



## 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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