The Epidemiology of Lung Cancer: What We Know and How We Can Do Better

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RISK FACTORS

Risk Factors for Lung Cancer

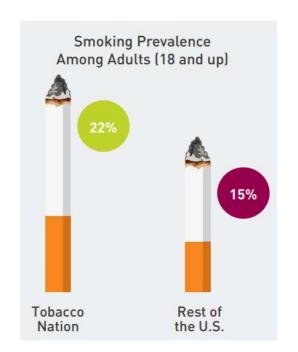
- Smoking
- Secondhand smoke
- Radon
- Other environmental substances
- Personal or family history of lung cancer
- Prior radiation to chest wall

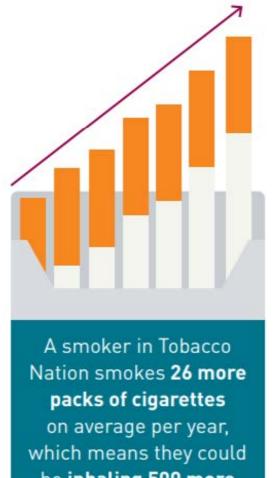


Tobacco Nation



CIGARETTE PACKS ON **AVERAGE ARE** CHEAPER IN TOBACCO NATION





be inhaling 500 more cigarettes than the average smoker in the rest of the U.S.

Resource: Tobacco Nation The Deadly State of Smoking Disparity in the United States

One out of Five People with Lung Cancer Never Smoked



Lung Cancer Statistics

Lung Cancer in the United States

Lung and bronchus cancer represents 13.2% of all new cancer cases in the U.S.



Estimated Number of Newly Diagnosed Lung Cancer Cases per Year:

222,500

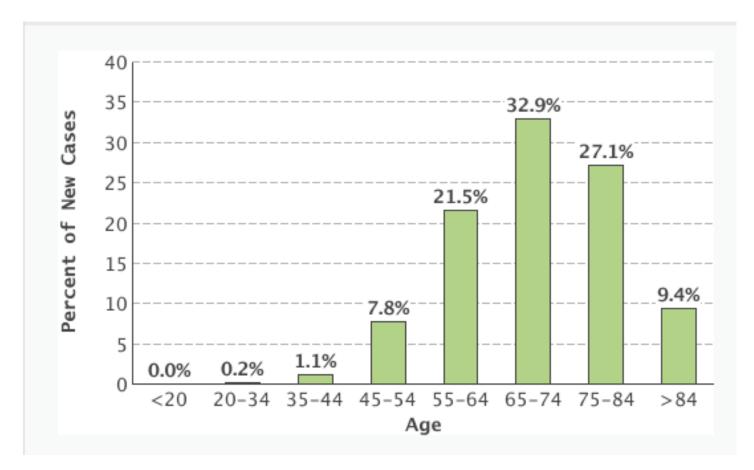
SEER 18 2010-2014, All Races, Both Sexes

Number of New Cases per 100,000 by Race/Ethnicity & Sex



SEER 18 2010-2014, Age-adjusted

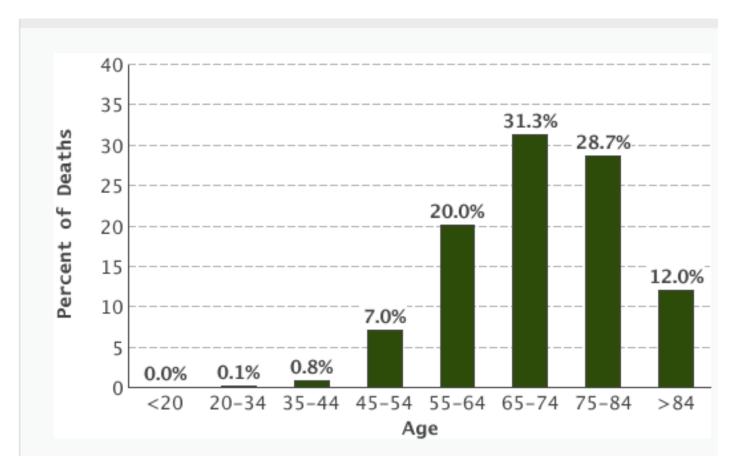
Percent of New Lung Cancer Cases in US by Age



