

**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](mailto:WebHelpIASLC@crab.org) with “meso” in the subject line.

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