Lung Cancer SCREENING Program

Did you know lung cancer is often not detected in its early stages? That is why Renown Institute for Cancer is offering Lung Cancer Screenings.

Screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) has been proven to find the disease at its earliest stages. Designated as a Screening Center of Excellence by the Lung Cancer Alliance, Renown Health is committed to responsible Lung Cancer Screening in our community.

Ask yourself or loved ones if a screening is necessary by answering the following:

- Are you 55-80 years old?
- Do you have a 30 pack a year history of smoking, or greater?
- Are you a current smoker, or if you quit, have you quit within last 15 years?
- Are you asymptomatic – having no signs or symptoms of lung cancer?
- Do you have no previous history of lung cancer?

If so, you could be at high risk for lung cancer.

Talk with your doctor about the Lung Cancer Screening program.

For more information, call 775-982-LUNG (5864) or visit renown.org/Lung.
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Frequently Asked Questions

How can I get a Lung Cancer Screening?
You must have a referral from your doctor for this screening. Call your doctor, and communicate that you are interested in a referral to the Lung Cancer Screening program. If you are eligible, you will meet with experts from the program to discuss your risk and decide if the LDCT screening is right for you.

Why is a Lung Cancer Screening important?
More lives could be saved if lung cancer is detected at an early stage. A LDCT screening of the chest is used in individuals who are at high risk of developing lung cancer but have no signs or symptoms of the disease. Clinical trials have shown the likelihood of surviving lung cancer improves with early detection through screening. Compared to chest X-rays, a LDCT has been shown to detect lung cancer at an earlier and more treatable stage, increasing survival rates by 20 percent.

Are there any risks I should be aware of and what should I expect?
While radiation exposure is a concern of most people undergoing a computed tomography (CT) scan, our high-definition, LDCT scan uses approximately 1/4 of the exposure received for a regular diagnostic chest CT scan. During the screening, you will lie on your back with your hands above your head. You will be asked to hold your breath for a few seconds. The whole process takes about 30 minutes and you do not need to do anything special to prepare for the screening.

Does insurance pay for the screening?
Yes. Private insurance companies cover the Lung Cancer Screening for high-risk individuals. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) also covers Lung Cancer Screenings.

How much does the screening cost?
Deductibles specific to your insurance plan will apply.

What happens if the screening finds something?
One of our board-certified radiologists will review your scan. If something abnormal is found, a provider at the lung cancer screening program will contact you.

It’s important to remember, not all abnormal findings are cancer. Other abnormalities, such as scarring or inflammation, can be detected. Your doctor may want to follow up with more tests, or watch these abnormalities closely. If you are a current smoker, a smoking cessation program will be strongly encouraged. For more information on Renown’s Quit Tobacco Program, call 775-982-2781.

Renown Institute for Cancer offers you a comprehensive network of testing and treatment programs to help you before and after diagnosis of lung cancer. Our team of experts is dedicated to the prevention, detection and treatment of lung cancer. For more information, call 775-982-LUNG (5864) or visit renown.org/Lung.