

# DO YOU KNOW?

## FOCUS AREA: Lung Cancer Awareness



**LUNG CANCER IS THE THIRD MOST COMMON CANCER TYPE AND THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES.**<sup>1</sup> Each year, lung cancer affects more than 200,000 people in the US.<sup>2</sup> While anyone can develop lung cancer, people who smoke tobacco cigarettes are at the highest risk.<sup>3</sup> Luckily, lung cancer is treatable and deaths from lung cancer have decreased over time.<sup>2</sup>

**1 IN 16 MEN**  
WILL DEVELOP  
LUNG CANCER IN  
THEIR LIFETIME



**1 IN 17 WOMEN**  
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**LUNG CANCER TAKES MORE LIVES EVERY YEAR THAN BREAST, PROSTATE, AND COLON CANCER COMBINED**<sup>4</sup>

### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS<sup>5</sup>

- Fatigue
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Loss of appetite
- Coughing up phlegm, mucus, and/or blood
- Unexplained weight loss
- Hoarseness in throat

### RISK FACTORS<sup>3</sup>



**Smoking:** Your risk increases with the number of cigarettes you smoke each day. You can lower your risk by quitting at any age



**Secondhand smoke exposure:** Even if you do not smoke, your risk increases if you are exposed



**Family history:** Your risk is higher if you have a parent, sibling, or child with lung cancer



**Asbestos, radon, or other chemical exposures**



**Previous radiation therapy**

### PREVENTION<sup>3</sup>

- **Don't smoke:** Do not start smoking. Speak with your children about how to avoid smoking and react to peer pressure
- **Stop smoking:** Even if you have smoked for years, quitting lowers your risk of lung cancer
- **Avoid breathing tobacco smoke:** If you live or work with someone who smokes, urge them to quit or smoke outside
- **Test your home for radon:** Contact your local health department for information on radon testing and reducing your risk of exposure
- **Exercise regularly and eat more fruits and vegetables**
- **Get screened:** A yearly scan is recommended if you are aged 50 – 80, if you currently smoke or used to smoke, and if you have a 20+ pack-year history<sup>6</sup>



### WANT TO QUIT?



Check out the resources below to take back your freedom from smoking:

- Helpline: 1-800-LUNGUSA
- [Freedom From Smoking online course](#)
- [Online support community](#)
- [American Lung Association events near you](#)
- [Tips to help your friend quit](#)
- [Tips to help your teen quit](#)

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