


Lung Cancer Screening



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Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer. Every year, approximately 200,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with lung cancer and 159,000 people die from lung cancer. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women.

The National Lung Screening Trial found that screening smokers with a 30 pack-year history with annual low dose CT scans could reduce lung cancer deaths by 20%ⁱ.

To be considered for a lung cancer screening, patients should be:

- Between the ages of 55 and 77 (80 with some insurances)
- Have a cigarette smoking history of 30 pack-years (for example, 1 pack per day for 30 years, or 2 packs per day for 15 years)
- Former smokers must have quit within the last 15 years
- Patients must obtain a referral from their primary care provider

The American Cancer Society and Rhode Island Medical Imaging (RIMI) recommend an annual CT screening for current and former smokers based upon mounting evidence that lung cancer screening with CT can save lives.

RIMI's Lung Cancer Screening Program is overseen by Dr. Terrance Healey, a board certified radiologist who completed fellowship training at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Thoracic Radiology. He is the Director of Thoracic Radiology for RIMI and RI Hospital.

**To schedule a lung cancer screening exam
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ⁱ www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/noteworthytrials/nlst