Lung Cancer: How common is it?
- Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women and the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women in the U.S.
- It accounts for about 13% of all new cancers in both men and women.
- For smokers the risk of lung cancer is much higher than in non-smokers.

What is Lung Cancer?
- Lung cancer is a cancer that starts in the lungs.
- Lung cancers are thought to develop over many years.
- Lung cancers can start in the cells lining the bronchi and parts of the lungs such as bronchioles or alveoli.

Two main types of Lung Cancer:
Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)
- About 85% of all lung cancers are NSCLC.
- If a lung cancer has characteristics of both types it is called a mixed small cell/large cell cancer (not common)

Causes of Lung Cancer:
- Smoking is by far the leading cause of lung cancer.
- About 87% of lung cancer deaths in men and 70% in women are thought to be caused by smoking.
- Many others are caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.
- There are other known causes of lung cancer, but they are much less common.

Preventing Lung Cancer:
- The best way for most people to reduce their risk of lung cancer is not to smoke and to avoid breathing in other people's smoke.
- Talk with your local EPA office about home testing
- Avoid exposure to known cancer-causing chemicals
- Follow a healthy diet

Lung cancer screening:
- Screening is the use of tests or exams to find a disease in people without symptoms of that disease.

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