



## **LUNG CANCER EARLY DETECTION: HOW DO WE HELP MORE PEOPLE?**

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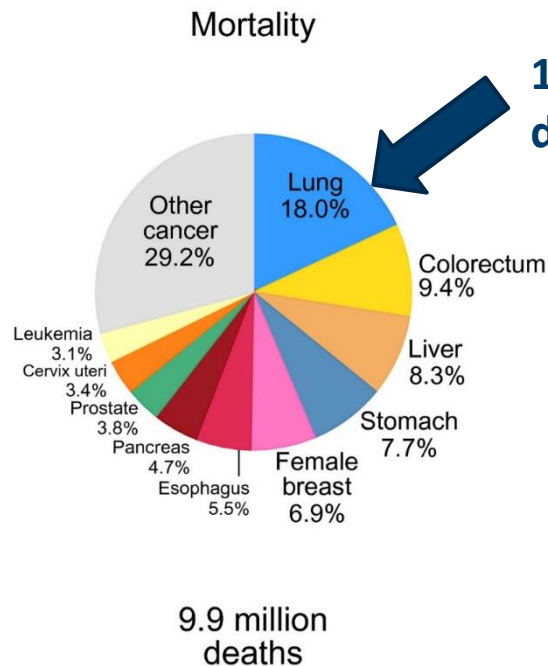
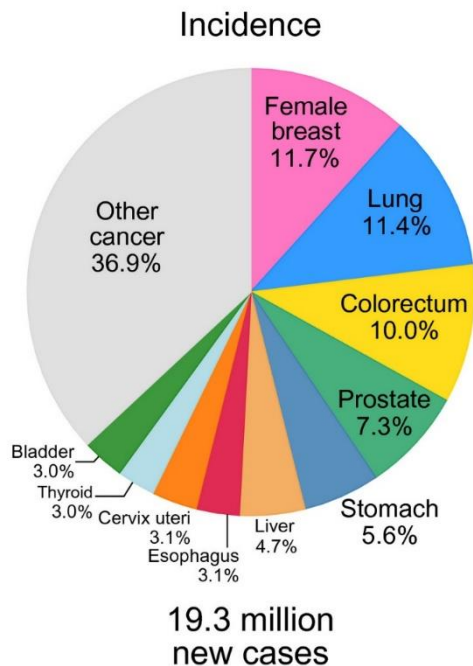
# AGENDA

- General LC stats
- LDCT screening
- IPN management
- Biomarker discovery
- Patient story
- LUNGeivity's early detection work

# GLOBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CANCER



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Both sexes



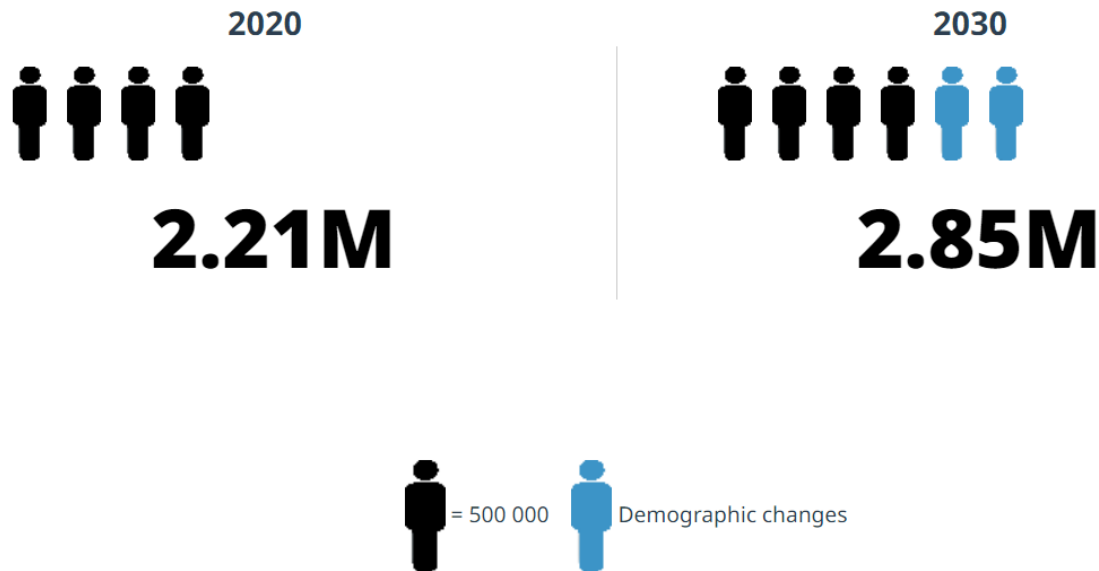
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# ESTIMATED NEW LUNG CANCER CASES (2030)

