

Retrieved lymph node number affects prognosis in gastric CA

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(HealthDay)—In patients with pathological stage (pStage) II or III

gastric cancer, the number of retrieved lymph nodes (RLNs) is an independent poor prognostic factor, according to a study published in the September issue of the *Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology*.

Wataru Okajima, from the Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine in Japan, and colleagues retrospectively analyzed 1,289 consecutive [gastric cancer](#) patients who underwent gastrectomy between 1997 and 2011. The patients were divided into two groups with a cut-off RLN number of 16.

The researchers found that [survival rates](#) differed significantly for patients in pStage II ($P < 0.0001$) and III ($P = 0.0009$), but not for patients in pStage I ($P = 0.0627$) and IV ($P = 0.1553$). For 498 patients in pStage II and III, patients in the RLN

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