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What is the Screening Test for Lung Cancer?

What is My Risk for Lung Cancer?

Getting screened could be a breath of fresh air.

See if you are eligible for a lung cancer screening with a two-minute quiz.

Take the Quiz

Breathing in the smoke of other people (secondhand smoke).

Exposure to radon (a radioactive gas found in some homes and buildings).

Breathing in other substances that cause cancer, such as asbestos, arsenic, and exhaust from vehicles or machines.

Having a family member related to you by blood with lung cancer.

Lung Cancer Screening Guidelines

Other factors play a role in your risk of getting lung cancer. They include your race, gender, sex, and lifestyle. For example, Black men are more likely to get lung cancer than white men and Black women are less likely to get lung cancer than white women.

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Available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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MSK's Screening Guidelines for Lung Cancer

MSK follows the latest recommendation for lung cancer screening from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. The type of screening you have and your screening schedule are based on your personal risk for lung cancer.

MSK recommends you get screened every year if you are between the ages of 50 and 80 and:

Smoke now or quit smoking within the past 15 years.

Have smoked an average of 1 pack a day for 20 years or what comes out as the same number of cigarettes. For example, you could have smoked 2 packs a day for 10 years or a half pack a day for 40 years.

MSK generally recommends that you do not get screened if you have a disease or illness so severe that it would be very hard for you to have more testing and treatment.

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