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Trachea, bronchus and lung

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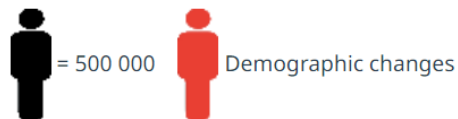
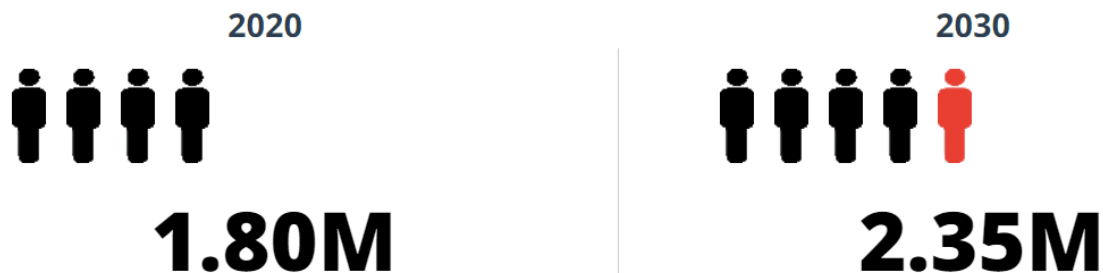
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# ESTIMATED NEW LUNG CANCER DEATHS (2030)

**Estimated number of deaths from 2020 to 2030, Both sexes, age [0-85+]**

Trachea, bronchus and lung

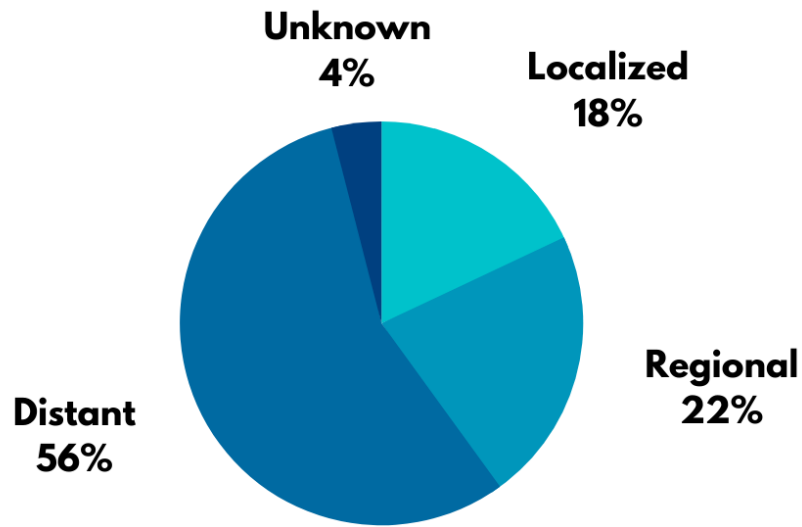
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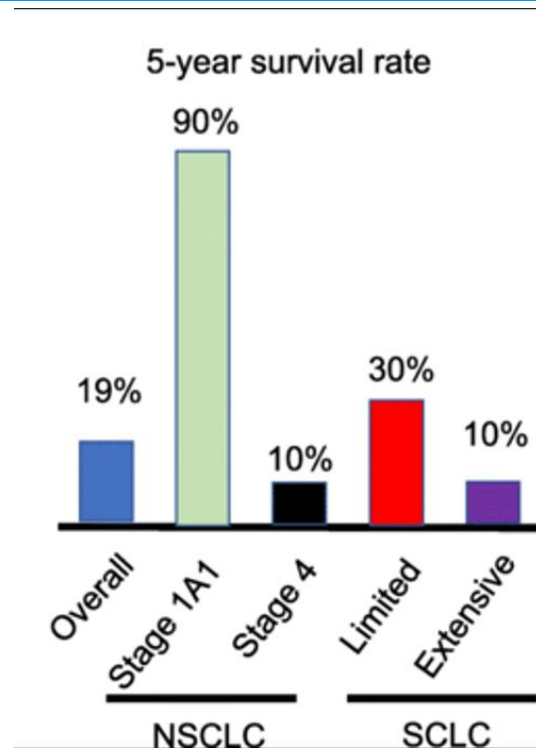
# MOST LUNG CANCERS DIAGNOSED AT LATE STAGES

## Percent of Lung Cancer Cases by Stage at Diagnosis



[https://prevention.cancer.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/news\\_and\\_event/cpsb-percent-lung-cancer-cases-stage.png](https://prevention.cancer.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/news_and_event/cpsb-percent-lung-cancer-cases-stage.png)

