ALIMENTARY CANAL TUMOURS

Introductory Notes

The following regions are included:

- Oesophagus (ICD-O T150)
- Stomach (ICD-O T151)
- Colon (ICD-O T153)
- Rectum (ICD-O T154.0, T154.1)
- Anal canal (ICD-O T154.2)
- Anal orifice (ICD-O T173.5)

The classifications for anal canal and anal orifice should be regarded as provisional.
The classification applies only to carcinoma. Histological verification of the diagnosis is necessary.

Anatomical Regions and Sites (Fig. 98)

1. Cervical oesophagus (T150.0)
   This commences at the pharyngo-oesophageal junction and ends at the thoracic inlet, approximately 18 cm from the upper incisor teeth.

2. Intrathoracic oesophagus (excluding region 3)
   i) The upper thoracic portion, extending from the thoracic inlet to the lower border of the sixth thoracic vertebra, approximately 26 cm from the upper incisor teeth (T150.3).
   ii) The mid-thoracic portion, extending from the lower border of the sixth thoracic vertebra to be lower border of the eighth thoracic vertebra, approximately 31 cm from the upper incisor teeth (T150.4).

3. Lower oesophagus (T150.5)
   This portion, 10 cm in length, commences at the lower border of the eighth thoracic vertebra and ends at the cardiac orifice, approximately 40 cm from the upper incisor teeth.