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## Who Can Use This Tool?

We designed this decision tool for people who are current or former smokers. It works only for people like those listed below whose risk is high enough to accurately predict.

You currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years AND

You are between the ages of 50 and 80 years old AND

You smoke or smoked on average one pack of cigarettes per day for at least 20 years, or the equivalent – for example, two packs a day for ten years

## Why Is This Tool Useful?

It helps doctors and patients determine the chance that screening will be beneficial. Research shows that whether a current or former smoker will benefit from lung cancer screening depends on that person's individual risk of developing the disease.

Our researchers worked with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle to develop and test this tool, which is based on data from the Carotene and Retinol Efficacy Trial (CARET), a large, randomized trial of lung cancer prevention methods.

## What Information Will You Need to Complete It?

In order for this tool to provide accurate information, you will need to input your:

age

gender

the number of years you've smoked or had smoked before you quit

the average number of cigarettes you smoked per day during that time

how many years it's been since you quit, if you have

whether or not you were exposed to asbestos at work

Because the information this tool generates can be complicated, you should discuss the results with your doctor.

[Use our lung cancer risk assessment tool.](#)

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