

Lung Cancer Priorities

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Overview

- Lung Cancer History and Statistics
- Risk Factors
- Lung Cancer Screening
- Diagnosis and Biomarker Testing

Once a rare disease...“Mountain Sickness”



The 20th Century



PRIMARY
MALIGNANT GROWTHS
OF THE
LUNGS AND BRONCHI

A PATHOLOGICAL
AND CLINICAL STUDY

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'Oportet omnia signa contemplari'

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY

IS it worth while to write a monograph on the subject of primary malignant tumors of the lung? In the course of the last two centuries an ever-increasing literature has accumulated around this subject. But this literature is without

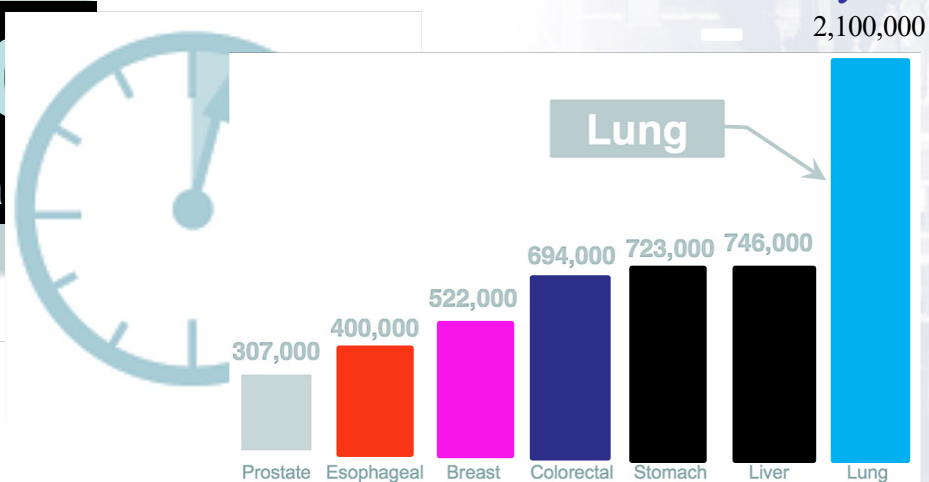
Our Why



Every 2.2 minutes someone is diagnosed with lung cancer

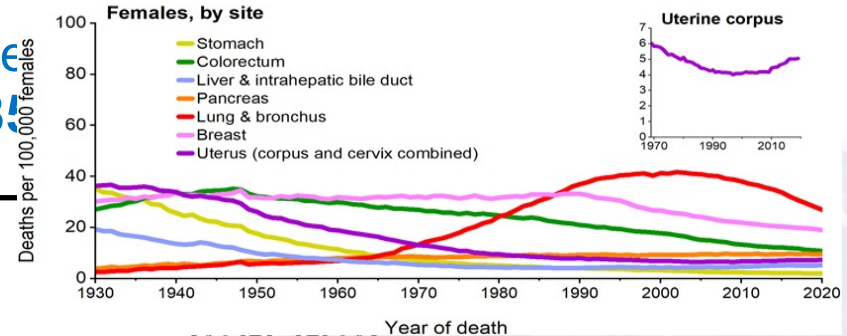
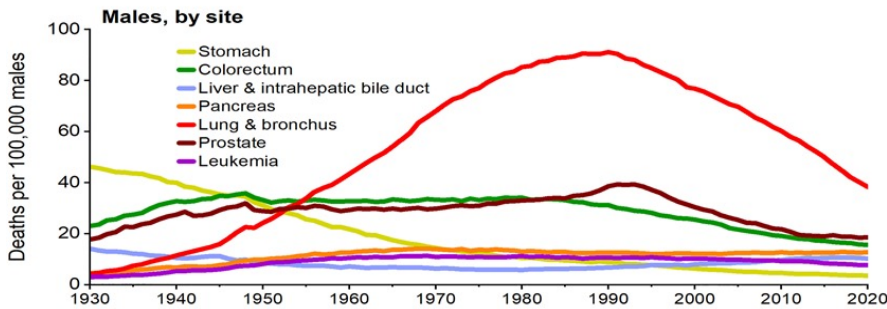
2,100,000
new diagnoses global

Annual Global Cancer Mortality



Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) Background

2023 estimates of lung cancer incidence, mortality:



25.4%

5-year relative survival rate (NSCLC)



8%

5-year survival rate for distant disease (NSCLC)

From 2011 to 2020, overall lung cancer mortality rates **declined** by **~4% per year**

NCI. Cancer Stat Facts: Lung and Bronchus Cancer. <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/lungb.html>. Accessed 10/20/2023. American Cancer Society. Lung Cancer Survival Rates. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/lung-cancer/detection-diagnosis-staging/survival-rates.html>. Accessed 10/20/2023. SEER*Explorer: An interactive website for SEER cancer statistics [Internet]. Surveillance Research Program, National Cancer Institute; 2023 Apr 19. [updated: 2023 Jun 8; Accessed 10/19/2023].

A Few Surprising Facts

~65% of all new lung cancer diagnoses are among people who have never smoked or are former smokers

~10–20% of new lung cancer cases are among never-smokers.

~ 25% women diagnosed are never smokers

1 in 16 women (both who did and did not smoke) will be diagnosed with lung cancer in their lifetimes

2X more black than white men will be diagnosed with lung cancer if all risk factors are equal

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Slimmer than the fat cigarettes men smoke.

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Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health.

8 mg "tar," 0.6 mg nicotine av. per cigarette, FTC Report Mar '84

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"My cigarette is the MILD cigarette... that's why Chesterfield is my favorite"

Ronald Reagan

THE VOICE OF THE TURTLE

WHY I smoke Chesterfield

ALWAYS BUY ABC CHEST

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

Smooth

MAGAZINE

1992's DARK HORSE... A HORSE

A TIP FROM A FORMER SMOKER

BE CAREFUL NOT TO CUT YOUR STOMA.

Shawn, Age 50, Diagnosed at 46 Washington State

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SMOKING HARMS UNBORN BABIES

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SMOKING CAUSES PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE

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Radon

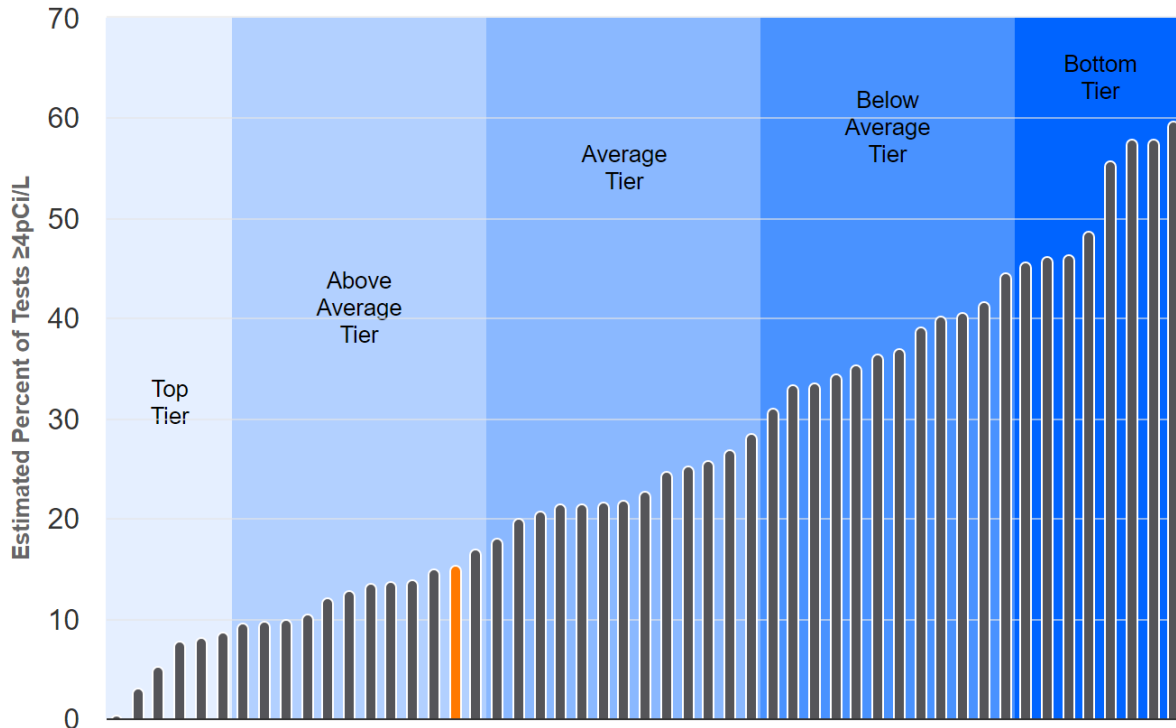


- Decay product of uranium-238 and radium-226
 - Widely distributed in rock, soil, groundwater
 - Associated with an increased risk of lung cancer
 - Interactive effect with cigarette smoking
- 2nd most important cause of lung cancer in the USA
 - Implicated in 26% of lung cancer in never-smokers
 - Implicated in 13.4% of lung cancers overall (co-carcinogenic with cigarette exposure)

Prevention



State Rankings by Percent of Tests At or Above EPA Action Level 



Radon:

- In Delaware, **15.4%** of radon tests results were at or above the action level recommended by EPA.
- It ranks **17th** among all states, placing it in the **above average tier**.

