



LOW-DOSE CT LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Catching Cancer Before It Shows Symptoms

Lung cancer is the #1 cause of cancer death among Americans. The key to helping your patients survive lung cancer is to catch it early, well before symptoms appear.

Low-Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) is a painless, noninvasive test that catches lung cancer in its earliest stages, with 90% less ionizing radiation than standard CT.

Who is Eligible for a Covered Low-Dose CT Screening?

An initial LDCT screening (code G0297) may be covered by Medicare for patients meeting **all** of the criteria below:



Asymptomatic

No symptoms of fever, chest pain, new shortness of breath, new or changing cough, unintended weight loss, hemoptysis, active pneumonia



55-77 Years Old



Heavy Smoker

Currently smokes or has quit within the past 15 years



30+ Pack-Years

Packs smoked per day, times number of years spent smoking
 $(2 \text{ packs/day}) \times (15 \text{ years}) = 30 \text{ pack-years}$



No Personal History

of lung cancer *and* no history of a CT chest scan within past 12 months (for an initial screening)



Referred by a Doctor or Clinician

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Clinical Indications for a Standard Chest CT

Without contrast (code 71250) or with contrast (code 71260)

Personal History of Lung Cancer

Smoker or Non-Smoker

Shows Symptoms

(new or changing cough, active pneumonia, weight loss, pain, hemoptysis, fever, new shortness of breath)

Abnormal Finding in the Lung Field

Solitary Pulmonary Nodule

Has Other Diseases of the Lung

Patients meeting *any* of the above criteria do not qualify for a Low-Dose CT Screening, but may still benefit from Chest CT which reveals detailed images of the lungs

Refer your at-risk patients now, while time is on their side.

For more information, contact RAO today.



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