

Lung Cancer Screening

Learn how to protect yourself.

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Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in both men and women in the United States and worldwide, largely because many cases are diagnosed at a late stage. The US Preventive Services Task Force now recommends screening adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years.



Common Questions	Low Dose Lung CT
How does it work?	You will be asked to lie still on a table and hold your breath briefly while the images are taken.
Who is it for?	Adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years
How often?	Annually
Where is it done?	In an imaging center or a hospital
Time it takes?	Up to 15 minutes for the scan plus time for check-in
Serious risks?	Rare
After a positive result?	A positive result does not automatically mean cancer is present, as many lung nodules are benign. Your doctor will discuss the next steps with you, which could involve more scans, further testing like a biopsy, referral to a lung specialist, or monitoring for any changes over time.

Talk to your healthcare provider to decide together if lung cancer screening is right for you.