Who should be screened for lung cancer?

2021 United States Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation

Population
- Asymptomatic
- 50 to 80 years of age
- Smoked 20 pack years (see box at right)
- Still smoking or stopped within 15 years

Recommendations
- Grade B (moderate net benefit)
- Annual LDCT until no smoking > 15 years
- health problem that substantially limits life expectancy or the ability or willingness to have curative surgery

Coding for reimbursement
- G0296 – Shared decision making visit (required for insurance coverage)
- 71271 – LDCT scan
- Z87.891 (ICD-10) – Personal history of tobacco use or nicotine dependence (former smoker)
- (F17.21) – Personal history of tobacco use (current smoker)

All insurance plans cover lung cancer screening for high risk individuals.

The SHARE Approach*

Essential Steps of Shared Decision Making
- Step 1: Seek your patient's participation.
- Step 2: Help your patient explore and compare treatment options.
- Step 3: Assess your patient's values and preferences.
- Step 4: Reach a decision with your patient.
- Step 5: Evaluate your patient's decision.

Lung cancer screening resources
- ShouldIScreen.com