Lung Cancer Initiative of North Carolina

Our mission is to save lives and provide support to those affected by lung cancer through research, awareness, education, and access programs across North Carolina.

As the state’s leading non-profit organization supporting lung cancer research and education, Lung Cancer Initiative of North Carolina specializes in connecting patients, survivors, and loved ones with the medical and research community.
Know the facts about lung cancer

ESTIMATED U.S. CANCER DEATHS IN 2018,

- Prostate: 29,430
- Breast: 41,400
- Colorectal: 50,630
- Lung: 154,050

NOT JUST FOR SMOKERS

18% never smoked
21% current smokers
61% former smokers

20,000 to 30,000 people in the US get lung cancer each year despite never smoking. Those who quit remain at risk.

KNOW THE RISKS

- cigarette smoking
- exposure to radon
- exposure to secondhand smoke
- air pollution
- family history
- radiation therapy to the chest
- occupational exposure
- history of lung disease

14th

North Carolina has the 14th highest number of new lung cancer cases in the US

2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, “Cigarette Smoking Among Adults - United States, 2006,” November 9, 2007/56(44): 1157-1161, Table 2
Explore our programs

With the generous support of people like you, Lung Cancer Initiative benefits research, awareness, education, and access programs across North Carolina.
From each step taken at our LUNGe Forward 5Ks to each tank of gas provided to patients traveling for treatment, we have made strides to improve life for those affected by lung cancer.
Research
Since 2008, Lung Cancer Initiative has funded more than $1.6 million in lung cancer research, more than half of that in North Carolina.

Our support has jump-started the careers of researchers who have gone on to receive continued funding for their work from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the American Cancer Society.

Awareness
Lung Cancer Initiative is committed to increasing public awareness about lung cancer. We do so through our events and education initiatives, along with other grassroots opportunities.
Education
Through partnerships with North Carolina’s leading cancer centers, our Expert Speaker Series allows patients and their families to come together to hear from experts on topics related to lung cancer and research. Past topics include: research updates, multidisciplinary care, clinical trials, and survivorship. Lung Cancer Initiative provides additional physician education to community oncologists and primary care physicians in communities across the state.
Access
Our access programs are designed to assist those affected by lung cancer.

We offer **Access Grants of up to $10,000** to help institutions improve access to lung cancer screening, treatment, clinical trials, molecular testing, or precision medicine for uninsured or underinsured individuals.

The **Patient Access to Care** gas card program provides assistance to lung cancer patients who are seeking treatment, including clinical trials. The goal of the program is to lessen the financial burden for patients to receive appropriate lung cancer treatment.

$17,000 annually given in gas cards to patients throughout the state
As the Initiative raises **funds and awareness**, there is more **hope for new treatments** and maybe even a **cure for me and others like me**.

—**KELLY KEESLING, SURVIVOR**
Race, toast, or swing

Attend one of our signature events.

Our LUNGe Forward 5Ks are special days of celebration and remembrance, as well as days to take action and provide hope to those impacted by lung cancer. From the 5K race to the celebration rally and the kids dash, each event includes a variety of activities for the entire family.

We also host an Evening of Hope Gala in the Triangle as well as golf tournaments in several local communities.
Become a part of the Initiative

There are many ways to get involved with Lung Cancer Initiative of North Carolina. Your interests and talents can be put to work in our fight against lung cancer.

Join us in the movement to end lung cancer.

Ask how you can become a sustaining donor of Lung Cancer Initiative by joining the Giving Hope Society.