

LUNG CANCER facts

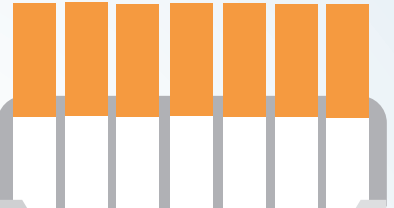


LUNG CANCER INITIATIVE
of North Carolina

Every four minutes someone in the US dies from Lung Cancer – 13 North Carolinians die each day.

Every three minutes someone in the US is diagnosed with Lung Cancer – that is 24 people diagnosed each day in North Carolina.

Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the US and in North Carolina. Lung Cancer takes more lives than breast, prostate and colorectal cancer combined.



Not Just for Smokers!

- 18% – Never smoked**
- 21% – Currently smoke**
- 61% – Former smoker**

20,000 to 25,000 people in the US get lung cancer each year, despite never smoking.

Those who have quit smoking remain at risk.

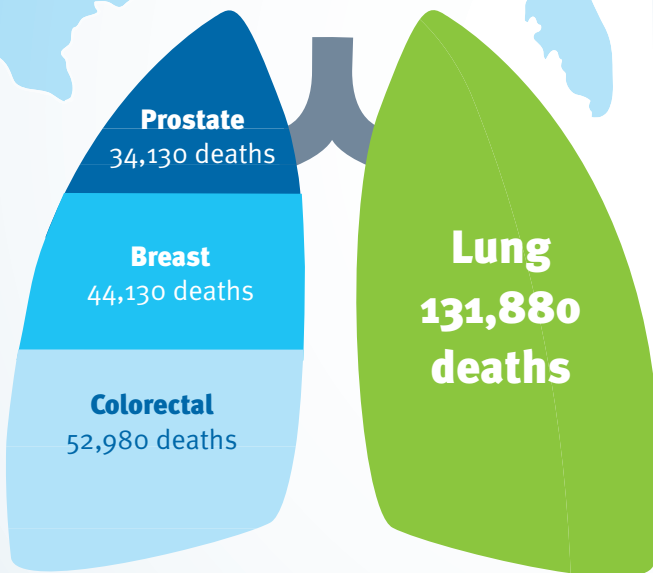
Causes

- Smoking
- Exposure to radon
- Air pollution
- Second hand smoke
- Genetic susceptibility
- Radiation therapy
- Asbestos, cadmium, arsenic
- Cooking fumes (developing countries)

Common Symptoms

- A cough that doesn't go away or gets worse
- Coughing up blood
- Shortness of breath
- Exhaustion or weakness
- Back or chest pain
- Wheezing
- Hoarseness
- Losing weight without trying

Estimated US Cancer Deaths 2021



Five Year Cancer Survival Rate



Prostate – 98% survival rate



Breast – 90% survival rate



Lung – 21% survival rate

Advances in Lung Cancer Screening

The largest national lung screening trial with over 50,000 people enrolled, showed a 20% risk reduction in lung cancer deaths!

Low-Dose CT recommended annually if you are:

- Between the ages of 55 and 80
- Smoking at least a pack a day for at least 30 years or two packs a day for 15 years
- Still smoking or stopped within 15 years

Talk to your primary care provider about lung cancer screening

Advances in Comprehensive Biomarker Testing

Comprehensive Biomarker testing is changing the way lung cancer and all cancers are treated. Talk to your doctor about comprehensive biomarker testing to ensure that your tumor has been tested. Learn about all of your treatment options and consider joining a clinical trial.

Visit our website for more information.
www.LungCancerInitiativeNC.org