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01

Find the right lung coordinator and/or navigator

First step in building a successful program is to find the right person for Lung Coordinator/navigator. This person will need to take on a wide range of tasks and will act as the liaison between the physician and patient. Ideally this person will have an oncology or radiology background.



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Identify your physician and administrative champions

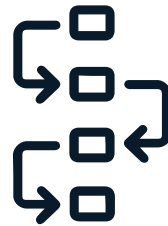
We recommend finding support from an administrator, a radiologist, and a pulmonologist. From there, a hospital may choose to have a tumor board or multi-disciplinary group to further evaluate diagnostic and treatment options for patients.



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Establish workflows early on

Determine how incidental nodule patients will be flagged and registered to the incidental nodule program. Think about who is responsible for triaging these patients and communicating next steps with them and their primary care physicians (PCP). Finally, develop consent processes for PCP.



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Create a seamless follow-up process

Patients enrolled in your nodule program need routine follow-up, so it's important to make it easy to track patients and follow-up exams. Whether you use software like EonDirect or other manual mechanisms to track patient follow-up, every exam or missed exam should be tracked.



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Consider Software Solutions to Help

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Promote your program

Attend Grand Rounds and develop physician relationships, and get involved in your local community to bring awareness to the program. Create program packets, a folder with your marketing brochures, your order sets and your process. Provide a one-page flyer about your program.

