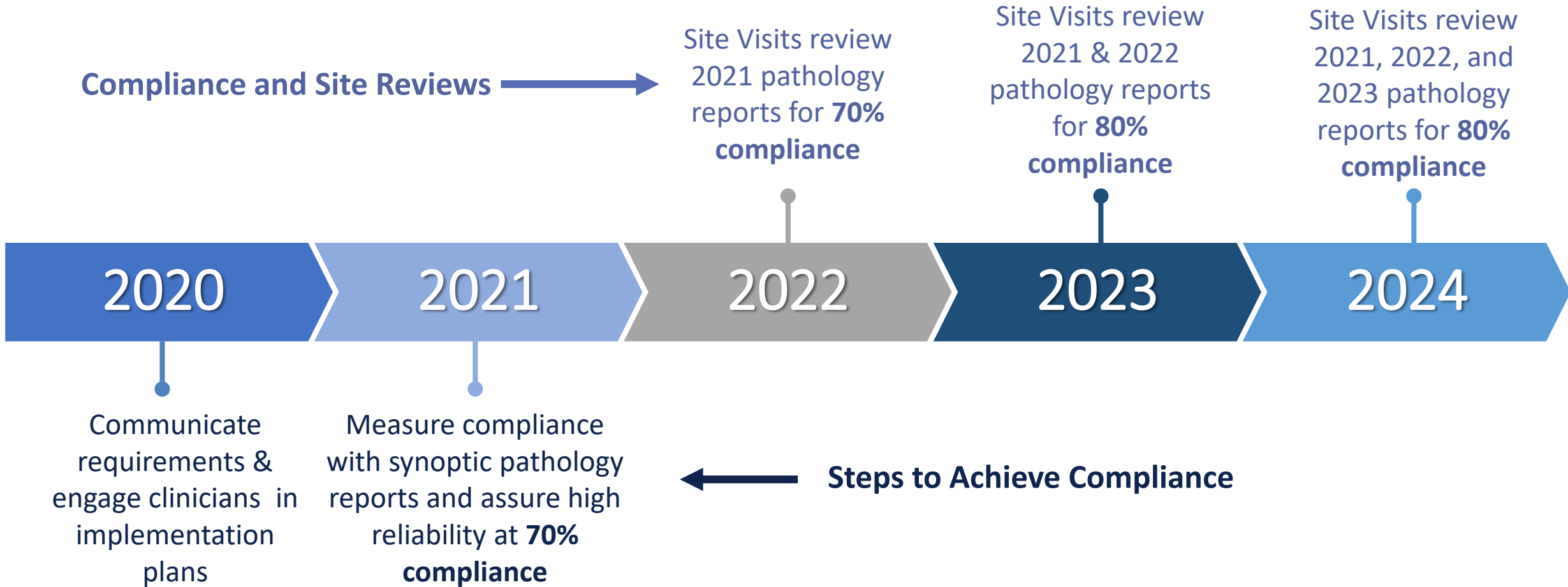
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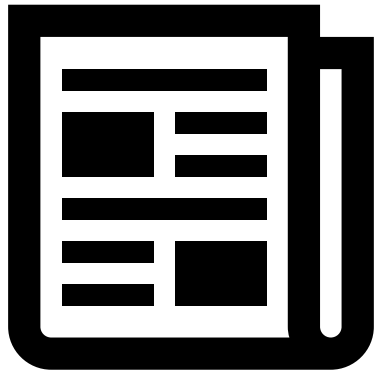
# How will compliance be assessed?

- A site visit reviewer will review the **standardized synoptic pathology reports** for curative intent pulmonary resections
- By 2022, sites will be expected to have **70% compliance**

# Timeline to Achieve Compliance: Standard 5.8



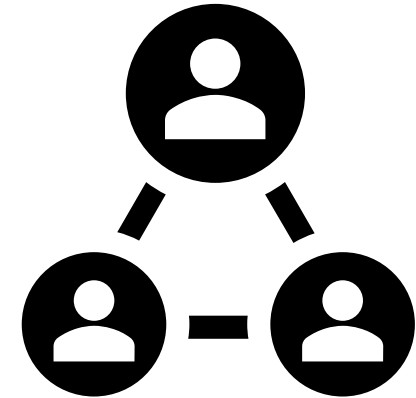
# How Can Programs Optimize Compliance?