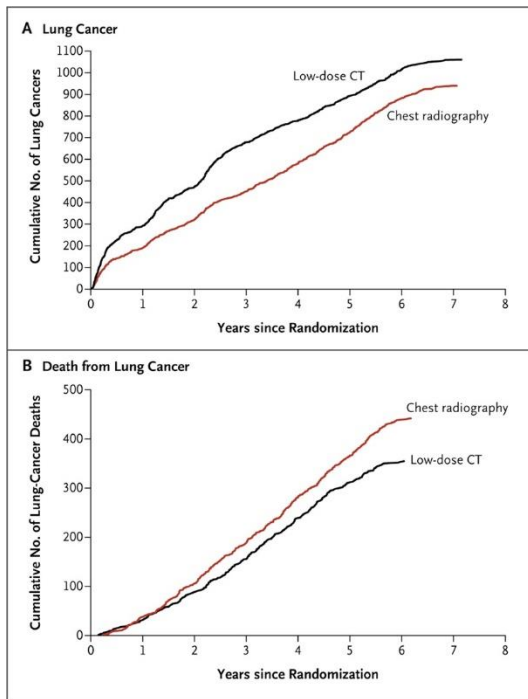
# 5-YEAR LUNG CANCER SURVIVAL BY STAGE



Li et al. *Molecular Cancer* (2021) 20:22 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12943-021-01312-y>

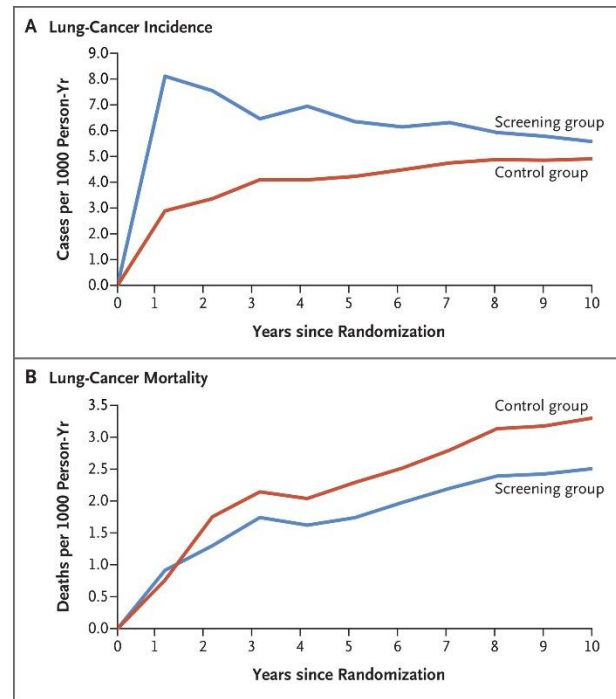
# LDCT SCREENING REDUCES LUNG CANCER DEATHS

## NLST



N Engl J Med 2011; 365:395-409

## NELSON



N Engl J Med 2020; 382:503-513



# LDCT SCREENING BENEFIT

Female v Male Ratio (%)	
NLST	41/59
NELSON	16/84

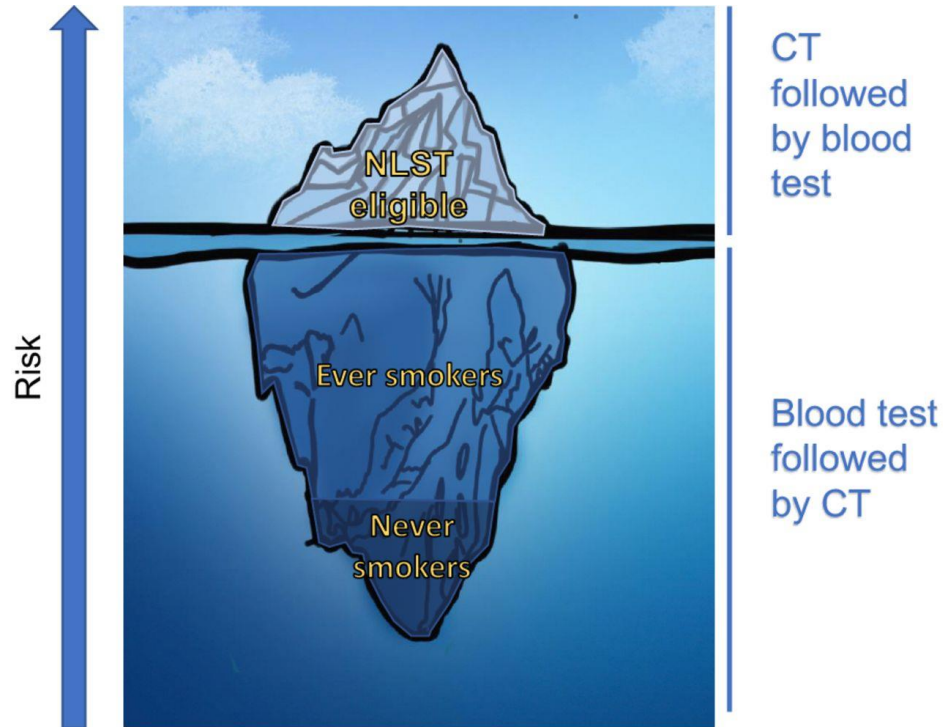
Percent LC Mortality Decrease			
Trial	Men	Women	50:50 M/F
NLST	8%	27%	18%
NELSON	26%	39-61%	33 – 44%

