

# Lung Cancer SCREENING

The lung cancer screening program at Murray - Calloway County Hospital offers those with high risk of developing lung cancer the opportunity to be screened for lung cancer with the latest in 3-dimensional Computed Tomography (CT) imaging. This allows patients to receive their diagnosis at an early stage, even before symptoms develop. Early detection alone can save up to 20,000 lives each year, according to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.



## Do I qualify for lung cancer screening?

The US Preventative Services Task Force recommends yearly lung cancer screening with LDCT for people who:

- ✓ Have a 20 pack-year smoking history, and
- ✓ Smoke now or have quit within the past 15 years, and
- ✓ Are between 50 and 80 years old

A pack-year is smoking an average of one pack of cigarettes per day for one year. For example, a person could have a 20-pack year history by smoking one pack a day for 20

*Ask your doctor if annual lung cancer screening is right for you.*

## How do I get screening for lung cancer at MCCH?

If you and your provider decide lung cancer screening is right for you, MCCH provides a non-invasive, low-dose computed tomography (CT) scan for patients meeting lung cancer screening criteria. A low-dose CT scan requires lying down on a table where an x-ray machine takes detailed images of your lungs using minimal radiation. The scan only takes a few minutes and doctors use the images to look for signs of lung cancer.

## What are the next steps for lung cancer screening?

Currently, Medicare and most insurance carriers are now covering the cost of low dose CT lung screening for patients who meet the eligibility requirements. Radiologist interpretation fees will be billed separately.

If you feel that you could benefit from lung cancer screening, talk to your doctor or other healthcare provider about lung cancer CT screening. The exam requires a written physician order and can be scheduled by the provider's office or by calling Murray-Calloway County Hospital Centralized Scheduling at **(270) 762.1919**.