

# Guidelines for Ordering CT Lung Cancer Screening and Follow-Up Exams

Qualified patients must satisfy the criteria listed below. All information must be documented on your referral or a RIMI representative will contact you for a new order. Insurance companies have varying criteria on eligible patients. Please refer to the following page for a complete breakdown. Contact our RIMI Authorization Department at 401-427-7820 or Lung Screening Coordinators at 401-654-6026 with questions. Information is subject to change without notice.

- Patients are age appropriate according to each insurance company (see page 2).
- Patients are current smokers or have quit smoking within the last 15 years. If former smoker, indicate the exact number of years since they quit.
- Patients have a tobacco smoking history (pack-years) in accordance with each insurance company's criteria. The actual pack-year history must be documented on your referral. "Greater than 20 or 30 years" is not sufficient.

**Approximate Packs/Day: \_\_\_\_\_ x Years Smoked: \_\_\_\_\_ = Pack-Years**

- Asymptomatic patient (no signs or symptoms of lung cancer).
- Referring Provider NPI and signature.

**For Initial Lung  
Cancer Screening  
or Annual Exams**

**Recommended  
Interval Follow-Up  
Less Than 1 Year  
(1, 3, 6, 9 Months, etc.)**

Low Dose CT Chest WO Contrast  
for Follow-Up to Lung Cancer  
Screening = **CPT 71250**

Low Dose CT Chest WO  
Contrast for Lung Cancer  
Screening = **CPT 71271**

**No Interval Follow-Up?  
Continue With Annual  
Lung Cancer Screening**

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# Annual CT Lung Cancer Screening Exams (CPT CODE 71271)

## Insurances For Patients With No Age Limit (Pack-Years Vary)

			<u>RIMI Can Obtain</u>
Blue Cross of Rhode Island	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
BlueChip Commercial	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
BlueChip Medicare	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
NHPRI (Neighborhood Health Plan RI)	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
NHPRI Access Plan	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
NHPRI Integrity Plan	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI

## Insurances For Patients Between 50-80 And 20+ Pack-Years

Aetna	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(May Require Authorization)	✓ RIMI
Cigna Healthcare and Carelink	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
United Healthcare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	

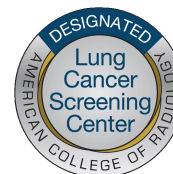
## Insurances For Patients Between 55-80 With 30+ Pack-Years

Federal Employees (FEP Focus Plan)	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
Harvard Pilgrim	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
RI Medical Assistance (EDS)	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
Tufts	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI

## Insurances For Patients Between 50-77 With 20+ Pack-Years

Medicare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(No Authorization Required)
United Medicare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(No Authorization Required)

For smoking cessation resources available for your patients please visit: <http://tobaccofree-ri.org>



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