# 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.

3,528
Estimated Louisianans
diagnosed with lung cancer
each year.





Louisianans who die from cancer, die from lung cancer.

# 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 that 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 50 to 80 years of age
- Currently smoking or quit within the past 15 years
- 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 of benefits/harms of screening and follow-ups)
- Annual Screening Requirement
   Get more information on insurance coverage at:

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