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Early Stage

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- No spread to lymph nodes or other tissues.
- Sometimes called early-stage or “localized” cancer.

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Localized

- Cancer has started to affect nearby tissue.
- Mass may have grown in size.
- Spread to lymph nodes near the mass.

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Regional Spread

- Cancer affects more surrounding tissue.
- Mass may have grown in size.
- Spread to distant lymph nodes away from the mass.

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Distant Spread

- Cancer has spread to other tissues or organs beyond the region where it originated.
- Sometimes called advanced or “metastatic” cancer.

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www.shine365.marshfieldclinic.org/category/cancer-care

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