Lung Screening

- Cancer screening is a test to check for disease in someone who **does not have any symptoms**
- Goal of screening is to **find cancer early** when it is more treatable and even curable

Lung Screening

- Not a new concept



Lung Screening

- National Lung Screening Trial (NLST)
 - 53,454 persons at high risk for lung cancer
 - 33 U.S. medical centers
 - August 2002 – April 2004
- **> 25%** of the low dose CT group had a positive finding
 - **96.4%** false positive
 - **20%** relative risk reduction in mortality from lung cancer
 - **6.9%** all-cause mortality reduction
 - Number needed to screen **320**

NELSON Trial

Table 3. Lung-Cancer Stage and Histologic Type of All First-Detected Lung Cancers in Male Participants at 10 Years of Follow-up or on December 31, 2015.*

| Variable | Screening Group | | | Control Group |
|-------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Screening-Detected Lung Cancer (N=203)† | Non-Screening-Detected Lung Cancer (N=141) | Any Lung Cancer (N=344) | Any Lung Cancer (N=304) |
| | <i>number of participants (percent)</i> | | | |
| Stage | | | | |
| IA | 95 (46.8) | 10 (7.1) | 105 (30.5) | 21 (6.9) |
| IB | 24 (11.8) | 10 (7.1) | 34 (9.9) | 20 (6.6) |
| IIA | 8 (3.9) | 4 (2.8) | 12 (3.5) | 13 (4.3) |
| IIB | 11 (5.4) | 6 (4.3) | 17 (4.9) | 17 (5.6) |
| IIIA | 20 (9.9) | 14 (9.9) | 34 (9.9) | 43 (14.1) |
| IIIB | 13 (6.4) | 14 (9.9) | 27 (7.8) | 34 (11.2) |
| IV | 19 (9.4) | 73 (51.8) | 92 (26.7) | 139 (45.7) |
| Unknown | 13 (6.4) | 10 (7.1) | 23 (6.7) | 17 (5.6) |
| Histologic type‡ | | | | |
| Adenocarcinoma | 123 (60.6) | 56 (39.7) | 179 (52.0) | 133 (43.8) |
| Squamous-cell carcinoma | 39 (19.2) | 38 (27.0) | 77 (22.4) | 94 (30.9) |
| Small-cell carcinoma | 13 (6.4) | 27 (19.1) | 40 (11.6) | 46 (15.1) |
| NSCLC | 8 (3.9) | 8 (5.7) | 16 (4.7) | 13 (4.3) |
| Other | 20 (9.9) | 12 (8.5) | 32 (9.3) | 18 (5.9) |

Number Needed to Screen (NNS) to Prevent 1 Death and Compliance with Screening

| | Colon cancer | Cervical cancer | Breast cancer | Lung cancer (2015) |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Compliance (%) | 68.8% | 80.0% | 70.0% | 5.9% |
| NNS | 1,250 | 1,140 | 781 | 320 |

- ASCO daily news ([Lung Cancer Screening Remains Poor. Here's How to Increase Rates and Save Lives \(ascopubs.org\)](#))

Lopez-Olivo MA, Maki KG, Choi NJ, et al. Patient Adherence to Screening for Lung Cancer in the US: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *JAMA Netw Open.* 2020;3(11):e2025102. Published 2020 Nov 2.

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Following NLST

- In 2012 and 2013 our guidelines recommended lung cancer screening
 - 55-74 years old
 - 30 pack year smoking history
 - Currently smoking or if they have quit smoking, it has been within 15 years
- 8 million people in the US qualify for Lung Cancer Screening

Updated Screening Criteria 2021

- Age 50-80 years
- 20 pack year smoking history
- Currently smoking or having quit within the last 15 years

15 million eligible compared to the 8 million previously

Women are under-represented

41% NLST and 16% NELSON

Results suggest LDCT screening for lung cancer in women → larger reduction in lung cancer mortality







11/01/2023



How many more people will be eligible for lung cancer screening with the new ACS guideline?

- Presently about **14.3 million** people are eligible for screening under the 2021 USPSTF recommendation (**32%** of those who ever smoked)
- The 2023 ACS guideline increases the number to **19.2 million** (**43%** of those who ever smoked)

Lung cancer diagnosis and mortality beyond 15 years since quit in individuals with a 20+ pack-year history: A systematic review

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- Rates of lung cancer diagnosis (incidence) and mortality remain elevated in people who formerly smoked at ALL TIME POINTS compared to those who never smoked
- Will need to examine impact of smoking of different duration and different intensities

Observational Studies are Identifying a Substantial Number of Lung Cancer Cases Who Do Not Meet Screening Eligibility Because of YSQ

Lifetime Smoking History and Risk of Lung Cancer: Results
From the Framingham Heart Study

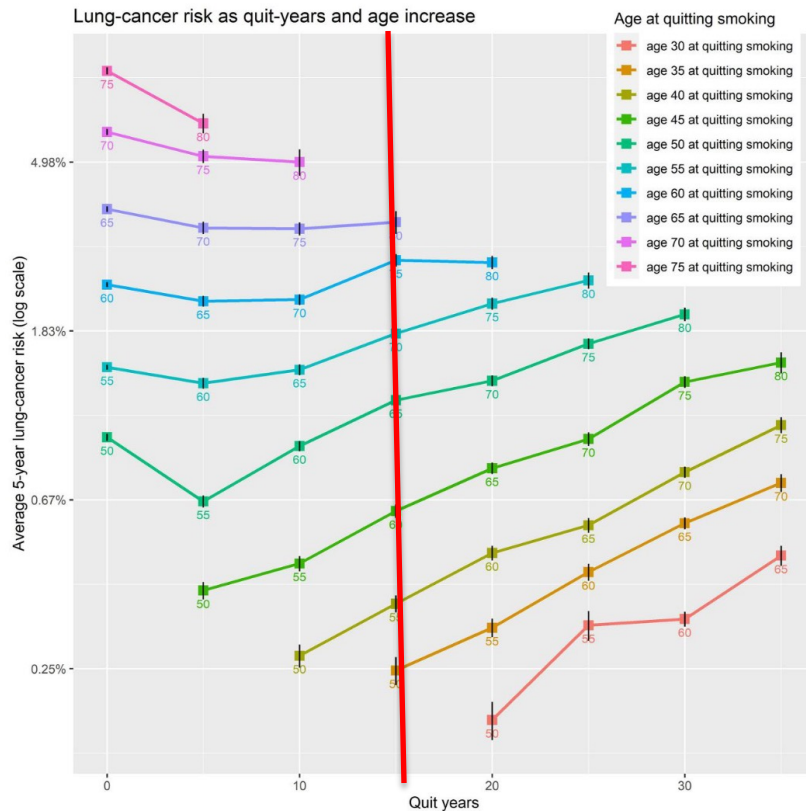
Hilary A. Tindle, Meredith Stevenson Duncan, Robert A. Greevy, Ramachandran S. Vasan,
Suman Kundu, Pierre P. Massion, Matthew S. Freiberg

- **“Notably, only about half of lung cancer cases among former and current smoking persons did not meet the current screening eligibility criteria at the time of diagnosis, including 41% who formerly smoked but had more than 15 YSQ.**

Conclusion

Persons who formerly smoked retain significant life-long risk of lung cancer. **The logic for including YSQ smoking as a criterion for lung cancer screening eligibility must be reexamined.**

Tindle, et al. JNCI 2018; DOI: 10.1093/jnci/djy041



- People who formerly smoked, lung cancer risk remains elevated even after they quit