Median Age At Diagnosis 70

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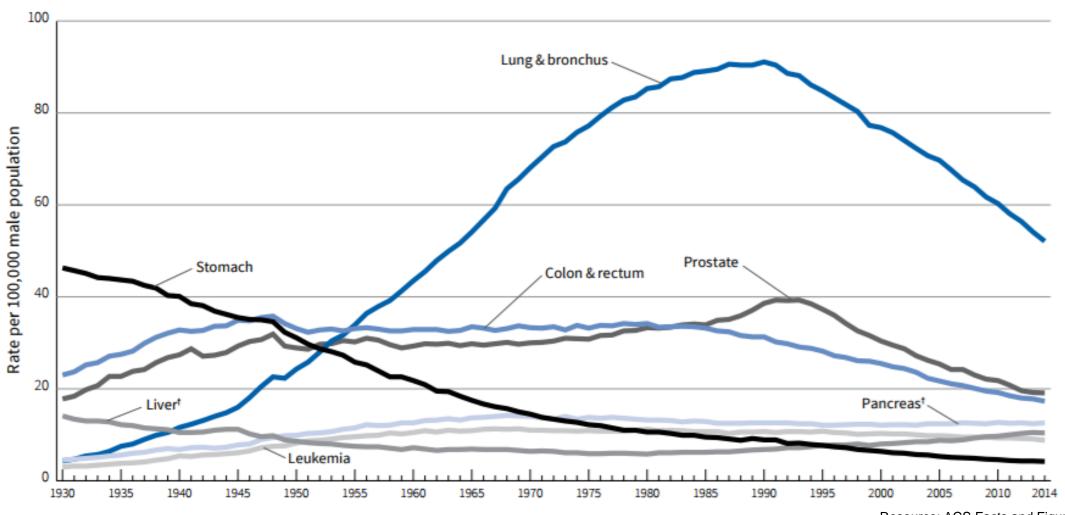
Percent of Lung Cancer Deaths in US by Age



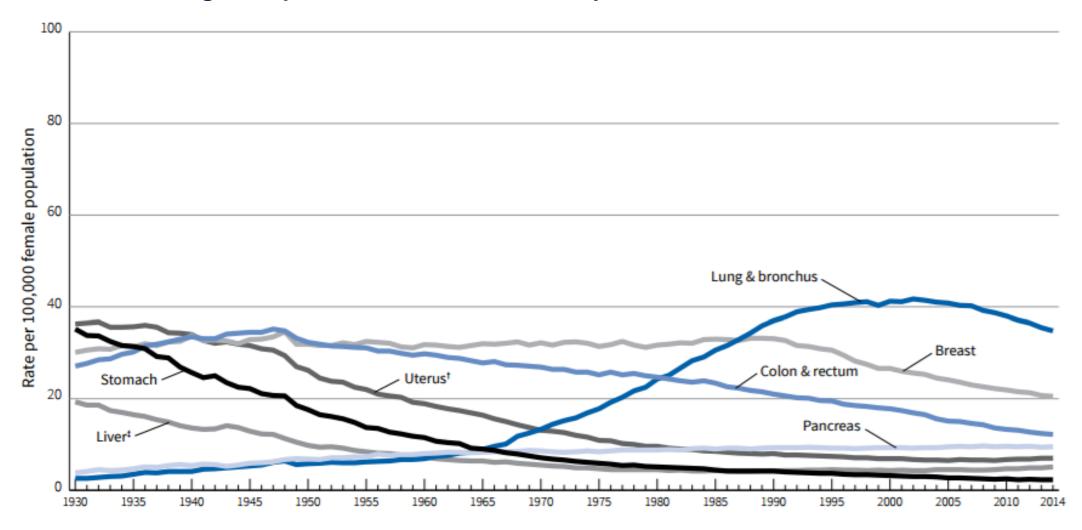
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US 2010-2014, All Races, Both Sexes

