

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 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 (cannot use > or +).**

Approximate Packs/Day: _____ x Years Smoked: _____ = Pack-Years

*Only Total PY Needed

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

ICD-10 Codes

Current Smoker (F17.21)

Former Smoker (Z87.891)

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

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

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 Follow-Up to Lung Cancer
Screening = **CPT 71250**

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

Auths RIMI Can Obtain

Blue Cross of Rhode Island	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
BlueChip (Commercial Plan)	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	

Insurances For Patients Between 50-80 (Pack-Years Vary)

Aetna	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(May Require Authorization)	
Cigna Healthcare and Carelink	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
Harvard Pilgrim	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
NHPRI (Neighborhood Health Plan RI)	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(No Authorization Required)	
NHPRI (Access Plan)	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(No Authorization Required)	
NHPRI (Integrity Plan)	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(No Authorization Required)	
TriCare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(May Require Authorization)	✓ RIMI
Tufts (Commercial Plan)	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
United Healthcare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
United Rite Care	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	

Insurances For Patients Between 55-80 (30+ Pack-Years)

Federal Employees (FEP Focus Plan)	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
Tufts (Public Plan)	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	

Insurances For Patients Between 50-77 (Pack-Years Vary)

BlueChip Medicare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	
Medicare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(No Authorization Required)	
RI Medical Assistance (EDS)	30 Pack-Years Minimum	(Requires Authorization)	✓ RIMI
United Medicare	20 Pack-Years Minimum	(No Authorization Required)	

For smoking cessation resources to share with your patients please visit: <http://tobaccofree-ri.org>



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