



RECOMMENDATION MANAGEMENT STAGE III MELANOMA

These recommendations may serve as a guidance but need to be tuned according to the specific situation

	IN-TRANSIT METASTASIS	MICROSCOPICALLY INVADED LYMPH NODE	MACROSCOPICALLY INVADED LYMPH NODE
pre-operative	Confirm with biopsy Staging upgrade*	Staging upgrade*	Confirm with FNAC** or tru-cut biopsy*** Staging upgrade*
	staging excludes stage IV	staging excludes stage IV	staging excludes stage IV
treatment	Excision if possible; if excision is not possible consider isolated limb infusion/perfusion, systemic treatment or clinical trial	Total lymph node excision	Total lymph node excision
adjuvant treatment	NOT STANDARD clinical trial ?	NOT STANDARD clinical trial ?	NOT STANDARD clinical trial ?

* CT thorax/abdomen or PET-CT; possible: CT/MR brain

** FNAC: fine needle aspiration cytology usually ultrasound-guided

*** tru-cut biopsy: percutaneous biopsy prelevating tissue cylinder, usually ultrasound-guided