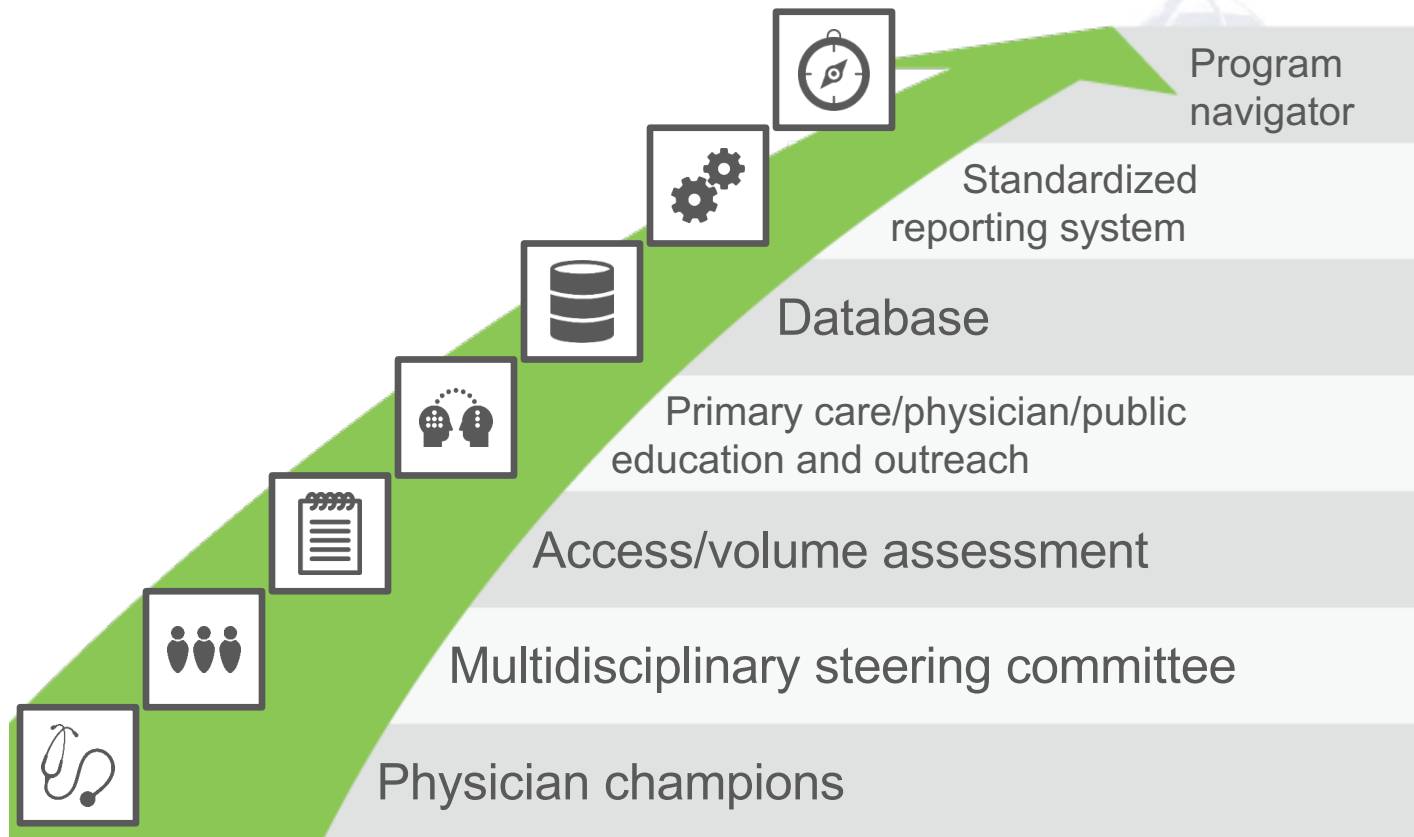
Who Supports Lung Cancer Screening?

- US Preventive Services Task Force (2021)
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (2022)
- American Academy of Family Physicians (2021)
- Centers for Medicare/Medicaid (2022)
- American Cancer Society (2023)
- American Society of Clinical Oncology (2019)
- American College of Chest Physicians (2018)
- American Association of Thoracic Surgery
- Canadian Task for on Periodic Health Examination (2016)

What Does Lung Screening Entail?



Key Lung Screening Program Elements



Shared Decision Making



Harms of the screening test
Risks of invasive procedures for benign disease
Overtreatment for indolent disease
VS.
Benefits of early detection

Charles C, Gafni A, Whelan T. Shared decision-making in the medical encounter: What does it mean? (or it takes at least two to tango). *Soc Sci Med*. 1997;44(5):681-692. Doi: 10.1016/S0277.9536(96)00221-3.

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Stacey D, Legare F, Col NF, et al. Decision aids for people facing health treatments or screening decisions. *Cochrane Data Base Syst Rev*. 2014;1. Doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD001431.pub4.

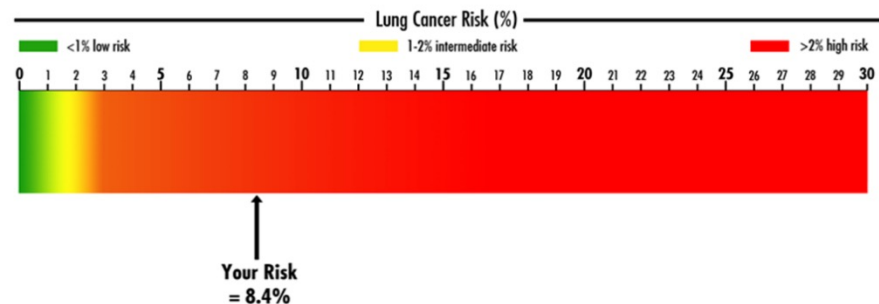
Example lung cancer risk calculator



Given your age and smoking history, you are **eligible** for screening according to the US Preventive Services Task Force criteria.



The chance of you developing lung cancer in the next 6 years is 8.4%. Talk to your doctor about the option to screen or not to screen as s/he will understand your situation best.



<http://www.shouldscreen.com/lung-cancer-risk-calculator-1/>

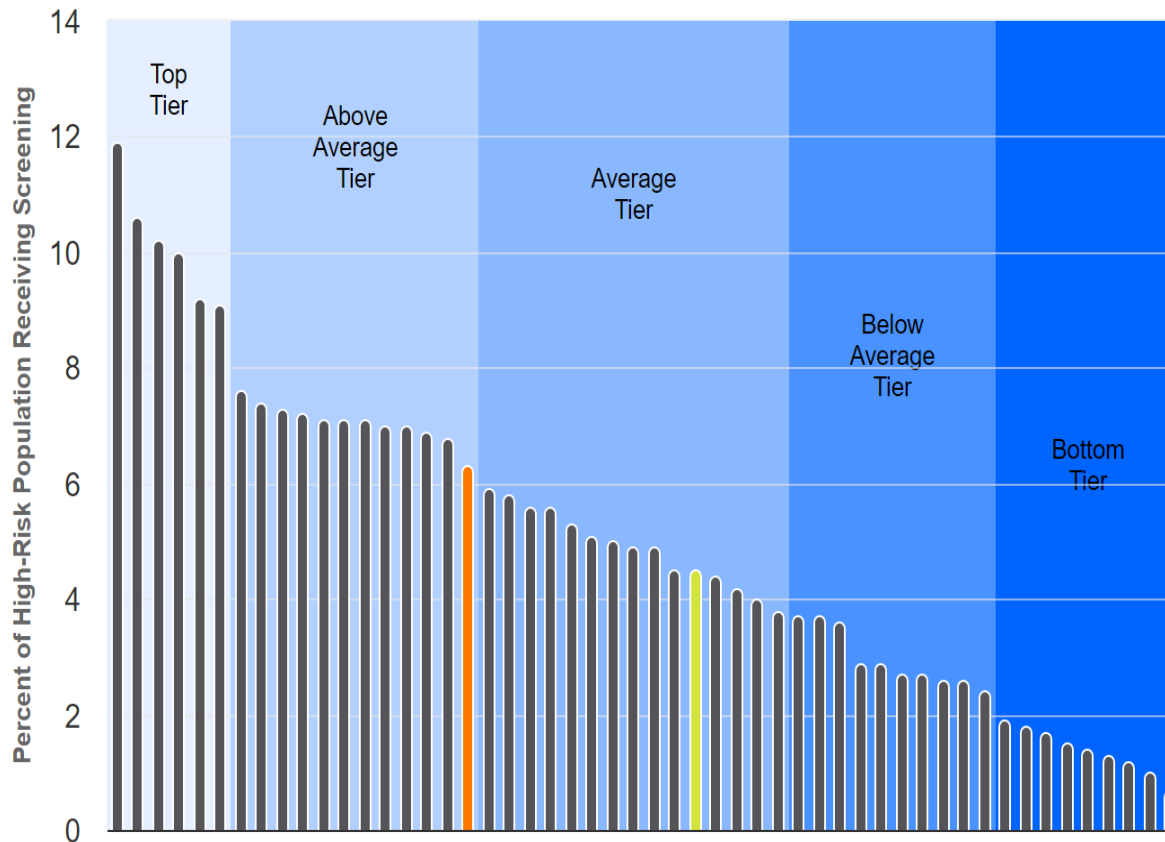
How Well Do We Do with Cancer Screening?

- 2021 National Health Interview Survey screening for eligible patients:
 - Breast: 75.7%
 - Cervical : 75.2%
 - Colorectal: 72.2%
- American Lung Association 2022 report:
 - Lung cancer: **5.8%** of eligible patients are screened

