

Low-Dose CT for Lung Cancer Screening (For Referring Doctors)

For your patients who are current or former heavy smokers, the USPSTF and CMS now recommend annual screening for lung cancer using low-dose computed tomography (LDCT). **Cone Health now has a dedicated team to screen these patients annually.**

- **To refer patients for screening**, simply call our nurse navigator: (336)547-1878
- Patients can also call us directly.
- Our team will:
 - pre-qualify your patients
 - set up a one-on-one shared decision-making appointment* with our Nurse Navigator (*a requirement for CMS).
 - send annual reminders to patients
 - automatically notify you and patients of results
- Low-dose CT scan locations: Greensboro (many locations), High Point, Burlington, Reidsville and Kernersville

Who needs this lung cancer screening?

Patients who:

1. Have a 30+ pack-year history of smoking
and
2. Are between the ages of 55 and 80 years of age (up to age 77 for Medicare patients)
and
3. Smoke now or have quit within the last 15 years.

Patients do not qualify for this screening if they:

- Have a recent history of hemoptysis
or
- Have a history of unexpected weight loss of >15 pounds over the last 6 months
or
- Are currently getting routine chest CTs to follow up on cancer of any type (diagnosed within the past 5 years and not yet in clinical remission)

Additionally, patients with signs/symptoms of active pulmonary infection should be fully treated prior to undergoing a low-dose CT for lung cancer screening (in order to reduce the chance of false positive results or limited studies that will require patient to be recalled for additional scanning at a later date).

For further information, please contact Cone Health's Lung Cancer Screening Nurse Navigator, Sarah Groce: (336)547-1878, sarah.groce@conehealth.com.

If you order the CT scan instead of using our service, use these codes:

CT CHEST LUNG CANCER SCREENING LOW DOSE W/O CM IMG5577

Z12.2 – screening of respiratory organs

Z87.891 – personal history of nicotine dependence

If you perform the lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision making visit, use the following G-code for billing: G0296

What to tell your patient to expect

- The scan takes about 10 minutes.
- You will lie on your back, with your arms above your head and hold your breath for about 10 seconds. This minimizes movement of the lungs allowing for a good quality scan.
- There are no injections or dyes used in this scan.
- You can eat and drink normally before and after your appointment.

Resources for your patients

Cone Health's patient information pamphlets. Contact us for copies.

Patient-centered website about these screenings: www.shouldiscreen.com

Smoking Cessation: smokefree.gov, and www.quitlinenc.com

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