Ensure institution is utilizing **standardized CAP reports** for all lung cancer procedures



**Document** performance of lymph node sampling during pulmonary resection & label stations **clearly** in operative note



**Encourage communication** amongst surgeons, pathologists, & registrars

# Pre-labeled Specimen Collection Kits and Checklists Improve Communication



Overall performance of mediastinal lymph node examination  
*Median number of MLN examined:*

1 → 6

Concordance in surgeons' and pathologists' reporting

39% → 80%



*Osarogiagbon et al, 2012*  
*Osarogiagbon et al, 2015*

# Standardized Collection Kits Improve Compliance With Pulmonary Nodal Staging

100%

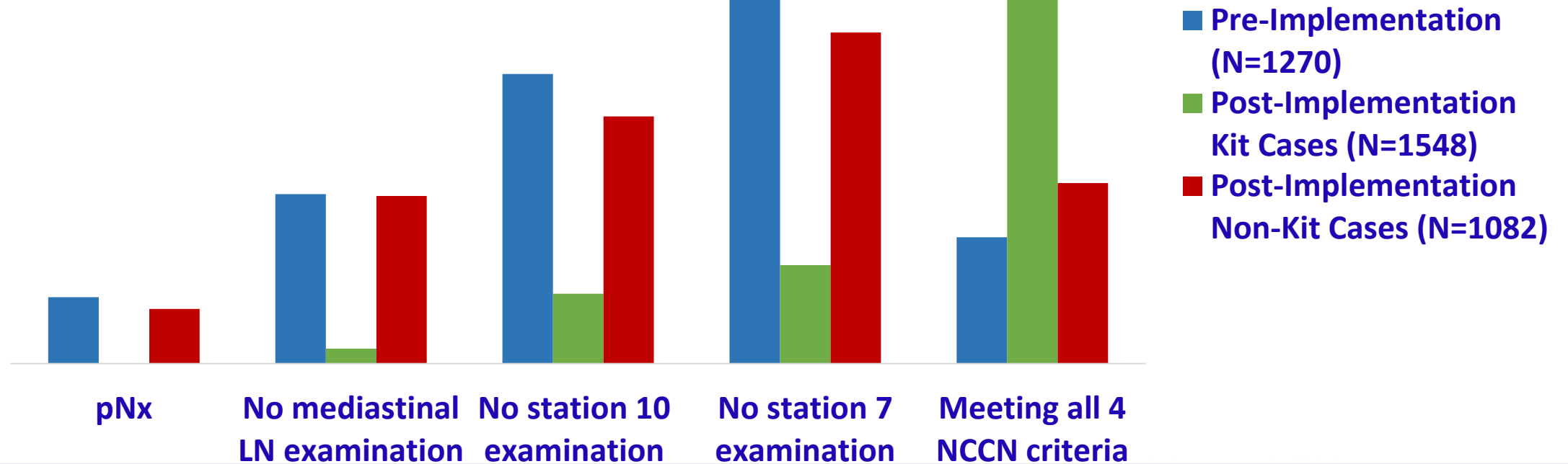
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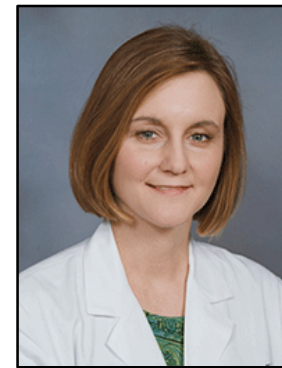


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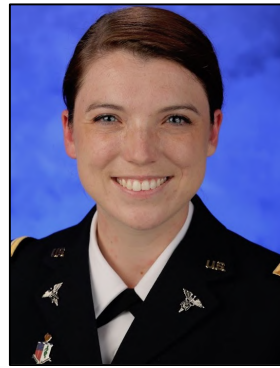
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## Standard 5.8: Pulmonary Resection

### Operation

**For any primary pulmonary resection performed with curative intent**

*(including non-anatomic parenchymal-sparing resections)*

**Resect nodal stations from:**

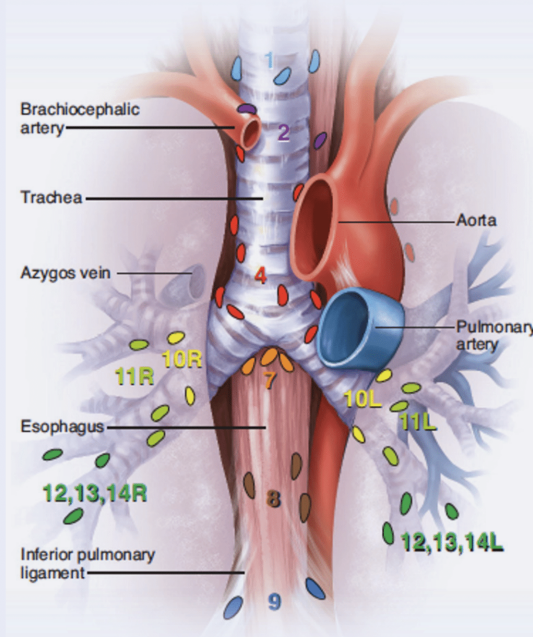


**Mediastinum**  
(Stations 2-9)  
≥3 distinct stations

**Hilum**  
(Stations 10-14)  
≥1 station

### Pathology Documentation

**Synoptic report documents lymph nodes from:**



≥ 1 hilar station  
≥ 3 mediastinal stations

**with names and/or numbers of stations**

### When?

2021:  
**Implementation**

2022 site visits:

**70%**  
**Compliance**

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