Screening



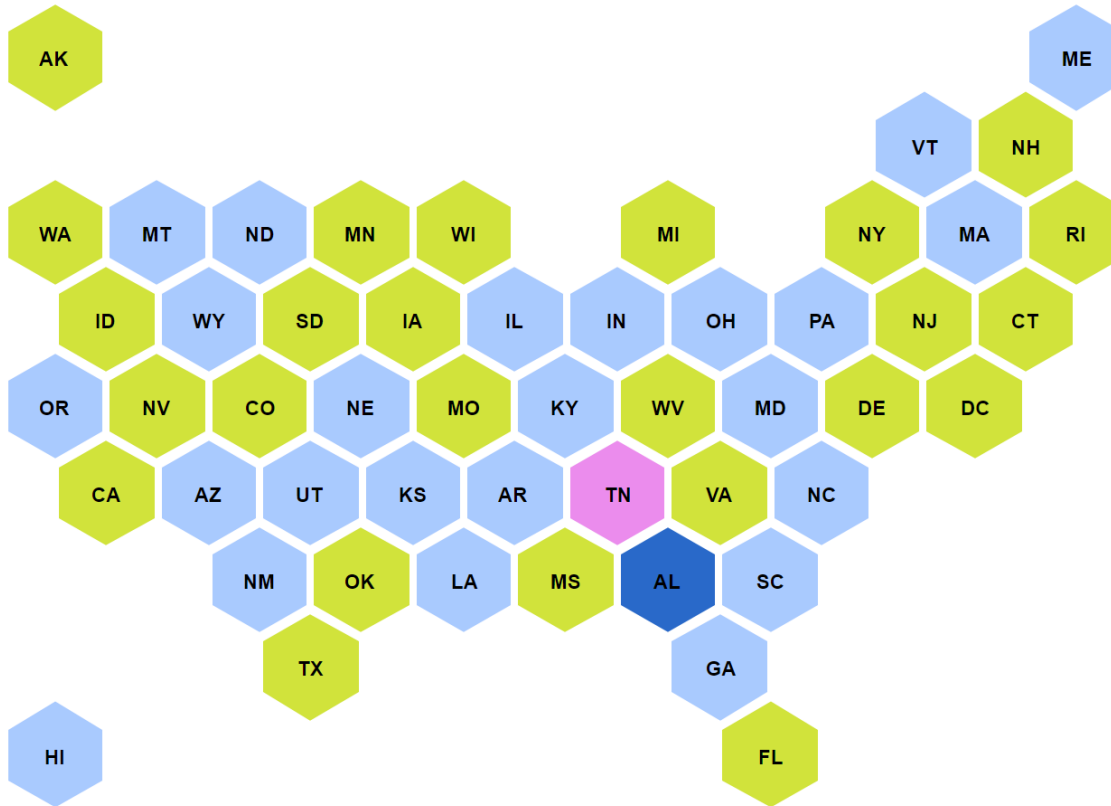
State Ranking by High-Risk Screening Rate



Screening for High Risk:

- In Delaware, **6.3%** of those at high risk were screened, which was **significantly higher** than the national rate of 4.5%.
- It ranks **18th** among all states, placing it in the **above average tier**.
- Actual screening rates may be higher in states with large, regional managed care providers that did not share screening data.

Coverage of Lung Cancer Screening in State Medicaid Fee-for-Service Programs ☰



- No Fee-for-Service Program
- Not Covered
- Covered and Using Updated Guidelines
- Covered
- Not Available

Medicaid Coverage:

- Delaware was one of the 49 states whose Medicaid fee-for-service programs covered lung cancer screening as of October 2023.
- In addition, their program used recommended guidelines for determining eligibility and did not require prior authorization or copays.

Stage and 5 Year Survival Rate

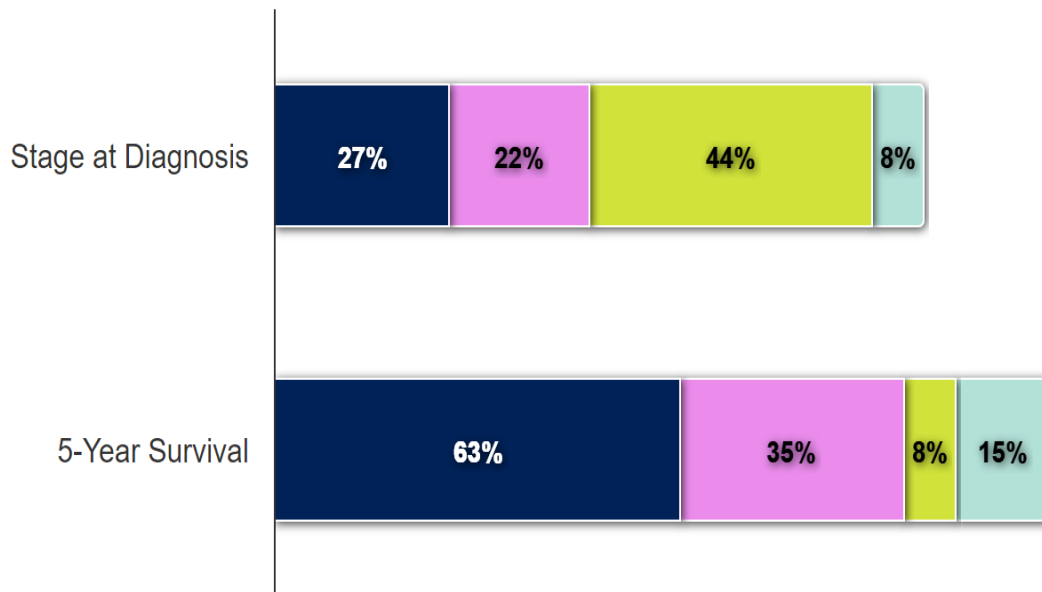


National Stage at Diagnosis and 5-Year Survival Rate



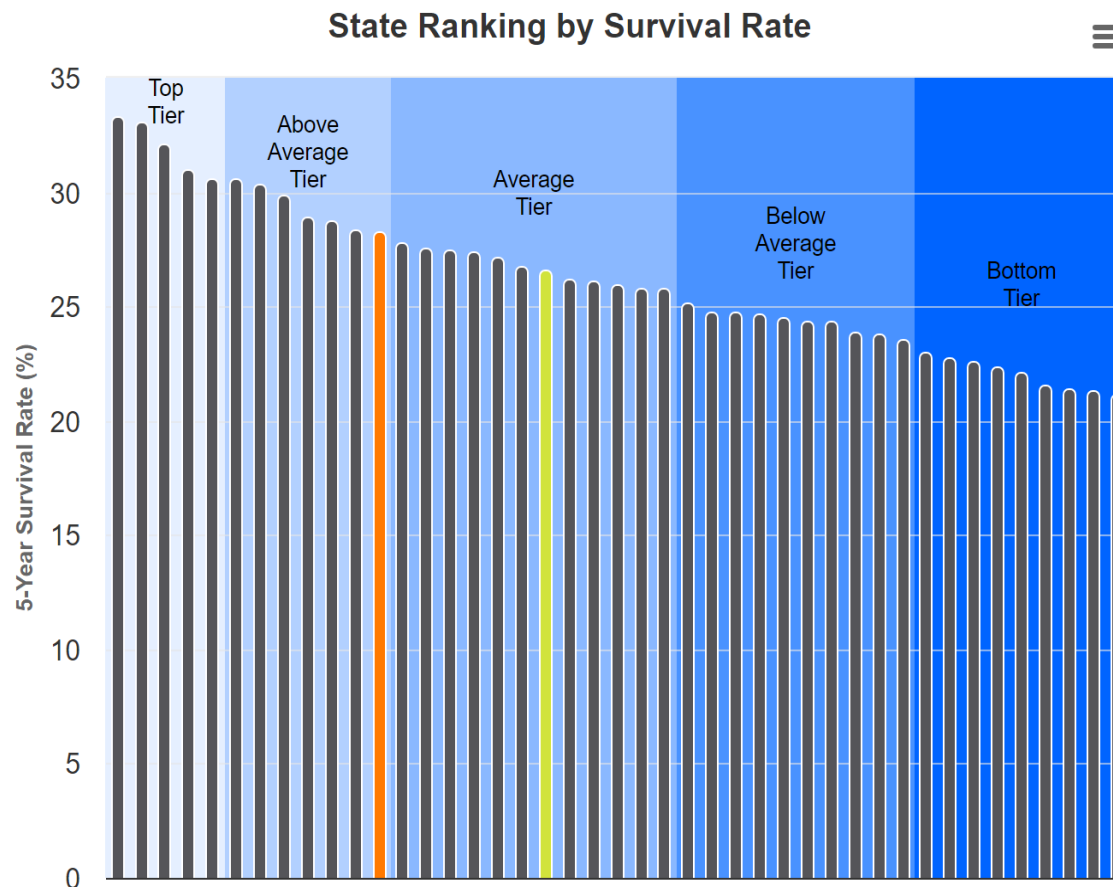
Early Diagnosis:

- **28.4%** of cases are caught at an early stage, which is **significantly higher** than the national rate of 26.6%.
- It ranks **10th** among the 47 states with data on diagnosis at an early stage, placing it in the **above average tier**.
- Over the last five years, the early diagnosis rate in Delaware did not change significantly.



