

Tear off the attached card and bring to your physician to discuss the advantages of lung cancer screening.

LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Ask your physician about ordering this test:

Low Dose CT Scan

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Criteria (see definitions to the left):

- Age: 55-77
- Active Smoker
- Former Smoker
- NO General Health/Other Exclusions*

Indication: Low Dose CT Lung Screening

HCPCS code: G0297

For CMS coverage, ICD-10 code Z87.891
(personal history of tobacco use)

(Healthcare Provider's Signature Required)

Date: ____/____/____

Once signed, call: Lowell General Hospital Central
Scheduling Department at 978-937-6023

*General Health/Other Exclusions

(please discuss these with your doctor):

- Metallic implants or devices in the chest or back.
- Treated for pneumonia in the last three months.
- Recent history of hemoptysis (coughing up blood).
- Unexpected weight loss (greater than 15 pounds) in the last year.
- CT scan of the chest in the last 12 months.



Lung Screening Locations

Lowell General Hospital Main Campus

295 Varnum Avenue, Lowell, MA
Phone: 978-937-6000

Lowell General Hospital Saints Campus

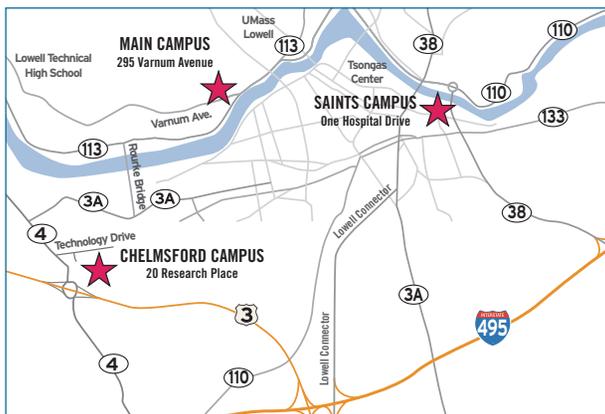
1 Hospital Drive, Lowell, MA
Phone: 978-458-1411

Lowell General Hospital Chelmsford Campus

10 Research Place, North Chelmsford, MA
Phone : 978-275-1300

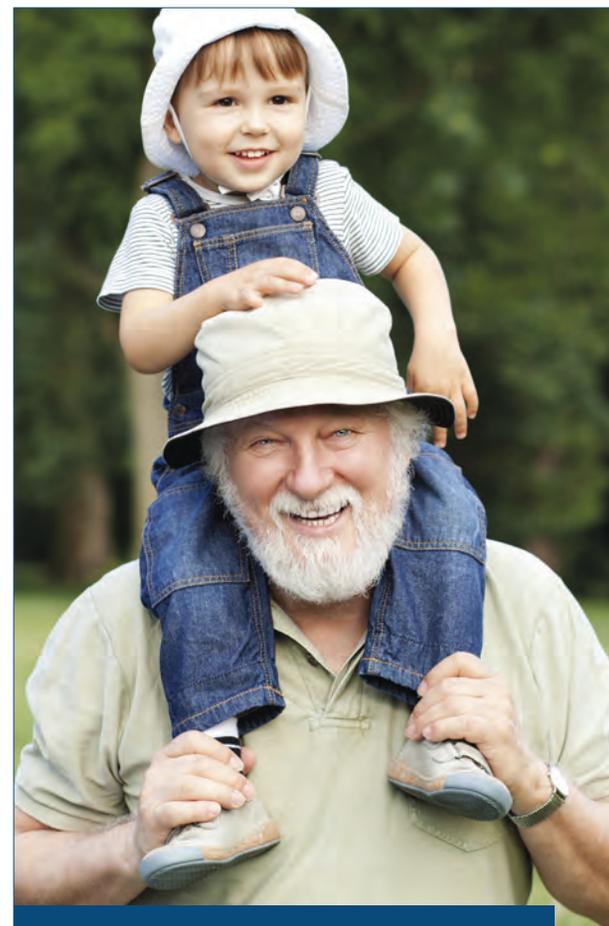
For directions visit:

www.lowellgeneral.org/go/maps-and-directions.



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Lowell General Hospital Lung Cancer Screening

*This exam takes just minutes
— and can give you a lifetime.*



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Early Detection is Key

Are you one of the thousands of Americans who is at risk for developing lung cancer? According to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer – more than colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined. When detected in its earliest stages, lung cancer can be treatable.