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2059702920301277>

# LDCT IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

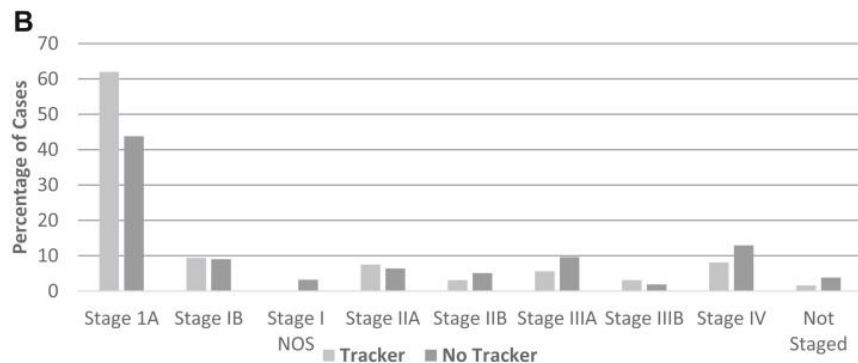
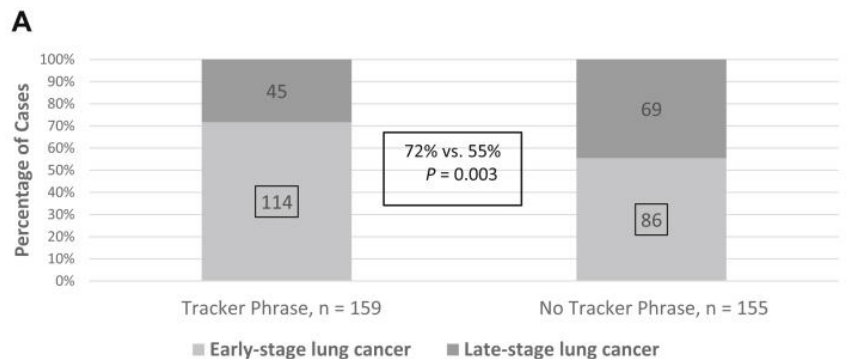
- Only 5 – 10% uptake in US
- Role of stigma
- Disparities in screening
- USPSTF criteria still miss many
- Screening programs not implemented globally

# LDCT SCREENING - THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG



Ostrin EJ, et al *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev* (2020) 29 (12): 2411–2415.

# IPN PROGRAM HELPS STAGE SHIFT DISEASE



Carr LL et al. [JTO Clin Res Rep.](#) 2022 Mar; 3(3): 100297

# IPN PROGRAM IN MEDICARE POPULATION

## Patient, Disease, Treatment Characteristics and Outcomes LDCT v ILNP v MDC

Variable	LDCT	ILNP	MDC	P-value
Number of patients	157/5659 (2.7%)	772/15461 (5%)	1112/1779	
Age, median (Q1-Q3)	65 (60-70)	64 (15-73)	66 (58-73)	<0.0001
Female sex, n (%)	2792 (49)	8641 (56)	917 (52)	<0.0001
Race, n (%)				<0.0001
White	4552 (80)	10,154 (66)	1192 (67)	
Black or African American	1033 (18)	4471 (29)	544 (31)	

Clinical stage, n (%)	LDCT	ILNP	MDC	P-value
I/II	92 (59)	409 (53)	418 (38)	<0.0001
III	25 (16)	136 (17)	272 (24)	
IV	30 (19)	140 (18)	303 (27)	
Tumor size mm, m (Q1 - Q3)	20 (13 - 33)	25 (16 - 41)	35 (22 - 55)	<0.0001

Eligibility for LDCT lung cancer screening, n (%)	ILNP	MDC
USPSTF 2013 criteria	314 (41)	453 (41)
USPSTF 2021 criteria	365 (47)	571 (51)

