

NEW LUNG CANCER SCREENING TECHNOLOGY

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the Tri-State, and Deaconess is continually seeking new treatments and technology for fighting this and other cancers.

Early detection is vital for the successful treatment of lung cancer. For example, studies have shown that annual low-dose computed tomography (CT) screenings can reduce lung cancer mortality by 20% and even reduce all-cause mortality by 7%.

That's where Deaconess Cancer Services' low-dose CT screening technology can help. With this screening, doctors are able to detect lung cancers in the earliest stages, meaning better potential treatment outcomes for patients. Our low-dose CT scanner ensures minimal radiation exposure during the screening.

The information in this brochure can help you and your doctor decide if you might benefit from a screening.

SCREENING GUIDELINES

A doctor's order is required for a low-dose CT lung cancer screening. If you are age 55-77 and are a current smoker or former smoker who has quit within the last 15 years, you may be a candidate for a low-dose CT lung cancer screening.

SCHEDULING A SCREENING

Patients who meet the criteria for lung cancer screening should talk to their doctor about screening options as well as the risks and benefits of screening. After meeting with your doctor, you can schedule your low-dose CT by calling **812-450-LUNG (5864)**.

Will my insurance pay for the low-dose CT screening?

Due to clinical studies that show the effectiveness of this exam, insurance companies are quickly adding low-dose CT screening for lung cancer to the services they cover. However, it varies by insurance plan and payor.

Deaconess will work with your insurance to determine if you are covered for this important screening and bill your insurance appropriately. If your insurance does not yet cover this service, Deaconess will work with you on affordable payment options, because we want this life-saving service to be available to as many people as possible.

A multidisciplinary team of doctors reviews screenings.



RESULTS

Normal screening results will be sent to the referring physician. Questionable lung abnormality screening results will be reviewed by Deaconess Lung Nodule Review Board doctors, and those recommendations from the review board will be provided to the referring physician.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about low-dose CT lung cancer screening, please visit **deaconess.com/lung** or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network's Web site at **nccn.com**.