

LUNG CANCER

What is lung cancer?

Cancer is a disease where cells grow out of control and spread to other parts of the body. When this type of growth begins in the lungs, it is called lung cancer. The main types of lung cancer are non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and small cell lung cancer (SCLC).

Lung cancer is the **NUMBER 1** cause of cancer-related deaths in the country.

1 in **17** men & **1** in **18** women will develop lung cancer in their lifetime.



Lung cancer accounts for **1 in 5** of all cancer deaths.

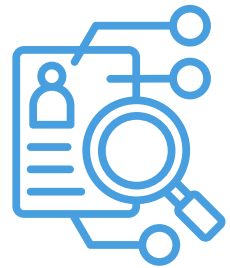


When caught at a **localized** stage, the 5-year **survival rate** of lung cancer is **64%**.

SCREENING saves lives.

Talk with your doctor about lung cancer screening if:

- 1** You are 50-80 years old.
- 2** You smoke cigarettes or quit in the last 15 years.
- 3** You have smoked at least 20 pack-years.



PACK
YEARS



AVERAGE # OF
PACKS SMOKED
PER DAY



AVERAGE # OF
YEARS YOU'VE
SMOKED

Smoking tobacco is the leading cause of lung cancer, but not everyone who gets lung cancer smokes and not everyone who smokes gets lung cancer.

Lung cancer is often caught late but screening can find cancer early, when it's easier to treat. Annual lung cancer screening using a **low dose CT scan** is recommended for people at high risk for lung cancer because it improves their chances of living.

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