



Controversies in the management of stage IIIa non-small-cell lung cancer

The eighth edition of the tumor-node-metastasis (TNM) classification classified stage III non-small cell lung cancer in sub-stages IIIA, IIIB, and IIIC.

There is no further subclassification but Stage IIIA represents already a heterogeneous group of lung cancers invading chest wall/mediastinal organs or with concomitant N2 disease. Even the involvement of N2 stations includes different subcategories (single-, multi-level, bulky disease).

This heterogeneity poses a tremendous challenge for surgeons, oncologists, radiation-oncologist involved in the management of patients with Stage IIIA disease.

We would like to provide with this series a comprehensive overview about management of stage IIIA lung cancer by leading experts internationally recognized.

Under the assumption that multidisciplinary should be the key stone in decision making process, we consider this series like a journey between several controversies that so far have not yet been resolved.

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