

CAP Cancer Protocols Summary of Changes April 2026

	Protocol	Protocol Version Number	eCP Version Number	Summary of Changes
1	Head & Neck Biomarker	V 2.3.0.0	V 1.002.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of HPV-DNA ISH and HER2 Immunohistochemistry Interpretation questions • Addition of defined score definitions for HER2 (by Immunohistochemistry) • Addition of 4B5, A0485, and CB11 antibodies for HER2 Immunohistochemistry • Removal of HER2 Immunohistochemistry Interpretation question • Section heading change from “SMARCB1 (INI-1) and SMARCA4 (BRG-1) Deficient Sinonasal Carcinoma / Rhabdoid Tumor / Teratocarcinoma” to “SWI / SNF Complex Deficient Sinonasal Carcinoma / Teratocarcinoma” • Minor typographical changes to questions and answers
2	Head & Neck - Cutaneous Carcinoma Accreditation Change	V 1.2.0.0	V 1.002.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to protocol name to remove “Squamous Cell” from title • Addition of the Tumor Bed Margin Status section • Removal of the ADDITIONAL FINDINGS section • Removal of Explanatory Note A “Scope of Guidelines”
3	Head & Neck - HPV-Associated Oropharynx Accreditation Change New	V 1.0.0.0	V 1.000.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New protocol established to replace the retired Pharynx protocol, resulting from the separation of select Head and Neck protocols • Update to AJCC Version 9 pTNM Classification
4	Head & Neck - HPV-Independent Oropharynx and Hypopharynx Accreditation Change New	V 1.0.0.0	V 1.000.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New protocol established to replace the retired Pharynx protocol, resulting from the separation of select Head and Neck protocols
5	Head & Neck – Larynx Accreditation Change	V 4.3.0.0	V 3.007.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to cover page, content, and explanatory notes • reflecting the separation of select Head and Neck protocols • Procedure, Tumor Site, and Histologic Type question updates • Removal of Grade / Intrinsic Biologic Potential, Extent / Type of Perineural Invasion questions, and ADDITIONAL FINDINGS section • Addition of Tumor Bed Margin Status section • Laterality of Lymph Node(s) with Tumor, Size of Largest Nodal Metastatic Deposit, Extranodal Extension (ENE) questions changed from conditionally required to required (core)

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6	Head & Neck – Mucosal Melanoma Accreditation Change New	V 1.0.0.0	V 1.000.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New protocol resulting from the separation of select Head and Neck protocols
7	Head & Neck – Nasal Sinuses and Paranasal Sinuses Accreditation Change	V 4.3.0.0	V 3.007.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates to cover page, content, and explanatory notes reflecting the separation of select Head and Neck protocols Procedure, Tumor Site, and Histologic Type question updates Removal of Grade / Intrinsic Biologic Potential, Extent / Type of Perineural Invasion questions, and ADDITIONAL FINDINGS section Addition of Tumor Bed Margin Status section Separation of “Intraparotid” and “Periparotid” terms to Nodal Site(s) with Tumor question Modification to pTNM Classification pT, pN, and pM categories to remove mucosal melanoma staging and make minor typographical updates
8	Head & Neck - Nasopharynx Accreditation Change New	V 1.0.0.0	V 1.000.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New protocol established to replace the retired Pharynx protocol, resulting from the separation of select Head and Neck protocols
9	Head & Neck - Oral Cavity Accreditation Change	V 4.3.0.0	V 3.009.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates to cover page, content, and explanatory notes reflecting the separation of select Head and Neck protocols Tumor Site and Histologic Type question updates Removal of Grade / Intrinsic Biologic Potential question, ADDITIONAL FINDINGS section, and optional elements for reporting special studies Separation of “Intraparotid” and “Periparotid” terms to Nodal Site(s) with Tumor question Laterality of Lymph Nodes(s) with Tumor, Size of Largest Nodal Metastatic Deposit, Extranodal Extension (ENE) questions changed from conditionally required to required (core) Clarification of Tumor Bed margin Status for Non-invasive Tumor to include new parenthetical statement (High-grade Dysplasia / Carcinoma In Situ)

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10	Head & Neck - Salivary Gland Accreditation Change New	V 1.0.0.0	V 1.000.000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New protocol established to replace the retired Major Salivary Gland protocol, resulting from the separation of select Head and Neck protocols AJCC Version 9 update to pTNM Classification
11	Skin - Merkel Cell Accreditation Change	V 4.2.0.0	V 2.004.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHO 5th edition updates to content and explanatory notes Updates to Tumor Site, Maximum Tumor Dimensions in Centimeters (cm), Tumor Extent, Second Malignancy questions, and MARGINS and REGIONAL LYMPH NODES sections Addition of required (core) Locoregional Cutaneous Metastases question Addition of Merkel Cell Polyoma Virus (MCPyV) Status, Histologic Subtype, and Mitotic Rate optional questions “Lymphovascular Invasion” question updated to “Lymphatic and / or Vascular Invasion” Updates to pTNM Classification to include the addition of the N suffix and T suffix Addition of SPECIAL STUDIES section
12	Head & Neck – Pharynx Retired Protocol	V 5.0.0.0	V 4.000.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring protocol and replaced by new HPV-Associated Oropharynx, HPV-Independent Oropharynx and Hypopharynx, and Nasopharynx protocols
13	Head & Neck – Major Salivary Glands Retired Protocol	V 4.3.0.0	V 3.007.001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retiring protocol and replaced by Salivary Gland