Trends in Age-Adjusted Death Rates, by Site, Males, US, 1930-2014

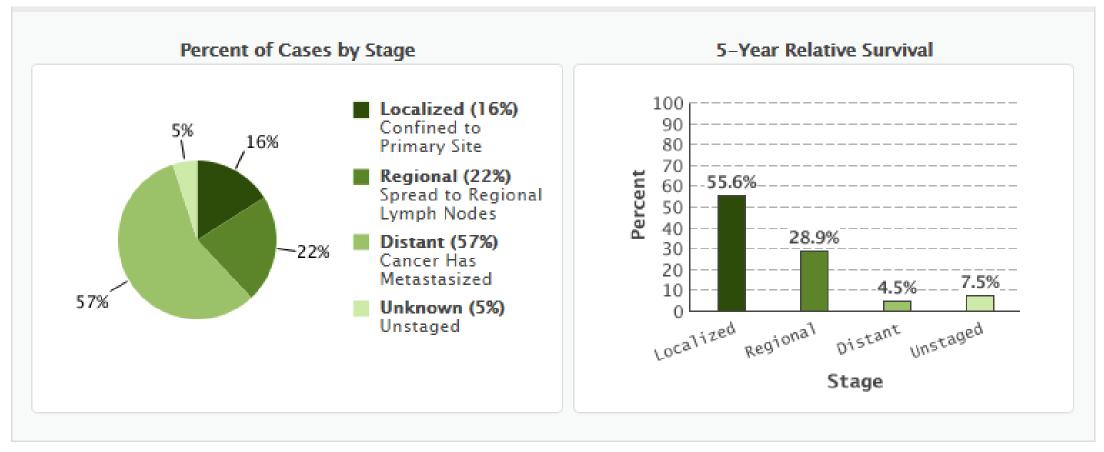


Trends in Age-Adjusted Death Rates, by Site, Females, US, 1930-2014



Resource: ACS Facts and Figures 2017

5 Year Relative Survival by Stage at Diagnosis



Based on data from SEER 18 2007-2013, Both Sexes by Seer Summary Stage 2000.

5 Year Relative Survival Rate



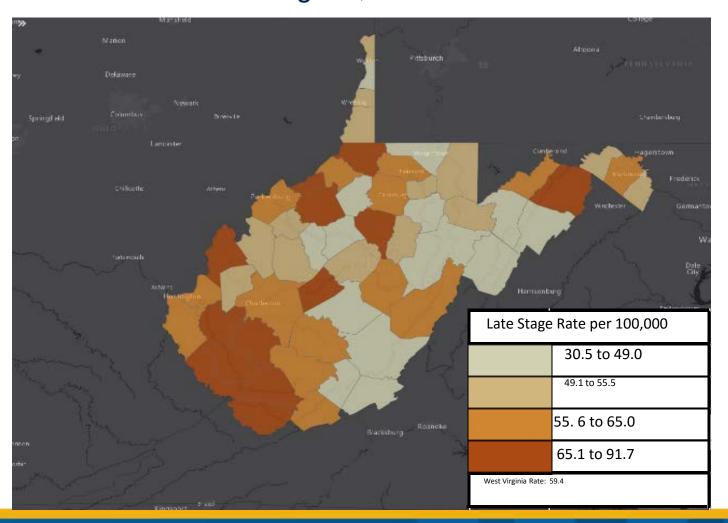
Gray figures represent those who have died from lung and bronchus cancer. Green figures represent those who have survived 5 years or more.

Based on data from SEER 18 2007-2013.

