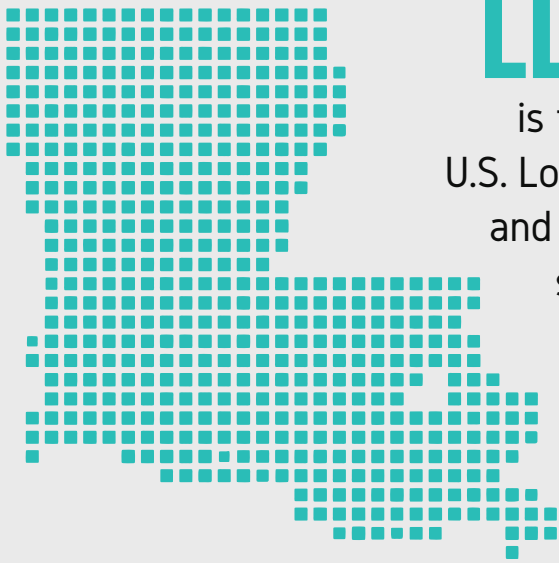


# LUNG CANCER IN LOUISIANA

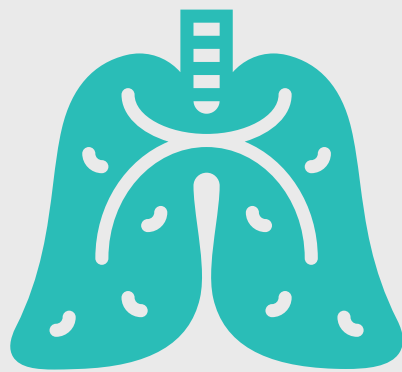
EARLY DETECTION CAN LEAD TO LONGER LIVES



## LUNG CANCER

is the top cancer killer in the U.S. Louisiana's lung cancer incidence and death rates are statistically significantly higher than the U.S. as a whole.

Only **15%** of people in Louisiana were still alive 5 years after diagnosis with lung cancer



**3,475**

Estimated New Lung Cancer Cases in 2018

**SCREENING HIGH-RISK PATIENTS CAN INCREASE THE CHANCES OF DETECTING LUNG CANCER AND SAVING LIVES.**

## WHAT IS LUNG CANCER SCREENING?

It's a scan of the chest and lungs that can detect abnormal growths in the lungs, including those that cause lung cancer. A low-dose computer tomography (LDCT) scan is a type of CT scan that produces images of a person's chest with a higher resolution than an X-ray, but with lower amounts of radiation than a regular CT scan. It is able to detect small abnormal growths even in dense, complex lungs. It is recommended by The National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

## WHO SHOULD BE SCREENED?

Only people who are at a high risk for developing lung cancer should be screened and they must meet the following:

- People 55 to 74 years of age
- Currently smoking or quit within the past 15 years
- No symptoms of lung cancer and no history of any cancer within the last five years.
- 30 or more pack years\* of smoking

## OR

- People who are 50 or more years of age
- One or more of these risk factors:
  - Exposure to radon
  - Workplace exposure to chemicals
  - Family history of lung cancer
  - Disease history (COPD or pulmonary fibrosis)
- 20 or more pack years\* of smoking

\*A pack year is equal to a pack a day.

## IS LUNG CANCER SCREENING COVERED BY INSURANCE?

To be eligible to be covered by Medicare or Medicaid for LDCT screening, a person on Medicare or Medicaid must also get a written order for LDCT lung cancer screening that meets the following criteria:

- Proof of Eligibility (Age, symptoms, number of packs per year smoked, years since quitting)
- Counseling (Shared decision making, understanding of benefits/harms of screening and follow-ups)
- Annual Screening Requirement.

Get more information on insurance coverage at:

[www.Lung.org](http://www.Lung.org)

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