Treatment	LDCT	ILNP	MDC	P-value
Surgery Alone	50 (32)	222 (29)	154 (14)	<0.0001
Surgery (+ Other Modalities)	21 (14)	77 (10)	168 (15)	

5-year OS (95% CI)	LDCT	ILNP	MDC	p
Aggregate	70 (57, 85)	55 (50, 61)	45 (41, 49)	<0.0001
Stage I/II	80 (66, 98)	69 (63, 76)	61 (55, 68)	0.0043
Stage III	68 (46, 100)	36 (27, 48)	42 (35, 51)	0.13
Stage IV	45 (27, 74)	31 (22, 45)	24 (18, 31)	0.23
Adjusted Hazard Ratio (95% CI)*			Ref	
Aggregate	0.44 (0.28, 0.70)	0.80 (0.63, 1.00)	1 (—)	<0.0001
Stage I	0.24 (0.08, 0.69)	0.50 (0.30, 0.85)	1 (—)	0.0009
Stage II	0.56 (0.12, 2.67)	0.94 (0.44, 2.02)	1 (—)	0.4
Stage III	0.55 (0.19, 1.53)	1.02 (0.64, 1.65)	1 (—)	0.01
Stage IV	0.57 (0.27, 1.10)	0.94 (0.64, 1.37)	1 (—)	0.1

\*Adjusted for age, race, insurance, smoking status, Charlson comorbidity score, histology, stage

Osarogiagbon et al. MA 10.02: LDCT v ILNP v MDC. 09/12/21

<https://www.ilcn.org/ongoing-research-looks-at-optimizing-lung-cancer-screening-programs/>