Lung Cancer in WV

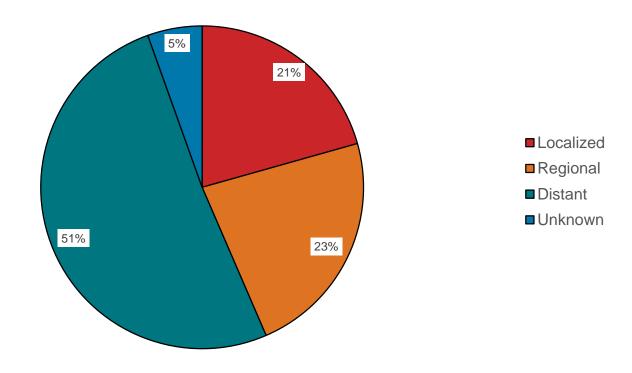
- Each year approximately 2,003 people are diagnosed with lung cancer
- Accounts for 18% of all new cancers
- Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women
- Leading cause of cancer related deaths
- Each year 1,460 die of lung cancer
- More people die of lung cancer than colorectal, prostate, and breast cancer combined
- Between 24 and 27% of WV adults smoke

Average Annual Age-Adjusted Late Stage Lung Cancer Incidence Rates by County, West Virginia, 2009 - 2013



Source: WV Cancer Registry, 2016

Percentage of Lung Cancer Cases by Stage at Diagnosis, West Virginia, 2010-2014



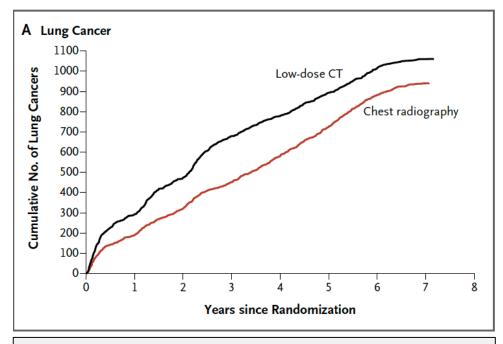
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LUNG CANCER SCREENING

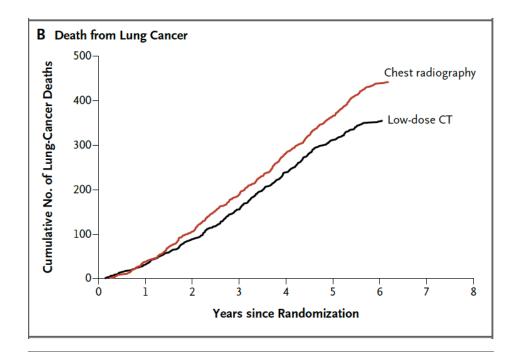
National Lung Screening Trial

- NLST
- Lung cancer screening research trial sponsored by National Cancer Institute
- Conducted to determine if screening with low-dose CT could reduce mortality from lung cancer.
- Prior to this trial, chest x-rays were used for screening symptomatic individuals.

Results of National Lung Screening Trial



20% reduction in lung cancerspecific mortality w/ LDCT



6.7% reduction in overall mortality with LDCT

Current Lung Cancer Screening Guidelines

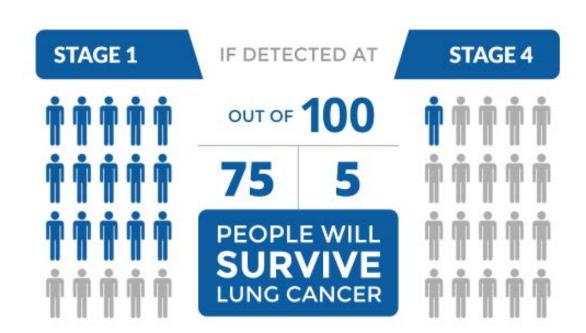
Organization	Groups eligible for Screening
American Academy of Family Physicians	Evidence is insufficient to recommend for or against screening.
American Association for Thoracic Surgery	 Age 55 to 79 years with ≥ 30 pack year smoking history. Long-term lung cancer survivors who have completed 4 years of surveillance without recurrence Age 50 to 79 years with a 20 pack year smoking history and additional comorbidity
American Cancer Society	 Age 55 to 74 years with ≥ 30 pack year smoking history Currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years Who are in relatively good health
American Lung Association	 Age 55 to 74 years with ≥ 30 pack year smoking history and no history of lung cancer
American College of Chest Physicians	 Age 55 to 74 years with ≥ 30 pack year smoking history, who either currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years
National Comprehensive Cancer Network	 Age 55 to74 years with ≥ 30 pack year smoking history and smoking cessation < 15 years Age ≥ 50 years and ≥ 20 pack year smoking history and 1 additional risk factor

