Fred Hutch
Cancer Center

Lung Cancer Screening Can Save Your Life

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center offers screening at five locations across Puget Sound for people at high risk for lung cancer. If caught early, lung cancer can be treated and survival rates can dramatically improve.

In fact, five-year survival rates for people with non-small cell lung cancer can increase from 15 percent to 84 percent when caught early.

Who should get screened?

You may benefit from annual screening if all of these are true:

- You are between 50 and 80 years old
- You smoked an average of at least 1 pack a day for 20 years or 2 packs a day for 10 years
- You currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years

Does insurance cover lung cancer screening?

Most private health plans and Washington State Medicaid (Washington Apple Health) will cover lung cancer screening for eligible individuals ages 50-80 while Medicare covers lung cancer screening for eligible individuals ages 50–77. Follow-up care required after the exam will likely be covered by your insurance or Medicare or Medicaid; however, please contact your insurance carrier to check your coverage or call Patient Financial Services at (206) 606-6226 with any questions about authorizations.

What does screening involve?

The scan is fast, simple and painless, and you can stay fully clothed. This special kind of X-ray, called a low-dose CT scan, takes multiple pictures as you lie on a table that slides in and out of the machine.

For more information

Visit our website or contact us. Be sure to talk to your primary care provider for a referral for lung cancer screening. Please choose one of five convenient locations:

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center — South Lake Union

UW Medical Center — Roosevelt

UW Medicine Primary Care at Outpatient Medical Center

Harborview Medical Center

UW Medicine Eastside Specialty Center

Learn more at
FredHutch.org/LungScreening or
(206) 606-1434

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