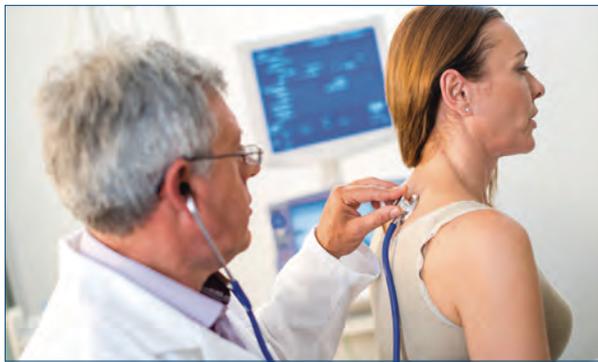
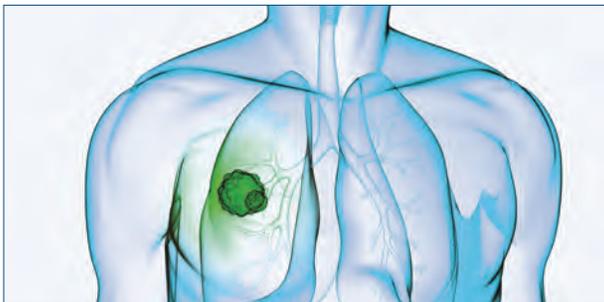
Lowell General Hospital is accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR®) as a Designated Lung Cancer Screening Center. In earning this designation, Lowell General Hospital meets the quality and safety benchmarks the ACR has determined to be the hallmarks of an effective lung cancer screening program, demonstrates commitment to high quality care, and signifies to patients and payers that screening exams are provided in a safe and effective manner.

What is Lung Cancer?

Lung cancer is cancer that occurs in several kinds of cells in the lung. As with other cancers, lung cancer happens when abnormal cells grow out of control - either forming a tumor or spreading to other parts of the body. Studies have shown that 9 out of 10 lung cancers can be detected by screening before symptoms appear.

Know Your Risk Factors

Smoking is the biggest risk factor for lung cancer. About 85 percent of lung cancers are caused by smoking. The risk of developing lung cancer increases with the amount a person smokes and the length of time a person smokes. The risk of lung cancer also increases as people get older. Most lung cancers occur in people 55 and older.



Benefits of Screening

Reduced risk of developing lung cancer — When done annually, Low Dose CT has been proven to provide a significant reduction in lung cancer deaths among high risk patients.

Increased treatment options — Early lung cancer may be removable with surgery. The most common type — non-small cell lung cancer, can sometimes be cured if found early enough. Advanced lung cancers have often spread beyond the lungs and are inoperable.

Risk Factors

If you have one or more of the following risk factors, you may benefit from a lung cancer screening:

- 55 to 77 years old who have smoked at least a pack a day for 30 years or two packs a day for 15 years
- Current smoker
- Have quit smoking in the past 15 years, and are in relatively good health
- Do not have any general health/other exclusions

Adults between 55 and 77 years old who are at high risk for lung cancer because they are current heavy smokers or have quit within the past 15 years should be screened every year.

How Do I Schedule a Lung Cancer Screening?

Make an appointment with your primary care physician to have an informed discussion on the potential benefits, limitations and possible risks of having a lung cancer screening scan. After reviewing and discussing the criteria, your physician will determine if you are a candidate for a lung cancer screening.

Your physician's office may schedule the exam or you may call Lowell General Hospital at 978-937-6023 to schedule your screening.

Is the Screening Covered by Insurance?

The CT scan for lung cancer is considered part of a normal yearly screening for patients that meet age and smoking criteria. Patients should consult with their insurance provider about coverage.

What Can I Expect During an Exam?

The process is done with a machine that produces a Low Dose CT (Computed Tomography) scan of the chest. Since CT scans are very sensitive, they can show both cancerous and non-cancerous areas. A good analogy would be to think of your body as being a loaf of bread and every 'slice' would be a picture on the CT exam. The test involves you lying on a table and moving in and out of a donut shaped hole. X-rays and computers generate the final images for a Radiologist to view or 'read'. The test takes just minutes to perform.

What if Something Abnormal Shows up on My Scan?

The CT scan, in addition to cancerous cells, can also detect other abnormalities which require follow-up. Lowell General Hospital has a team of specialists that will provide the appropriate follow up with your physician and recommended course of care.