The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)  
Prospective Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma Staging Project  

The Prospective Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma (MPM) Staging Project is an international  
effort to study and improve the current staging system for MPM. This study is being  
conducted by the International Staging Committee of the International Association for the  
Study of Lung Cancer (ISC-IASLC), in collaboration with the International Mesothelioma  
Interest Group (IMIG). Data are being entered by means of a secure, web-based, electronic  
data capture system provided by Cancer Research and Biostatistics (CRAB) in Seattle, WA,  
USA.

The documents posted below are being provided to collaborating institutions so that we may  
standardize the collection of staging information about these patients, while ensuring that  
private information is gathered in compliance with applicable law and with respect and  
regards for human subjects. These files are in Adobe Acrobat format.

A data dictionary listing field names, descriptions, lengths, and ranges of possible values (for  
categorical data) is also provided.

1. **Protocol for Ethics Review**. This document was last revised on 23 August, 2011.

2. **Protocol Appendix**. This document is intended to supplement the protocol for ethics  
review. It is a “mock-up” that illustrates the data being collected. It is not an exact  
copy of the data entry screens. This document was last revised on 18 April 2012  
(effective 20 April 2012).

3. Announcements of revisions to protocol and appendix
   (i) 7 September 2011 announcement
   (ii) 20 April 2012 announcement

4. **Instruction Manual** for the Electronic Data Capture (EDC) system. This document was  
last revised on 24 April 2012.

5. **Data Dictionary**
   (i) **Full data dictionary**: This document lists the full set of data fields in the  
Prospective MPM Staging Project data base.
   (ii) **Minimum set**: Intended as an aid to institutions considering whether to  
transfer existing data sets to the project, this document lists the minimum set  
of data fields expected.

If your institution is interested in joining this effort, you may obtain application materials for  
the study by sending an email to WebHelpIASLC@crab.org with “meso” in the subject line.

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