# BIOMARKERS FOR IPN STRATIFICATION

The incidentally detected IPN population: roughly 1.2 million per year



Clinical risk model



Low probability:  
follow up

Intermediate risk pulmonary nodules: PET or biopsy

High probability:  
surgical resection

Combined biomarker model



Rule out

Rule in

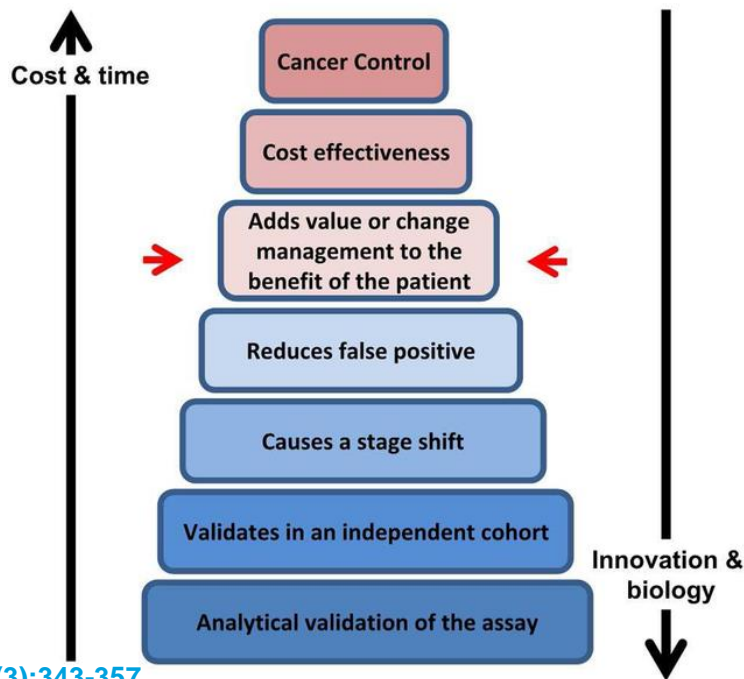


Lower rate of unnecessary  
biopsy/thoracotomy/PET

Kammer MN and PP Massion . J Thorac Dis 2020 Jun;12(6):3317-3330

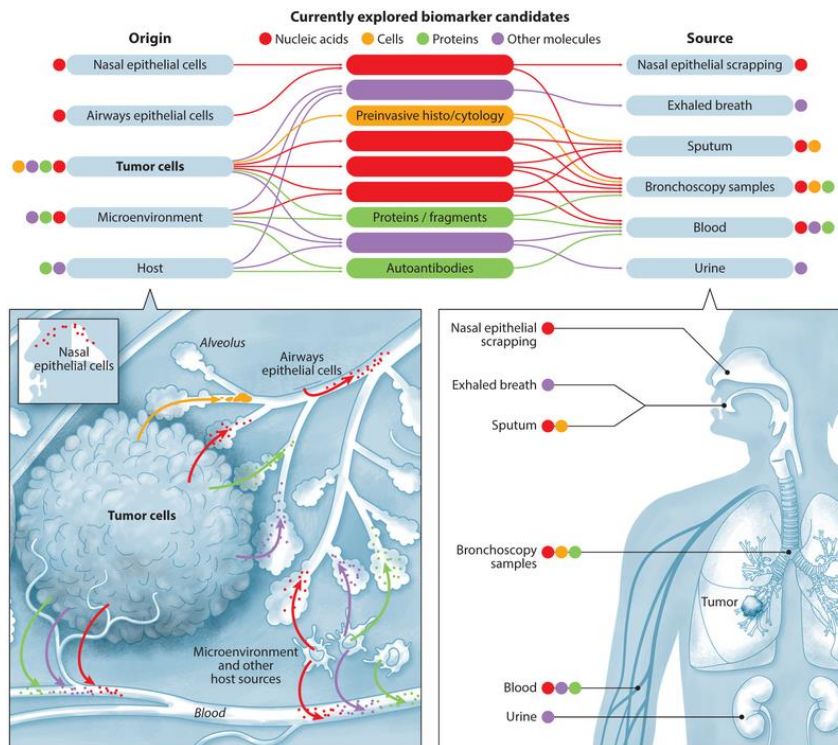
# BIOMARKERS TO IMPROVE EARLY DETECTION

## Criteria for clinical use of biomarkers



Seijo LM et al J Thorac Oncol 2019 Mar;14(3):343-357

# BIOMARKERS/SOURCES UNDER INVESTIGATION



Seijo LM et al J Thorac Oncol 2019 Mar;14(3):343-357



# CAN LIQUID BIOPSY REPLACE LDCT?

- **Much research underway to identify/validate biomarkers**
- **While MCEs show promise, more work needed**
- **Liquid biopsies may complement, but not replace, early detection**
  - **Risk stratification for LDCT**
  - **Clinical decision making for IPN**
- **Liquid biopsy may be employed if patient refuses LDCT or if screening is not feasible**

# PATIENT STORY – TERRI ANN DIJULIO

- IPN found in ER, age 42, watched for 2 years, Dx with LC age 44
- Tobacco history, not enough to meet screening criteria
- NED 11 years then Dx with 2<sup>nd</sup> LC
- NED 5 years, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dx 18 months ago
- F/U critical
- Unexpected consequences: stroke 5 years ago, concurrent with 2<sup>nd</sup> Dx
- Family story
- >65 scans in 17 years
- Important that doctor knows who you are and your goals
- Journey into activism

# PATIENT STORY – TERRI ANN DIJULIO

“Early detection has gifted me with time to chase my dreams and live an extraordinary life.” – Terri Ann DiJulio



# HOW DO WE DETECT MORE LUNG CANCER EARLY?

- Coordinated efforts among stakeholders (researchers, physicians, regulators, payors, patient advocacy groups) to expand LDCT uptake
- Implementation of nodule management programs to ensure follow-up
- Sustained investment in biomarker discovery and clinical validation

# LUNGEVITY – PATIENT DRIVEN ORGANIZATION

LUNGeivity is...



**About** people diagnosed with lung cancer and **For** people diagnosed with lung cancer

# LUNGEVITY MISSION AND VISION

LUNGeVity Foundation is firmly committed to making an immediate impact on increasing quality of life and survivorship of people with lung cancer by accelerating research into early detection and more effective treatments, as well as by providing community, support, and education for all those affected by the disease.

*Our vision is a world where no one dies of lung cancer*

# TODAY, WE ARE FOCUSED ON TWO GOALS:

Improve outcomes  
for people diagnosed with  
lung cancer



Improve how people live  
with lung cancer



# HOW DO WE ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?

## PUBLIC POLICY (ACCESS AND INNOVATION) & HEALTH EQUITY AND DIVERSITY

### Advancing Science

#### Translational Research

- Early Detection
- SU2C
- Young Investigators (CDA, VA, and HEI Investigators)
- ALK +
- EGFR
- Scientific Retreat
- NIH/DOD

### Improving Access and Changing Practice

#### Lung Cancer Screening, Clinical Trial Transformation, and Accelerating Precision Medicine

- Scientific and Clinical Roundtables
- Take Aim
- Funding implementation sciences
- Education
- Public Awareness (Inhale for Life and No One Missed campaign)

### Generating Data

#### Patient FoRce

- Studying and understanding the lived experience of the lung cancer patient
- Project PEER
- Project ACTS
- Project DIRECT

Improving Outcomes

### Systems Change - Public Policy

Improving how people LIVE with lung cancer

#### Survivorship and Support

- Lung Cancer Survivorship Conferences (ILCSC, HOPE, and COPE)
- LifeLine
- Lung Cancer HELPLine
- Message Boards
- Private FB Groups
- Meetups

