



What is lung cancer?

Cancer that forms in certain cells of tissues within the lungs. The two most common types of lung cancer are small cell lung cancer (13%) and non-small cell lung cancer (87%). Each type grows and is treated differently.

Is lung cancer common?

It is the leading cause of cancer-related death for both men and women in the U.S. In 2008, an estimated 215,020 new cases of lung cancer were diagnosed and 161,840 deaths occurred in the U.S.



What causes lung cancer?

Most cases are caused by tobacco smoke. Other risk factors include exposure to radon, asbestos, air pollution and having a family history of lung cancer.

The facts about lung cancer



What are the signs of lung cancer?

Early lung cancer often does not cause symptoms. In later stages, one may have a chronic cough, breathing trouble, constant chest pain, hoarse voice, fatigue, weight loss, coughing up blood or frequent lung infections.

How is it detected?

Through a physical exam, imaging tests such as a chest x-ray or CT scan, laboratory tests, and fluid and tissue biopsies.



How is lung cancer treated?

Choice of treatment depends mainly on the type of lung cancer and its stage. Options include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy and targeted therapy.

How can I prevent lung cancer?

If you smoke, quit. Have your home tested for radon. If you think you're at risk for lung cancer, your health care practitioner can suggest ways to reduce that risk.

**For more information about lung cancer,
talk to your health care practitioner.**

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