

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-years 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**

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

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)	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
NHPRI Access Plan	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
NHPRI Integrity Plan	20 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)	

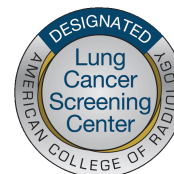
Insurances For Patients Between 55-80 With 30+ Pack-Years

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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