#### Patient Education

- Website
- Print materials
- Lunch and Learns
- Tear Pad and tools
- Inhale for Life
- Lung cancer Patient Gateways

#### Development

- Peer-to-Peer
- Events (invitation)
- Individuals
- Acquisition Campaigns

### Core Programs - Community





*A patient-centered approach to lung cancer screening adherence*



# *Developing a patient-centric and clinician-vetted toolkit to promote lung cancer screening adherence*

## Phase 1

### Aim 1:

Identify barriers and facilitators to screening adherence

Develop LCS toolkit components to reduce barriers and enhance facilitators

## Phase 2

Aim 2: Conduct usability testing with targeted and tailored LCS toolkit

## Phase 3 (Ongoing)

Aim 3: Examine feasibility and acceptability of LCS toolkit

# Summary of Phase I Research

- 15 screening center staff (directors and clinic coordinators) and 8 participants interviewed and surveyed
- Domains of questioning focused on:
  - Strengths and weaknesses of overall screening program
  - Perception and elements of program success (and experience)
  - Opportunities for improvement (including training opportunities)
  - Examples of Facilitator and Barriers

## Facilitators of adherence

- Personalized delivery of screening results
- Multiple methods of communication
- Flexibility in scan timings

## Barriers to adherence

- Passive scheduling reminder system
- Poor facility signage
- Too few locations to have scans performed

# Addressing barriers to adherence: Incorporating voices from the community

## Phase 2 - Usability testing of toolkit

- 12 screen-eligible participants (uninsured, AA, women, rural, health literacy level)
- 12 screening center staff members (community vs. academic, rural vs. urban, decentralized vs. centralized)



### FINANCIAL NAVIGATION

Include clear information on how to pay for follow-up scans



### HEALTH LITERACY

Conduct a health literacy check of all participant-facing communication and materials



### PRACTICE SETTING

Develop intervention that can be integrated into practice needs



### SMOKING CESSATION

Include smoking cessation in non-stigmatizing language



### LOGSTICS/TRANSPORTATION

Include info on parking fees, public transit routes, landmarks, weekend or evening hours



### DELIVERY OF SCAN RESULTS

Information on guideline-driven scan results, communication preferences

# Phase 3 (Ongoing)- Feasibility and Acceptability (two-arm, parallel groups randomized feasibility trial)

## SITE (N=8)

1. Colorado Cancer Coalition Lung Cancer Task Force
2. Kentucky LEADS
3. Moffitt (LATTE)

## Participant Demographics (N = 25 at each site)

1. Low SES
2. Rural/urban
3. REM
4. Health literacy

## Screening center staff



EHR data



Stakeholder surveys and  
interviews

# PROJECTS TO INCREASE UPTAKE OF LCS

## *Project URBANA (peer navigation model):*

Increasing Access to Lung Cancer Screening in the Bronx in Latinx and African American Communities

## *Project ASCENT (patient navigation model):*

Understanding barriers to lung Cancer Screening in the Latinx/HISPANIC community in an urban setting (Miami dade county)

# USING A PATIENT OR A PEER NAVIGATION PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACCESS TO LCS

Development and implementation of a culturally sensitive, geographically tailored, and patient centric LCS education program, coupled with comprehensive navigation will increase uptake and adherence to LCS in underserved communities in the Bronx and in the Miami Dade country area



Patient navigation model

1



Developing a culturally sensitive Patient Navigation program

2



Community engagement, screening , and care linkage

3



Social Determinants of Health, Barriers and Facilitators, and Distress Assessment

# LUNGEVITY PARTNERS WITH ALA AND SU2C

## LUNGeVity partnered with American Lung Association and SU2C in 2017 to form a Dream Team focused on lung cancer early detection and interception

### LUNGeVity Announces Funding Opportunity for First-Ever Lung Cancer Early Detection and Interception Dream Team

*Call for ideas for SU2C-LUNGeVity-American Lung Association collaboration*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WASHINGTON, DC (February 6, 2017) – Building on the Foundation's more than seven years of strategic investment in early detection research, LUNGeVity Foundation, in collaboration with Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) and the American Lung Association (through its LUNG FORCE initiative), is pleased to announce that the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), SU2C's scientific partner, has issued a Call for Ideas for research proposals that focus on lung cancer early detection and interception: catching precancerous cells and blocking them from turning into cancer cells. The interdisciplinary and multi-institutional SU2C-LUNGeVity-American Lung Association Lung Cancer Interception Dream Team will be the first of its kind, with up to \$7 million in funding support.



