

LUNG CANCER IN LOUISIANA

EARLY DETECTION CAN LEAD TO LONGER LIVES

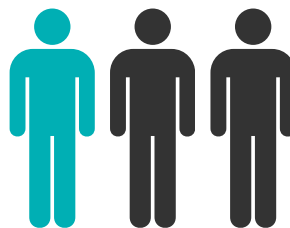
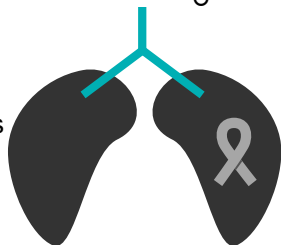


Lung Cancer

is the top cancer killer in the U.S. Louisiana ranks 40th in the nation for new lung cancer cases, with a rate of 61.4 per 100,000, significantly higher than the national average of 53.6.

3,528

estimated Louisianans diagnosed with lung cancer each year.



1 out of 3

Louisianans who die from cancer, die from lung cancer. It remains the leading cause of cancer death in Louisiana.

Every Two

minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with lung cancer.



SCREENING HIGH-RISK PATIENTS INCREASES 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 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 times the number of years smoked.



LA Ranks

30th for lung cancer screening, with just 15.1% of high-risk individuals receiving annual low-dose CT scans.

Only 24.3%

of lung cancer cases in Louisiana are diagnosed at an early stage, compared to the national average of 27.4%.



5-Year

survival rate in Louisiana is 22.9%, placing the state among the bottom five nationally.



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