- Early (Localized - confined to primary site)
- Regional (spread to regional lymph nodes)
- Distant (cancer has metastasized)
- Unstaged tumors

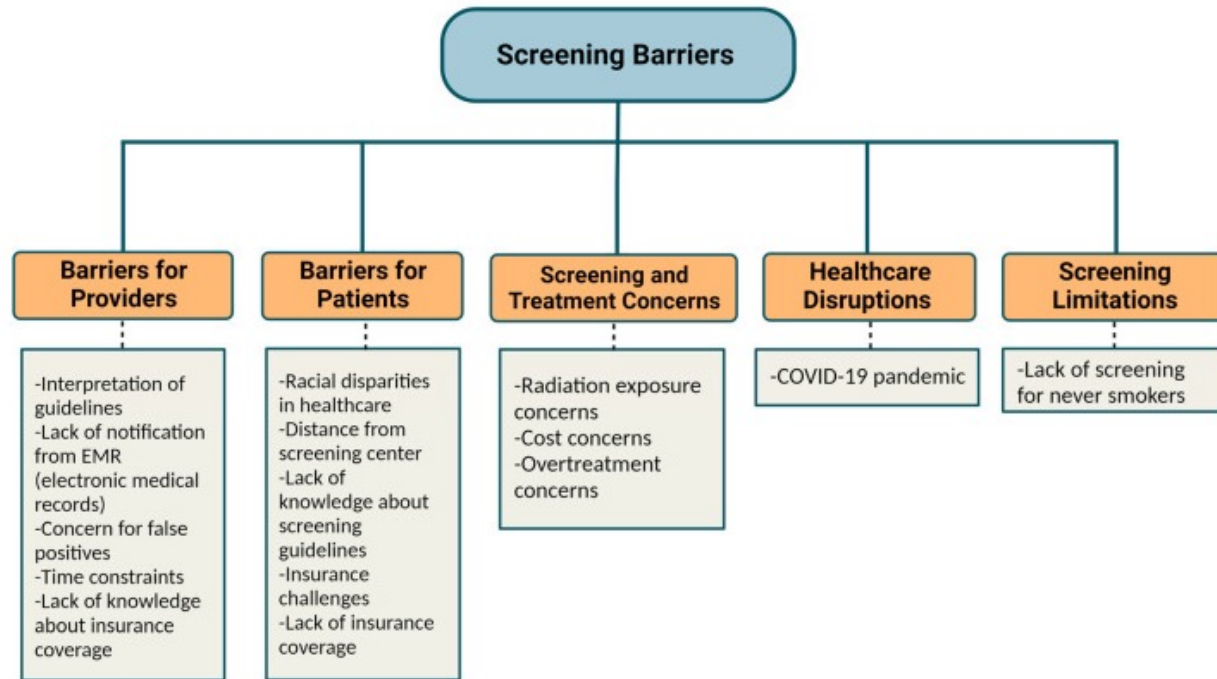
Lung Cancer Survival



5-Year Survival Rate:

- The percent of people alive five years after being diagnosed with lung cancer (the survival rate) in Delaware is **28.3%**, which is not significantly different than the national rate of 26.6%
- It ranks **12th** among the 42 states with survival data, placing it in the **average tier**.
- Over the last five years, the survival rate in Delaware **improved** by **31%**.

Challenges to Screening in Early-Stage Lung Cancer



Zarinshenas, Amini, et al. *Cancers*. March 2023



Research Letter | Surgery

Eligibility for Lung Cancer Screening Among Women Receiving Screening for Breast Cancer

Ashley L. Titan, MD; Ioana Baiu, MD, MPH; Doug Liou, MD; Natalie S. Lui, MD; Mark Berry, MD; Joseph Shrager, MD; Leah Backhus, MD, MPH

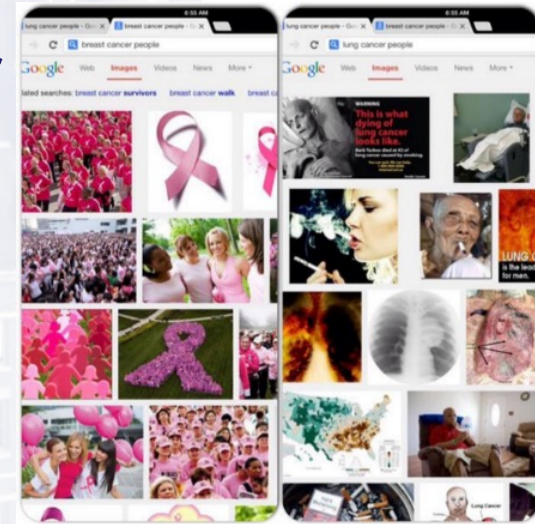
Table 2. Clinicians Ordering Lung Cancer Screening for Eligible Participants

| Specialty | Clinicians, No. (%) | | P value |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| | Ordered mammogram | Ordered LCS | |
| Primary care | 30 (85.7) | 21 (60.0) | <.001 |
| Pulmonology | 0 | 10 (28.6) | |
| Obstetrics and gynecology | 3 (8.6) | 0 | |
| Other ^a | 2 (5.7) | 4 (11.4) | |

JAMA Network Open. 2022;5(9):e2233840. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.33840

Lung Cancer Screening is Different Due to Stigma Associated with Smoking

- Many of those eligible don't get screened
- Healthcare professionals and patients unaware of option for LCS
- Former smokers especially unaware of their risk
- Time constraints
- Low use shared decision making in clinical practice
- Stigma associated with smoking
- Reimbursement
- Who orders the screening test?
- Misinformation
- Terminology



Physician Recommendation Primary Reason for Getting Screened

Baseline: Lung Screening and Lung Cancer Characteristics

| | Usual Care (N=46) | Telephone Counseling (N=46) |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lung Screening history (% yes) | 47.8% | 39.1% |
| Primary reasons for screening | | |
| Doctor recommendation | 82.6% | 82.2% |
| Peace of mind about lung cancer | 80.4% | 84.4% |
| Personal History of Cancer (e.g., skin, prostate, breast) | 26.7% | 26.7% |
| Family History of Lung Cancer | 34.8% | 44.4% |
| Perceived worry about developing LC (% very much/extremely) | 45.6% | 44.5% |
| Perceived risk about developing LC (% higher/much higher risk than others) | 50% | 48.9% |

No significant group differences

JOURNAL ARTICLE

A qualitative study exploring patient motivations for screening for lung cancer

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PLoS One 2018, 13 (7): e0196758



BACKGROUND: Low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) of the chest for lung cancer screening of heavy smokers was given a 'B' rating by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) in 2013, and gained widespread insurance coverage in the U.S. in 2015. Lung cancer screening has since had low uptake. However, for those that do choose to screen, little is known about patient motivations for completing screening in real-world practice.

OBJECTIVE: To explore the motivations for screening-eligible patients to screen for lung cancer.

METHODS: Semi-structured qualitative interviews were conducted with 20 LDCT screen-completed men and women who were members of an integrated mixed-model healthcare system in Washington State. From June to September 2015, participants were recruited and individual interviews performed about motivations to screen for lung cancer. Audio-recorded interviews were transcribed and analyzed using inductive content analysis by three investigators.

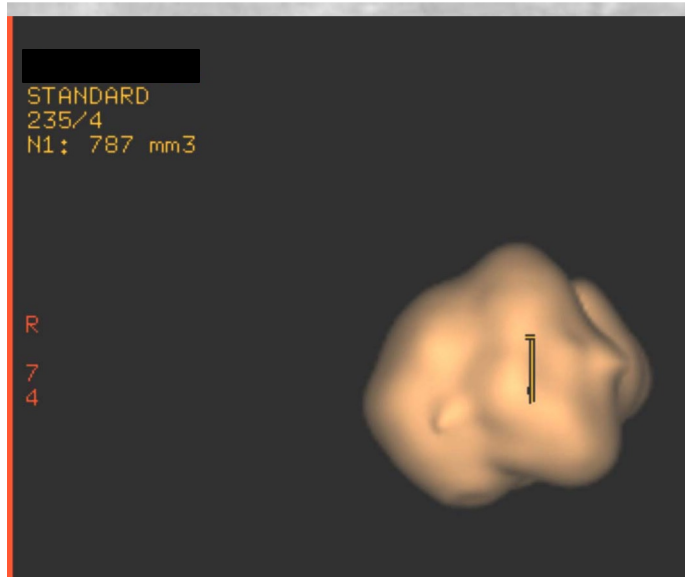
RESULTS: Four primary themes emerged as motivations for completing LDCT lung cancer screening: 1) trust in the referring clinician; 2) early-detection benefit; 3) low or limited harm perception; and 4) friends or family with advanced cancer.

CONCLUSION: Participants in our study were primarily motivated to screen for lung cancer based on perceived benefit of early-detection, absence of safety concerns, and personal relationships. Our findings provide new insights about patient motivations to screen, and can potentially be used to improve lung cancer screening uptake and shared decision-making processes.

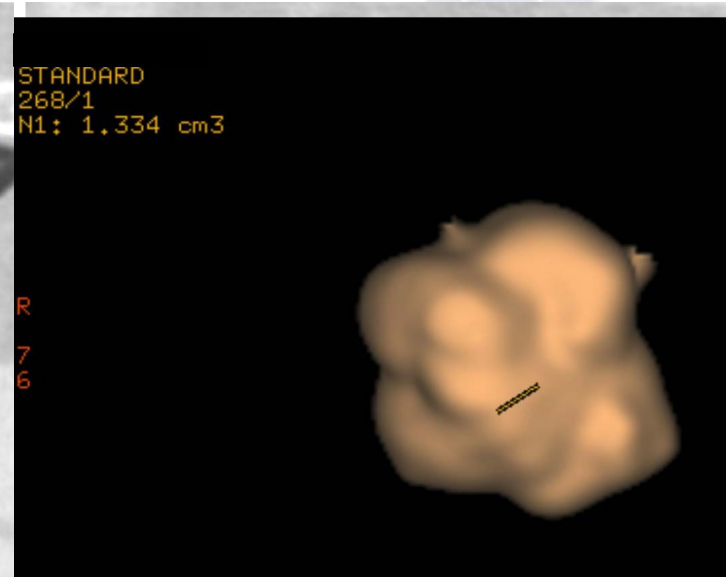
Screening for Non-Smokers

- Taiwan Lung Cancer Screening for Never-Smoker Trial (TALENT)
 - Positive family history of lung cancer is a significant contributor to lung cancer risk in never-smokers
 - In Taiwan, 53% of lung cancer deaths occur in never-smokers
 - 12,011 never-smoking individuals aged 55 to 75 years with a high-risk feature (family history of lung cancer, history of chronic lung disease, cooking without ventilation, and cooking with high intensity of frying)
 - 73.8% of the study population were women
- Prevalence of lung cancer (6 year follow-up): 2.6%
- Patients with family history of lung cancer: 3.2%

