

CT LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer in America, claiming more lives than colorectal, breast, pancreatic and prostate cancer combined. Annual screenings with CT scans aid in finding lung cancers in their earliest stages, when up to 90% can be cured. Without early detection screening, over 95% of lung cancer patients eventually die from the disease, usually within a few years of diagnosis.

Your risk for lung cancer is unique to you. Cancer risk increases with age. Below are questions which may help you determine if you could be at risk for lung cancer.

- Have you ever smoked cigarettes, cigars and/or pipes?
- Have you been exposed to excessive amounts of secondhand smoke?
- Have you had exposure to radon or asbestos?
- Is there a history of lung cancer in your immediate family?
- Are you active military or a veteran? Did your military service expose you to depleted uranium, Agent Orange or other cancer causing materials?
- Have you worked in an occupation that exposed you to known carcinogens?
- Have you been diagnosed with other respiratory diseases such as emphysema, COPD, or tuberculosis?

If you answered “yes” to even one of these questions, discuss with your physician the risks and benefits of getting a CT scan to screen for lung cancer.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Radiation from a screening CT is far less than the dose from a diagnostic CT and the benefit of finding and treating early lung cancer will outweigh the risks from a low dose of radiation from the exam.

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Patient will be asked to put on a gown at the time of the exam. The procedure takes less than 15 minutes to perform.

EXAM RESULTS:

Patient results will be communicated by the Ordering Physician. Original reports will be auto-faxed or sent via the EHR to the Ordering Physician within (2) days of the exam. Patients will be notified by the technologist performing their study that they will be notified of their exam results by the Ordering Physician. The patient should contact the Ordering Provider if they do not receive their test results within a two week timeframe.

PATIENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Unless an illness is already suspected, insurers will not pay for the screening. Patients requesting a CT Lung Screening will need to pay \$100 at the time of service.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Eastside Imaging:

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Northwest Imaging:

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.