

Table 4

Stage, clinical classification and associated survival of pancreatic cancer using the tumour (T) nodal (N) metastasis (M) staging system. (T2 = tumour > 2 cm, T3 = tumour extends beyond pancreas; T4 = tumour invades coeliac or mesenteric vessels)⁵⁶

| Stage | TNM stage | Clinical classification | Median survival (months) |
|-------|----------------|---|--------------------------|
| IA | T1, N0, M0 | Resectable | 24-42 |
| IB | T2, N0, M0 | Resectable | 20-26 |
| IIA | T3, N0, M0 | Resectable | 15-30 |
| IIB | T1/2/3, N0, M0 | Locally advanced potentially resectable | 12-21 |
| III | T4, N0/1, M0 | Locally advanced unresectable | 11-14 |
| IV | Any T, any | Metastatic | 5-12 |