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Advocating for Early Diagnostics and Improved Treatments for Lung Cancer

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Lung Cancer Facts

- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States and the world.
- More lives are lost each year to lung cancer than to colorectal, breast, and prostate cancers combined.
- The risk of dying from lung cancer is 82% greater than the risk of dying from breast cancer.
- Anyone can get lung cancer, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or smoking history and increasingly people who have never smoked are being diagnosed with lung cancer. Only 35% of lung cancer patients are current or former smokers.
- 1 in 16 people in the U.S. can expect to receive a lung cancer diagnosis. That's 1 out of every 14 men, and 1 out of every 17 women.
- The American Cancer Society estimates that about 228,820 new cases of lung cancer would be diagnosed in 2020.
- Lung cancer is rarely detected early on. Only 19% of all people diagnosed with lung cancer will survive 5 years or more, BUT if it's caught before it spreads, the chance for 5-year survival improves to 55%.
- Lung cancer receives the least federal research funding per cancer-related death.
- Only 6% of federal government dollars spent on cancer research are spent on lung cancer research.
- Lung cancer research needs an investment that matches the impact of the disease.
- Strategic investment in lung cancer research will ensure patients the same promise that is now available for breast, prostate, colorectal, and other cancers — earlier detection, more effective treatment options, higher quality of life, and thousands of lives saved.
- For more lung cancer statistics visit <https://lungevity.org/for-supporters-advocates/lung-cancer-statistics>

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