Every three minutes someone in the US dies from Lung Cancer – 16 North Carolinians die each day.

Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the US and in North Carolina. Lung Cancer takes more lives than breast, prostate and colorectal cancer combined.

Estimated US Cancer Deaths 2019

- Lung: 142,670 deaths
- Breast: 42,260 deaths
- Prostate: 31,620 deaths
- Colorectal: 51,020 deaths

Lung Cancer Facts

18% – Never smoked
21% – Currently smoke
61% – Former smoker

Not Just for Smokers!
20 – 25,000 people in the US get lung cancer each year, despite never smoking. Those who have quit smoking remain at risk.

Causes
- Smoking
- Exposure to radon
- Air pollution
- Second hand smoke
- Genetic susceptibility
- Radiation therapy
- Asbestos, cadmium, arsenic
- Cooking fumes (developing countries)

Advances in Lung Cancer Screening

The largest national lung screening trial with over 50,000 people enrolled, showed a 20% risk reduction in lung cancer deaths!

Low-Dose CT recommended annually if you are:
- Between the ages of 55 and 80
- Smoking at least a pack a day for at least 30 years or two packs a day for 15 years
- Still smoking or stopped within 15 years

Five Year Cancer Survival Rate

- Prostate: 98% survival rate
- Breast: 90% survival rate
- Lung: 19% survival rate

Common Symptoms
- A cough that doesn’t go away or gets worse
- Coughing up blood
- Shortness of breath
- Exhaustion or weakness
- Back or chest pain
- Wheezing
- Hoarseness
- Losing weight without trying

How to Get Screened
- Talk to your primary care doctor about risk factors
- Ask for a referral to a CT screening site

Visit our website for a list of screening sites.

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