

Table 2. The National Thyroid Cancer Treatment Cooperative Study (NTCTCS) Registry Staging Classification for WDTC

Parameters considered	Tumor Type			
	Papillary TC		Follicular TC	
	Age <45	Age ≥45	Age <45	Age ≥45
Primary tumor size (cm)				
<1	I	I	I	II
1-4	I	II	I	III
>4	II	III	II	III
Primary tumor description				
Microscopic multifocal	I	II	I	III
Macroscopic multifocal or macroscopic tumor capsule invasion	I	II	II	III
Extraglandular invasion				
Microscopic	I	II	I	III
Macroscopic	II	III	II	III
Poor differentiation	NA	NA	III	III
Metastases				
Cervical lymph node metastases only	I	III	I	III
Extracervical lymph node metastases (or worse)	III	IV	III	IV

(N.B.: Disease stage assigned to patients is the highest stage determined by any of the above clinicopathologic features).

Abbreviations: TC: thyroid carcinoma; WDTC: well-differentiated thyroid cancer.