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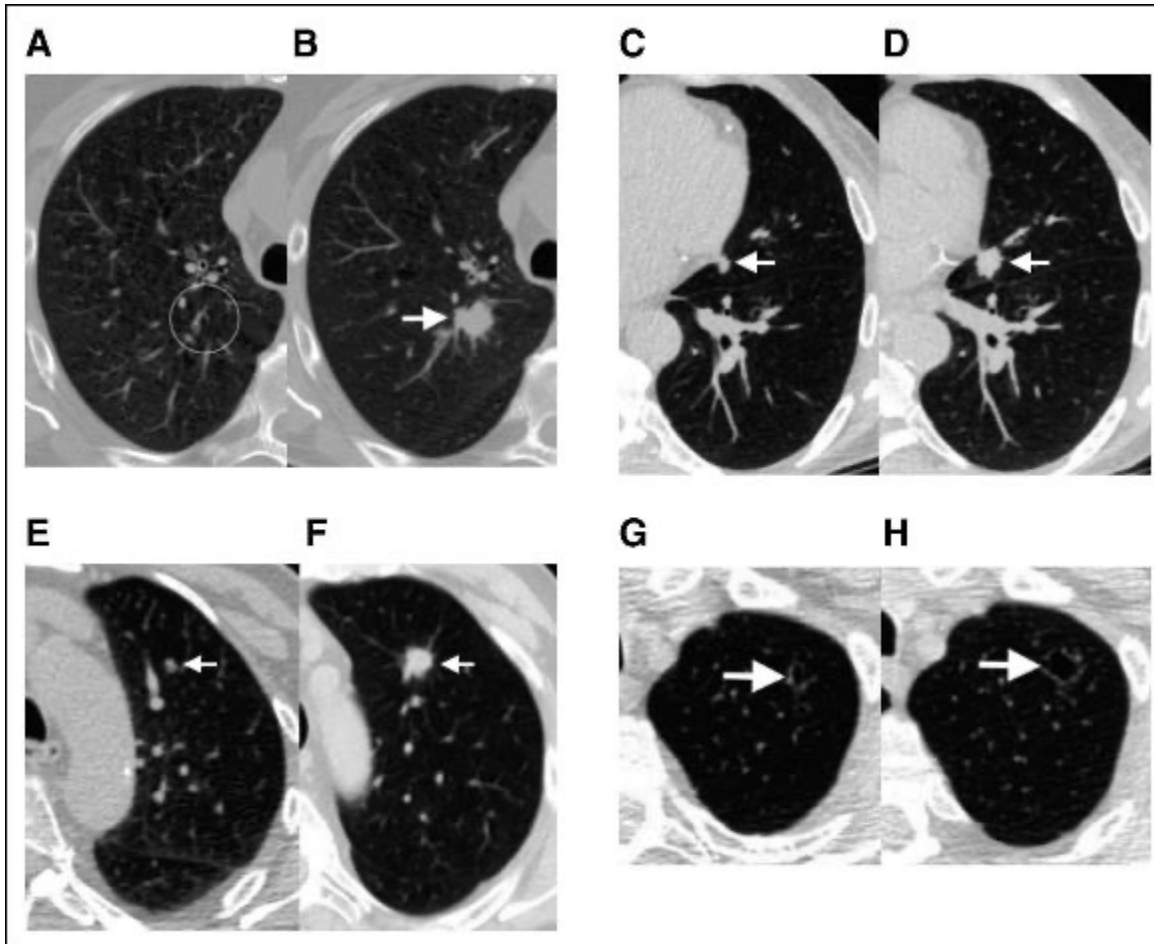


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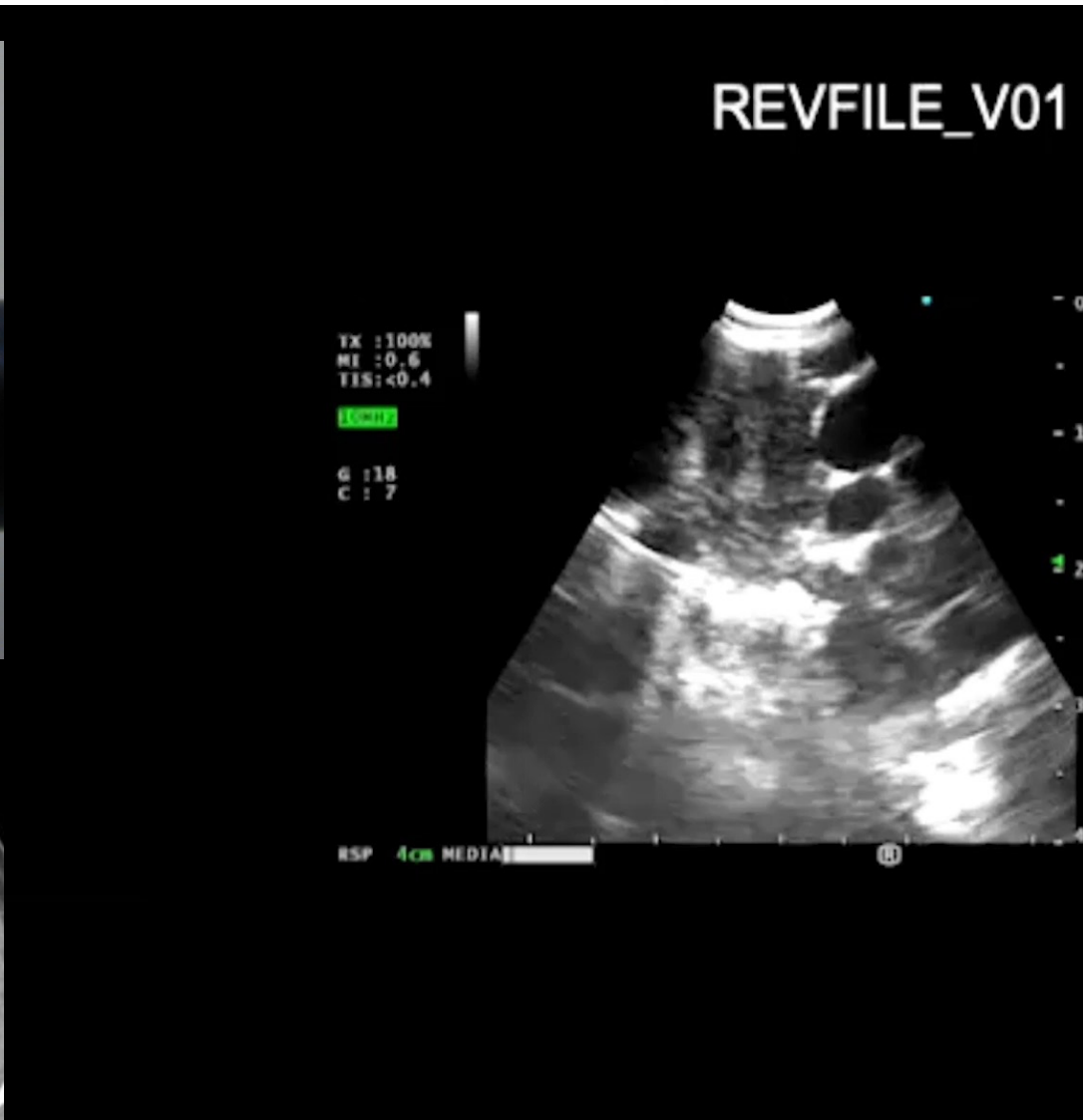
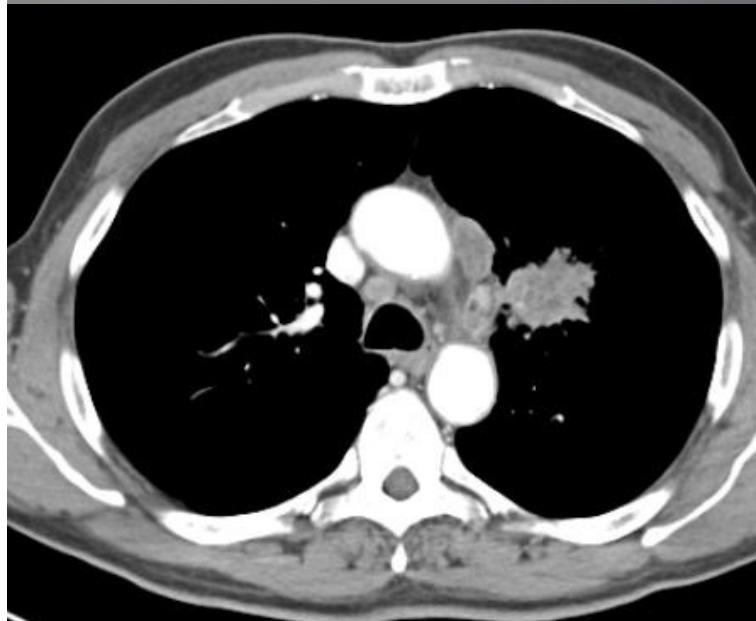
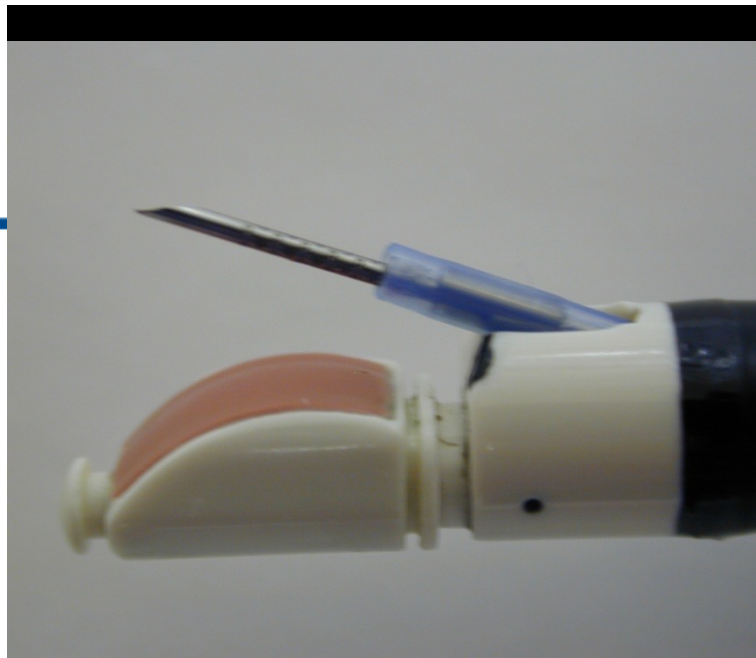
AI might change everything



