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Lung Cancer Screening

A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS

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LUNG CANCER SCREENING



FAQs

How is lung cancer screening performed?

Computerized Tomography (CT) is a type of x-ray that allows a physician to see different angles of your lungs. We use a Low-Dose CT (LDCT) that uses much less radiation than a traditional CT. The LDCT is able to find small lung cancers much better than a chest x-ray.

How long does the test take?

An LDCT takes about ten seconds for the actual x-ray. However, you must be able to hold your breath for 6 seconds. The test does not require any medications, needles or injections.

Is there any special preparation for the test?

No. You can eat before and after.

Scheduling and Screening

If you think you meet the criteria, please call [718.283.2059](tel:718.283.2059) to complete a screening questionnaire. Qualified candidates will be scheduled for

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their free* LDCT at Maimonides Medical Center, located at 4802 Tenth Avenue in Brooklyn.

About the program

The Lung Cancer Screening Program at Maimonides Medical Center is a comprehensive program that brings together:

- skilled radiologists;
- experienced thoracic surgeons;
- top notch pulmonologists;
- personalized navigation throughout the screening process;
- referral to a smoking cessation program, if needed.

✓ Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death. More people die from lung cancer than prostate, breast and colon cancer combined. Studies show that early detection can improve survival by 20%. That means more holidays, birthdays, vacations, weddings and other celebrations.

* Please note: Free lung cancer screenings at Maimonides Medical Center are limited-time offer valid as of July 2013. In the future, these screenings may be offered at a charge, at which time the patient will be notified of the charge before the screening is scheduled.

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Eligibility

LDCT lung cancer screening* is available to people in one of the following risk categories:

Category 1

- are between 55 and 74 years old;
- are currently a smoker, or have quit in the past 15 years; and,
- have smoked the equivalent of a pack a day for 30 or more years.

Category 2

- are between 50 and 74 years old;
- have smoked the equivalent of a pack a day for 20 or more years; and,
- have one additional lung cancer risk factor** (not to include second-hand smoke exposure).

* You must meet eligibility criteria to qualify for the reduced cost LDCT. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis.

** Risk factors include having cancer in the past, emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, a family history of lung cancer and exposure to certain substances (including asbestos, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, diesel fumes, nickel radon, silica and uranium).

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