

Lung Cancer Screening

What is the purpose of these questions?

Lung cancer screening, unlike screening for other types of cancer, has only been shown to benefit those who are at high risk. These questions help us measure risk and determine the degree to which screening might help reduce your risk of dying from lung cancer.

Will my insurance pay for lung cancer screening?

The U.S. Preventives Services Task Force (USPSTF), the government body that evaluates cancer screening tools, recommends lung cancer screening for people age 55-80 who have smoked at least 30 pack years, and are either current smokers or quit within the last 15 years. Under the Affordable Care Act, the USPSTF recommendation requires private insurance companies to include the service as an essential covered benefit. You should check with your health insurance plan to determine if this is a covered service for you.

In addition, Medicare, which provides health care benefits to those 65 and older, will cover lung screenings for people age 55-77 who have smoked at least 30 pack years and are either current smokers or quit within the last 15 years.

If a nodule or abnormality is found, any follow up or testing will be subject to coverage details of your insurance plan. At this office visit you will also be provided with resources for smoking cessation if you have not already stopped.

How will I know if I qualify for screening?

We will contact you to arrange your screening appointments with a team of screening specialists.

What else should I know about screening?

Lung cancer screening is a process, not a single test. To realize the greatest benefit of screening (reducing your chances of dying from lung cancer) you must adhere to your doctors directions regarding screening and smoking cessation.

I have read the above criteria and I am interested in having a lung cancer screening evaluation.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please complete the questionnaire on the back and return it to the Nurse Navigator at lungcancerscreening@metrogr.org or mail it to the Lung Cancer Screening Clinic at the Pulmonology Office.

Please visit our website for more detailed information metrohealth.net/pulmonology/lung-cancer-screening-clinic/

Lung Cancer Screening – Clinic Intake Questionnaire

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address (optional) _____

Age _____ Height (in) _____ Weight (lbs) _____

Highest Education Level (Optional) _____

Do you have any family history of lung cancer? Yes No

Has a doctor ever told you that you have COPD or emphysema? Yes No

Have you had a chest X-Ray or chest CT within the last 3 years? Yes No

Do you currently smoke cigarettes? (Skip the next questions if you have never smoked) Yes No

How many years, total, have you smoked? (Even if you have quit) _____

What is the average number of packs you smoke(d) per day? _____

If you have quit, how long as it been since you quit (in years)? _____

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Will my insurance pay for lung cancer screening?

Lung cancer screening for individuals at high risk is an essential covered benefit under the Affordable Care Act. Medicare will also cover screening for those who meet their criteria. Check with your health insurance plan to determine coverage.

How will I know if I qualify for screening?

We will contact you to arrange your screening appointment, with a team of specialists. To help you better understand your personal risk for lung cancer and the risks and benefits of screening, there is a decision aid available at www.shouldiscreen.com.

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