

# Lung Cancer Screening

Learn more about the importance of screening, who's at risk of developing lung cancer, and the benefits of early detection.



**22.4%**  
LUNG

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women in the United States. **Each year, more people die of lung cancer** than of colorectal, breast, and prostate cancers combined.

**8.8%**  
COLORECTAL

**7%**  
BREAST

**5.5%**  
PROSTATE

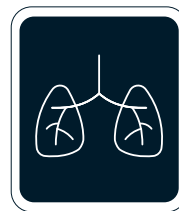
<https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/>

## Providers Are Missing An Opportunity



**8 million**

Americans are currently **at risk** for lung cancer in the United States



Screening with annual LDCT can prevent **one death for every 250** at-risk adults who are screened.

<https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/resource-library/lung-cancer-fact-sheet>  
<https://www.cancer.gov/types/lung/patient/lung-screening-pdq>

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## Who Is At Risk?

**Knowing which patients are eligible for screening is the first step.** Providers who recognize eligible at risk patients can proactively screen to detect cancer early when it is more easily treated. Patients at risk include those who meet all of the following criteria:

- ✓ Are 55 to 80 years old
- ✓ Have a smoking history of  $\geq 30$  pack-years\*
- ✓ Are currently smoking or who have quit within the last 15 years

$$\text{Pack Years} = \text{Average \# of Packs Per Day} \times \text{\# of Years Smoked}$$

\*Number of cigarette packs smoked per day multiplied by the number of years a person has smoked.



## The Shared Decision Making Visit

To determine a patient's eligibility for lung cancer screening, a shared decision making visit is required to discuss current and past cigarette use, the benefits and risks of LDCT, and counseling of tobacco cessation. The provider can bill for this CT Lung Cancer Screening shared decision making visit using screening code G0296.



## Insurance Coverage

Lung cancer screening with LDCT is covered by Medicare for patients 55–77 and by most commercial insurances plans for patients 55–80 at risk for lung cancer.

## Early Detection Saves Lives

As providers, patients trust you to determine what's best for their health and well-being. Improving efforts to screen eligible patients gives you the best chance to provide the life-saving early detection that can find cancer and catch it before it spreads. The bottom line:

✓ **Know your at-risk patients**

✓ **Perform annual LDCT screenings**

✓ **Improve Patient Outcomes**