



Additional footnotes on ME-3A

^x Microsatellitosis, when present in the initial biopsy or wide excision specimen, defines at least N1c and at least stage IIIB disease. Although less well-studied than other stage III patient populations, SLN status does have prognostic significance in patients with microsatellitosis, with a positive SLN upstaging a patient to at least N2c, stage IIIC. SLNB should be considered in patients with microsatellitosis, especially if it will alter disease management decisions.

^y For stage IIB/IIC patients being considered for adjuvant therapy, pretreatment imaging is appropriate.

Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

Clinical Trials: NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.