Lung Cancer Screening: Low Dose Computed Tomography (CT)

- The bottom line...
- Yearly CT (low-dose) is recommended for people who:
 - Are age 55 to 80, and
 - Have a 30 pack-year* smoking history, and
 - Are either current smokers or smokers who quit in the past 15 years.
- Now exactly what is a pack year?
 - pack-year = packs a day x number of years smoking
 - (ex: 2 packs a day x 15 years = 30 pack-year smoking history)

Requirements for Lung Cancer Screening

- Shared decision making
- Smoking cessation
 - Decreases risk of lung cancer and other smoking related illnesses
 - Increases cost effectiveness of screening
 - Right thing to do









LUNG CANCER DISPARITIES

Disparities Among Minorities

- Increased rates in black males compared to whites
- Increased mortality in black males compared to whites
- Black early stage NSCLC patients were
 - 37% less likely to receive surgery
 - 42% less likely to receive treatment

Resource: Bhavaraju, Nanni, Carlson, Sholk, Peterson & Smith, 2016

Disparities Among Minorities (cont)

- 50% of people do not have access to consistent translation services
 - Women with access to information in primary language are 2X as likely to be up to date on recommended screenings
- 19% of transgender patients report being denied treatment
 - 28% postponed treatment for fear of discrimination

Resource: Bhavaraju, Nanni, Carlson, Sholk, Peterson & Smith, 2016

Socioeconomic Disparities

- Income is related to stage of disease at presentation
- Copays reduce screening uptake
- Presentation of distant disease:
 - Non-Medicaid Insurance 16.9%
 - Medicaid 29.1%
 - Uninsured 34.7%

Socioeconomic Disparities (cont)

- Refusal of uninsured patients and reluctance to see Medicaid patients
- The wait for an oncology appointment is significantly longer for Medicaid patients
- Early diagnosis and treatment saves an average of
 - 30% of treatment costs in the first year and
 - up to 50% of costs over seven years
- 3 year survival and relapse rates were lower for patients at safety net facilities
- Those with limited financial reserves reported:
 - Increased pain
 - Greater symptom burden
 - Poorer quality of life



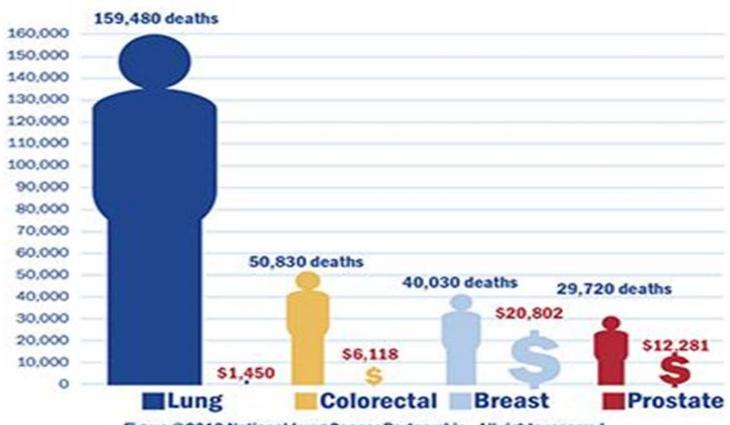
Geography

- Only 3% of medical oncologists practice in rural areas
- Rural patients experience higher mortality rates than their urban peers
- 46.5% of elderly WV lung cancer patients receive guideline concordant appropriate care
- Limited patient resources

Resource: Bhavaraju, Nanni, Carlson, Sholk, Peterson & Smith, 2016; Nadpara Pramit A., Madhavan S. Suresh, and Tworek Cindy, 2016.

Research Investment Concern

US Cancer Deaths vs.
Federal Research Funding per Death 1,89





Thank You



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