

VIEWS FROM THE TOP

Lung Cancer Screening Program Now Available

The best hope for curing lung cancer is finding it early.

A lung CT scan can detect tiny spots or nodules on the lungs years before they would ever be seen on a regular chest x-ray. The low dose screening CT test is a 20 second scan of the chest and lungs. No injections or medications are needed.

Upstate's Lung Cancer Screening Program is for people who are:

- ◆ 55-74 years of age
- ◆ Current or former cigarette smokers of a least one pack a day for 30 years or two packs a day for 15 years
- ◆ Former smokers and have quit smoking within the last 15 years

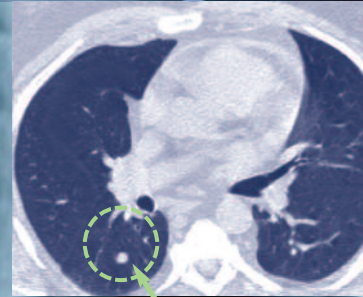
This scan is NOT currently covered by any insurance. The cost of the program is \$235.

Participants in the Upstate Lung Cancer Screening Program receive:

- ◆ A low dose CT scan that can be scheduled after normal business hours
- ◆ A professional reading and interpretation of the findings by a dedicated chest radiologist
- ◆ A CD with the images for personal records
- ◆ A letter and phone call to their personal physician
- ◆ Free initial and ongoing smoking cessation counseling by a certified smoking cessation counselor
- ◆ Discussion with primary care physician for any follow-up required with immediate access to the Thoracic Oncology Program at Upstate Cancer Center.
- ◆ Reminder in one year to schedule another screening
- ◆ Free parking at the scanning location (550 Harrison Center).

For more information, contact Upstate Connect, 315-464-8668

www.upstate.edu/cancer/services/lung_screening.php



CT scan showing a tumor not visible on an X-ray

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TEAM APPROACH to treating thoracic cancers—including lung cancer, esophageal cancer, mesothelioma, mediastinal tumors, thymoma, malignant pleural effusion and cancers metastatic to the chest.

ONE APPOINTMENT CONVENIENCE for patients to meet with specialists from: Thoracic Surgery, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Pulmonary Medicine and Thoracic Radiology.

PERIODIC PATIENT UPDATES for referring physicians treatment progress.

To learn more about TOP and meet our multidisciplinary team, visit our website at www.upstate.edu/cancer/services/lung_screening.php

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