

# LUNG CANCER FACT SHEET



- Lung Cancer is the leading cancer killer in both men and women in the United States. It accounts for more than 25% of all cancer deaths.
- While smoking cigarettes remains the main risk factor for lung cancer, 10% of men and 20% of women with lung cancer have never smoked.
- Exposure to someone else's tobacco smoke also can cause lung cancer.
- Symptoms related to lung cancer are often nonspecific and include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, chest pain, and coughing up blood (hemoptysis). Up to 25% of patients with lung cancer have no symptoms and the cancer is discovered on routine chest x-ray or computerized tomography (CT) scan.
- The five-year survival rate is lowest among all the common cancers: lung (17.8%), colon (65.4%), breast (90.5%), and prostate (99.6%).
- The survival rate is over 50% when detected at an early stage (limited to one area of the lung)
- Early diagnosis and treatment with surgery and/or new techniques of radiation therapy can cure many patients with lung cancer
- New lung cancer screening guidelines are recommended for certain patients who are at risk

**For more information, click on the links below:**

## **LUNG CANCER GENERAL INFORMATION**

[\*\*CHEST Foundation - Lung Cancer Info\*\*](#)

[\*\*American Lung Association - Lung Cancer\*\*](#)

[\*\*MedicineNet - Lung Cancer\*\*](#)

## **LUNG CANCER PATIENT SUPPORT**

[\*\*Lung Cancer Alliance\*\*](#)

[\*\*American Lung Association - My Lung Cancer Support\*\*](#)

## **LUNG CANCER SCREENING**

[\*\*American Cancer Society Guidelines for Lung Cancer Screening\*\*](#)