



LUNG CANCER FACTS

- Lung cancer kills more people each year than colon, breast, pancreatic and prostate cancers COMBINED--and yet receives the fewest research dollars per death.
- In 2008, approximately 162,000 Americans will die of lung cancer.
- Every 2 minutes another person is diagnosed with lung cancer. Of those diagnosed, 3 out of 5 will die within 12 months. Only 15% live longer than 5 years.
- Lung cancer accounts for 1 of 4 cancer deaths among women, killing more women each year than breast, uterine and ovarian cancers combined. Lung cancer surpassed breast cancer as the #1 cancer killer of women in 1987.
- 20,000 - 25,000 newly diagnosed lung cancer victims never smoked cigarettes - and these cases are on the rise.
- In its early stages, lung cancer is often symptomless. Currently, there is no proven screening test for lung cancer. Studies are underway.
- Only 16% of lung cancer is being diagnosed at its earliest and most curable stage.
- The 5-year survival rate for breast cancer is now 87%, for prostate cancer 99% and for colon cancer 64%. The 5-year survival rate for lung cancer is 15%.

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