



BEYOND INTRAOPERATIVE STAGING: HOW TO IMPROVE PATHOLOGIC EXAMINATION OF THE RESECTED SPECIMEN

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Lymph node evaluation is a crucial component of lung cancer staging and management of patients. Several groups have shown that incomplete lymph node dissection on resection specimens in pathology is common and can lead to inadequate staging. In this presentation, we discuss a systematic approach of lymph node dissection and identification to implement in a pathology department to maximize lymph nodes recovery. This protocol can be easily applied by pathology assistants and resident in training. We also present a simple way to report lymph node status in a pathology report to facilitate interpretation by the treating physician.