



IASLC Staging and Prognostic Factors Group Membership Criteria and Responsibilities

Membership of the IASLC Staging and Prognostic Factors Group (SPFG) is multidisciplinary and includes surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, biostatisticians, pathologists, radiologists, translational scientists, and other individuals whose expertise may contribute to optimizing the staging and prognostic classification of thoracic malignancies. Members are expected to actively contribute to the 10th Edition of the IASLC Staging Project by working in strong collaboration with the group's leadership and other members. The responsibilities of members of the SPFG include providing clinical or scientific expertise, contributing cases to the Staging Database, attending virtual meetings and an annual in-person meeting at the World Conference on Lung Cancer, authoring manuscripts, and overall meaningful engagement in activities and work related to the Staging Project.

Members will be appointed to Domains for Lung Cancer, Thymic Malignancies, or Mesothelioma in addition to other subcommittees or task forces as deemed appropriate by the SPFG Chair and Steering Committee.

The full cycle of the 10th Edition of the IASLC Staging Project is 7 years. Members may serve on the SPFG for the entire cycle but will undergo review every 2 years to ensure all members are actively participating and the goals of the project are being met. Continuation of membership for existing SPFG members is contingent upon participation in SPFG meetings; contributions of data to the IASLC databases and / or tangible intellectual contributions to data analysis or publications. Recommendations for both continued membership and for new members are forwarded to the IASLC Board of Directors within 1 month of the WCLC meeting for review and approval.

The estimated time commitment for members of the SPFG is 3 – 10 hours per month.

Criteria

Individuals may be considered for membership in the SPFG based on self-nomination with endorsement by another IASLC member. Submission of a Biosketch and the SPFG membership application form are required for consideration of membership.

Members are appointed to the SPFG based on their recognized interest and expertise in the staging and prognostic classification of thoracic malignancies. Generally, this has already been demonstrated through publication(s) on this subject. Consideration is given to the need to have broad multidisciplinary expertise across the SPFG.

Responsibilities

- Learn and agree to the responsibilities and expectations of the SPFG and its members by observing and completing the Group's onboarding orientation process.
- Assist in the discharge of the SPFG's responsibilities.
- Review all SPFG meeting agendas, minutes, and attached materials.
- Attend regularly and participate actively in all Group and Subcommittee meetings.
- Participate in and contribute to SPFG projects, activities and email communication.
- Complete tasks assigned by the Chair, Steering Committee, and Subcommittee Chairs.
- Identify scientific questions related to staging to be considered by the Group
- Serve on Subcommittees and task forces as requested by Chair and Steering Committee, when appropriate.
- If a clinician, contribute clinical cases to at least one of the IASLC staging databases (lung, malignant pleural mesothelioma) or allied databases (thymus via ITMIG, esophageal via WECC). If more than one clinician from a given institution / group / country is a member of SPFG, one of those individuals may be responsible for contributing data for the institution /group / country as a whole.
- Maintain an active membership with the IASLC.
- Adhere to all standards of involvement listed above and notify leadership immediately if commitment to the SPFG cannot be continued at any time.
- Understand and comply with IASLC's conflict of interest policy including disclosure of significant financial interest in, or other relationships with, an entity having a commercial interest in the subject matter in question.