

# INTERNATIONAL STAGING SYSTEM (ISS) FOR MULTIPLE MYELOMA

STAGE	CRITERIA	MEDIAN SURVIVAL (MONTHS)
I	$\beta_2$ -MG < 3.5 mg/L Albumin $\geq$ 3.5 g/dL	62
II*	Not Stage I or III	44
III	$\beta_2$ -MG $\geq$ 5.5 mg/L	29

$\beta_2$ -MG = Beta2-Microglobulin; \*There are two categories for Stage II:  $\beta_2$ -MG < 3.5 mg/L but albumin < 3.5 g/dL; or  $\beta_2$ -MG 3.5 to < 5.5 mg/L irrespective of albumin level.

Reference: [Greipp PR, et al. \*J Clin Oncol\* 2005;23:3412 - 20; Erratum in \*J Clin Oncol\* 2005;23:6281.](#)