Sybil: A Validated Deep Learning Model to Predict Future Lung Cancer Risk From a Single Low-Dose Chest Computed Tomography



- Benign appearing (Lung-RADS 1 or 2) nodules that were given high AI risk scores and ultimately found to be cancer

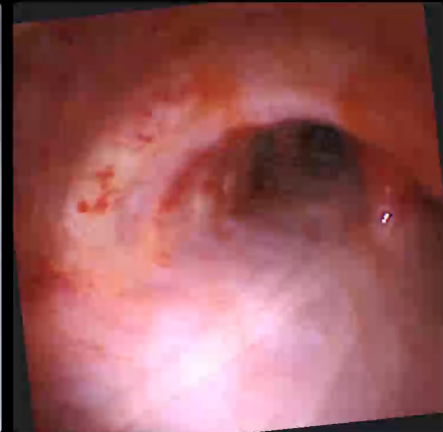
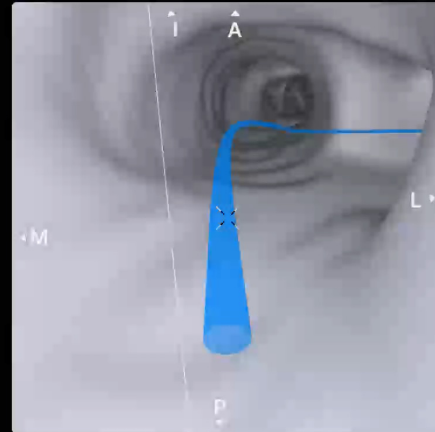




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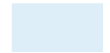
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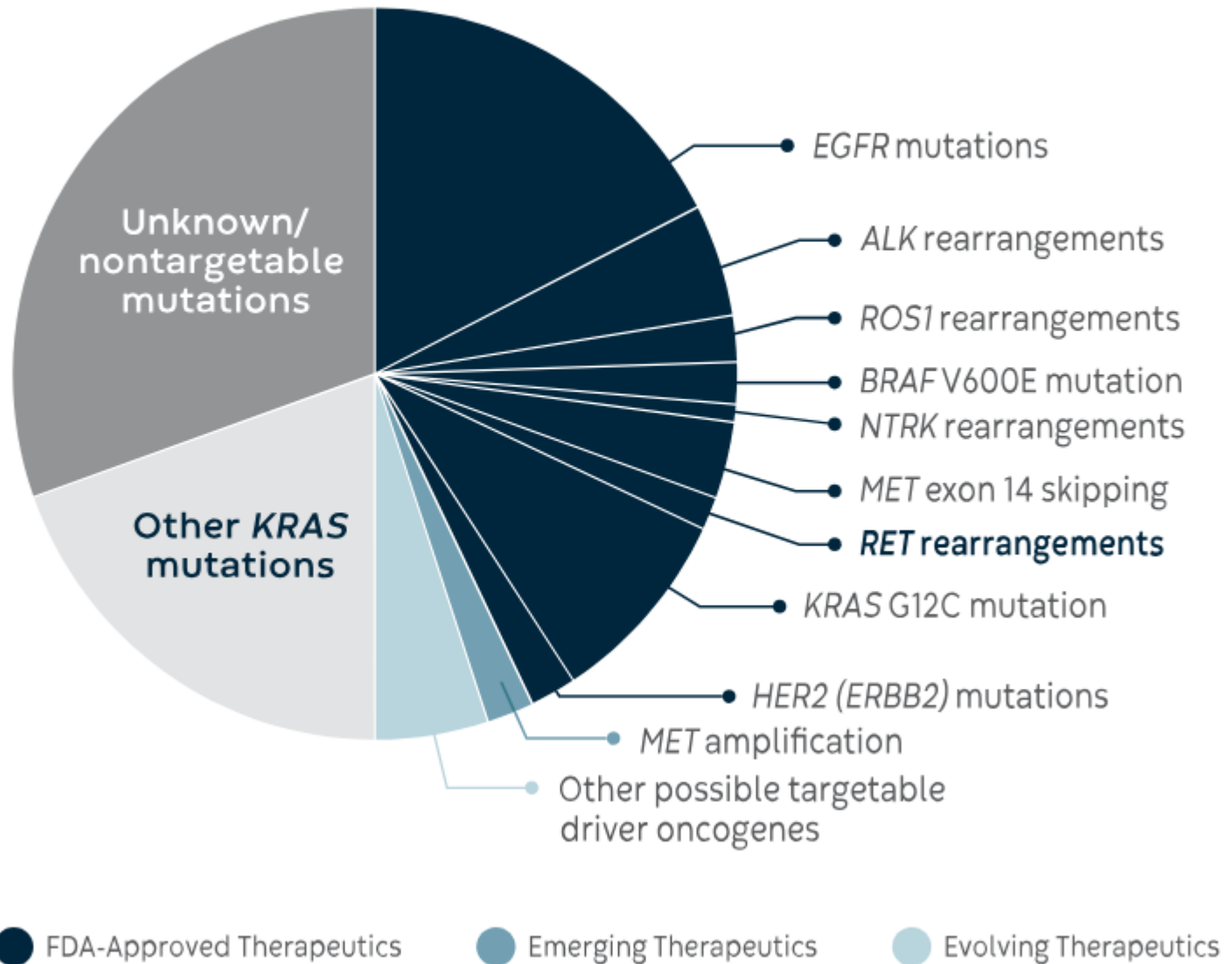
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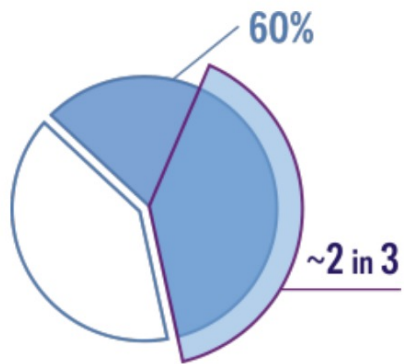
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BIOMARKERS ARE COMMON IN NSCLC

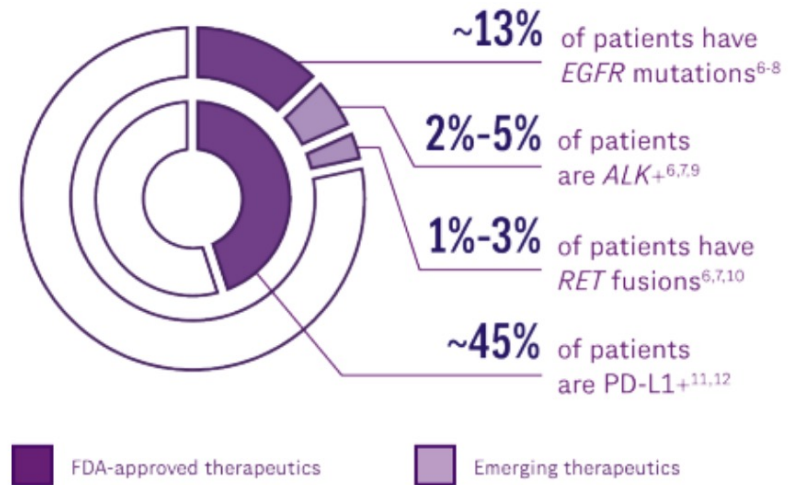
METASTATIC NSCLC (mNSCLC) NONSQUAMOUS



MORE THAN 60% of patients have **oncogenic drivers**—and of these patients, about 2 in 3 have an actionable biomarker^{1-5a}