# EARLY DETECTION AND INTERCEPTION



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*SU2C-LUNGEvity Foundation-American Lung Association Lung Cancer Interception Dream Team:  
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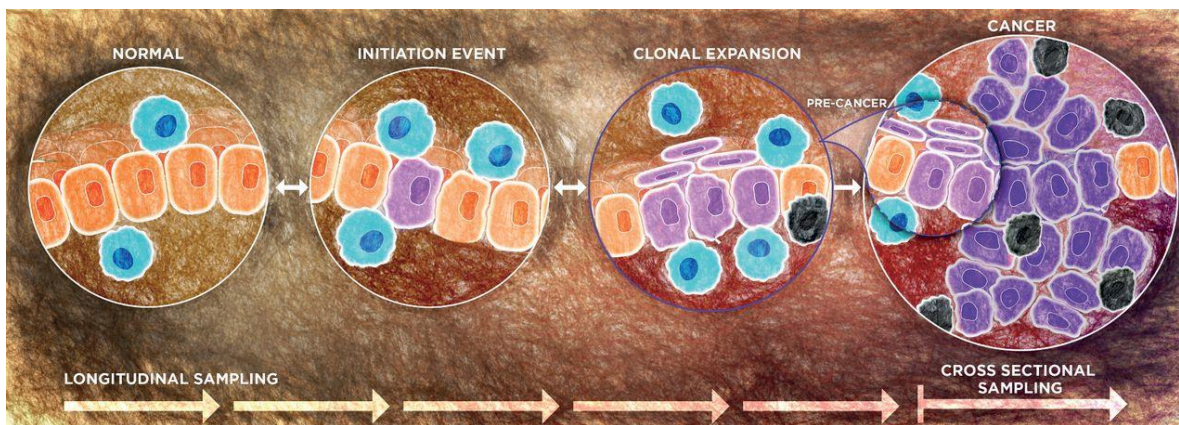


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# PIERRE MASSION YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD FOR EARLY DETECTION RESEARCH



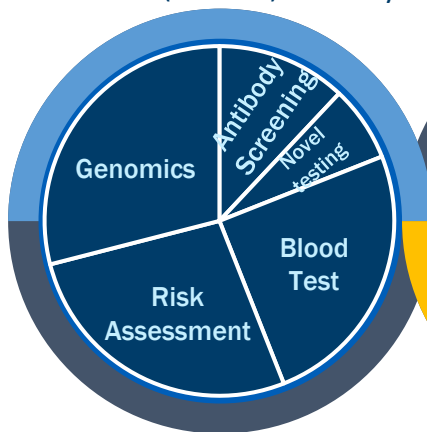
# EARLY LUNG CANCER CENTER

Form a multi-pronged approach to early diagnosis and intervention

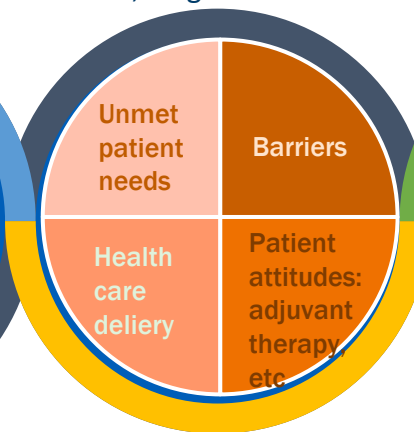
Amplifying our commitment to early detection and early disease management



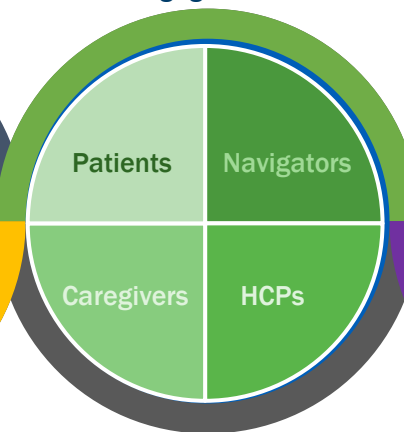
Fund Research  
(Science)



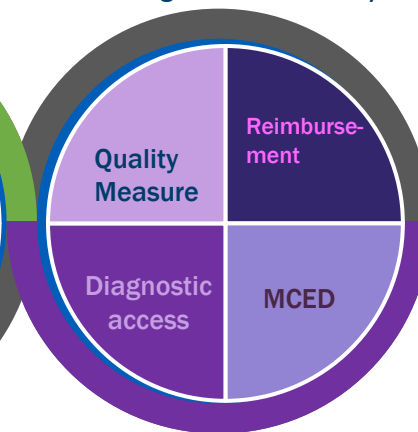
Conduct Research:  
Early detection, diagnosis and intervention



Education &  
engagement



Policy:  
Reaching the community



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