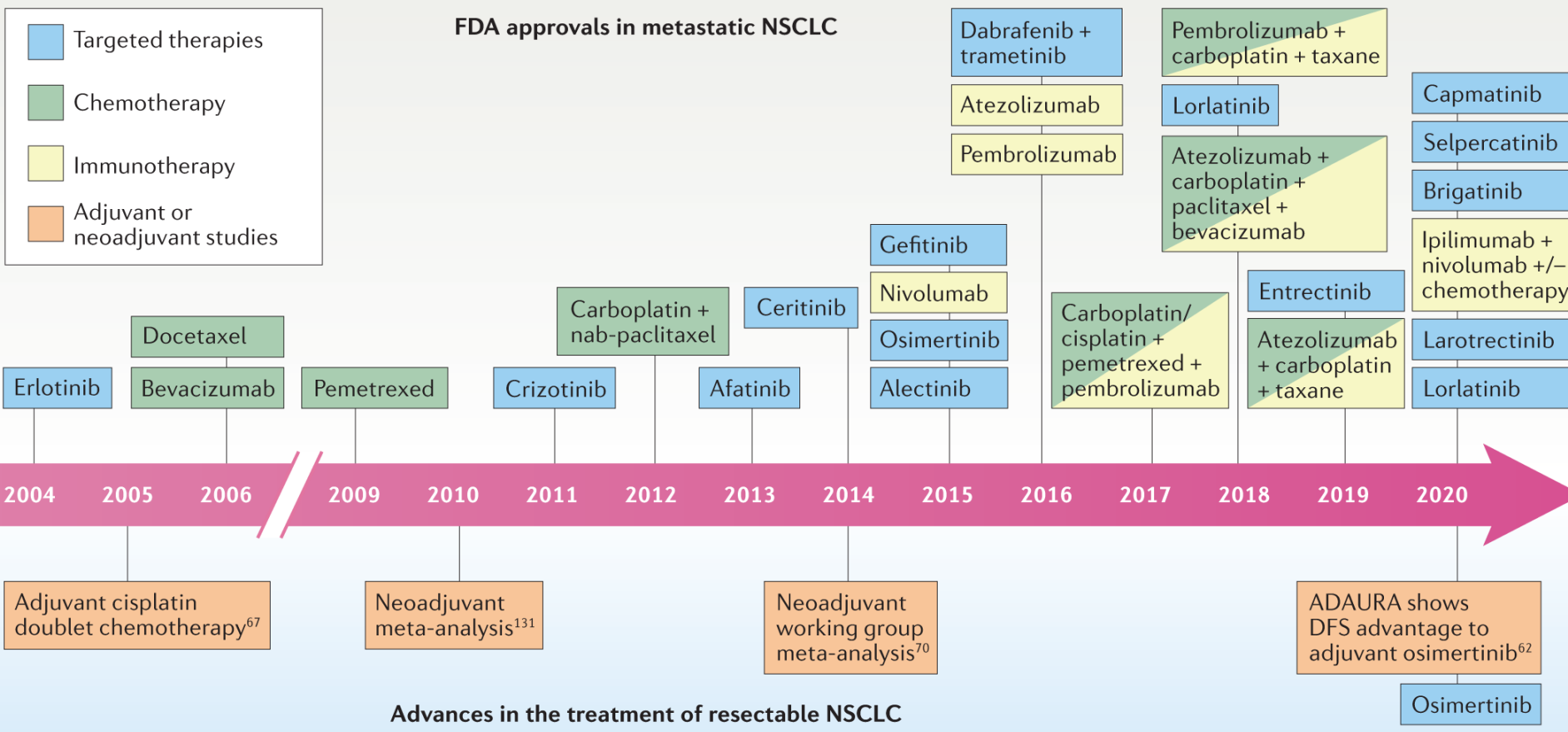
^aRegardless of PD-L1 expression.

STAGES I-III NSCLC



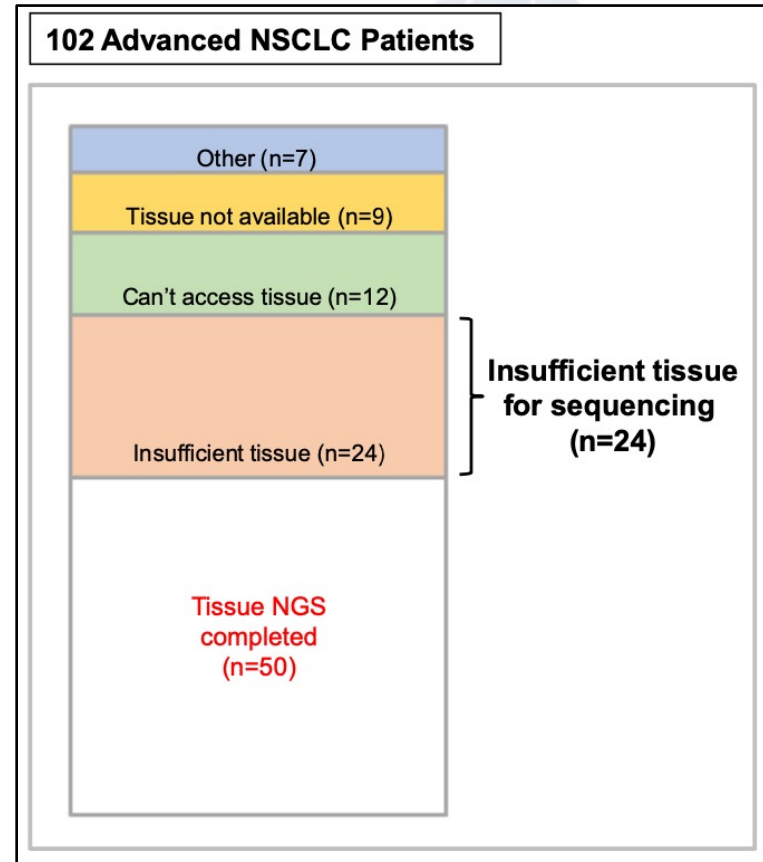
Evolving biomarkers include:

- BRAF¹³
- MET¹⁴
- NTRK¹³
- ROS1¹³



So what's the problem?

- Guidelines now advocate for mutation screening as standard of care
- Lung cancer diagnosis was historically obtained from solid tissue biopsy alone
- There are limitations with solid tissue sampling:
 - Invasiveness
 - May be difficult to obtain
 - Patients may require repeated invasive procedures following disease progression
 - May have insufficient tissue for detailed sequencing analysis



Delaware



| Rate of New Cases | Survival Rate | Early Diagnosis | Surgical Treatment | Lack of Treatment | Screening |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Average | Above Average | Above Average | Average | Average | Above Average |

Fee-For-Service Medicaid Coverage of Screening

Covered and Using Updated Guidelines

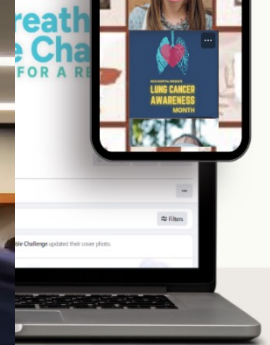
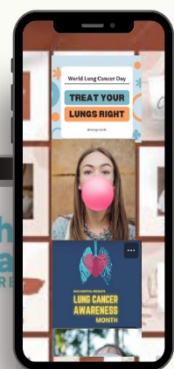
Highlighted Disparity

Black individuals in Delaware are least likely to be diagnosed early.

<https://www.lung.org/research/state-of-lung-cancer/states/delaware>



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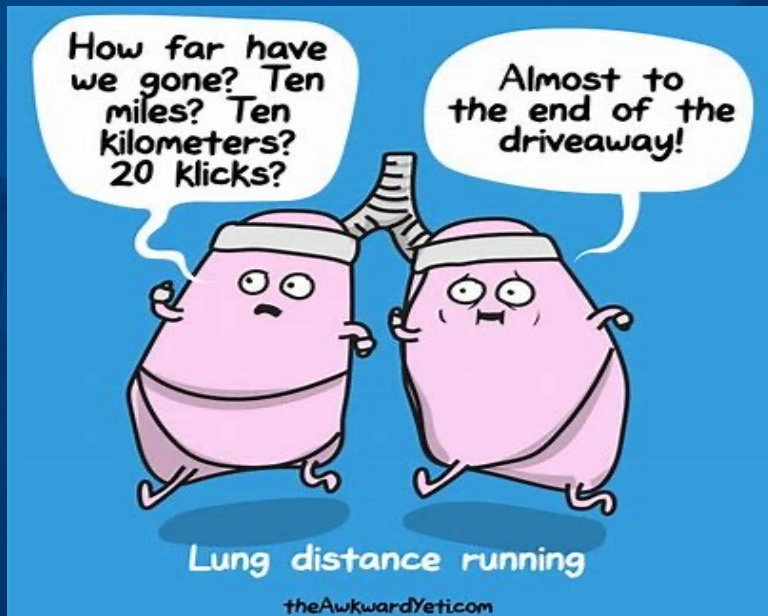
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Conclusions

- Creative programs can help with smoking cessation
- Early detection for lung cancer is possible with low dose CT screening AND WILL SAVE LIVES
- Many reasons why lung screening has not been well-adopted
- Risk factors such as family history, radon exposure, second hand smoke exposure may help to create a stratification score that will better identify who to screen
- Although lung cancer treatments are improving survival, biomarker testing is critical and under-utilized
- Blood assays to look for biomarkers
- Education, awareness and research efforts

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