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Spotlight: Lung Cancer

- Lung cancer is not a single disease; rather it is a group of cancers that originate in the lung and associated tissues. Lung cancers are divided into three major types: small cell lung cancer (SCLC), non-small lung cancer (NSCLC) and lung carcinoid tumors. Lung cancer accounts for more deaths than any other cancer in men and women.¹
- Overall, lung cancer mortality rates are about three times higher for smokers than for people who never smoked.²
- More than 1 million adults in Indiana smoke cigarettes with Indiana's adult smoking rate being 19.4 in 2020 which was above the national adult smoking rate in the United States of 15.5.¹
- Exposure to radon gas is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States³
- The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends annual screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography in adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20-pack-per-year smoking history and currently smoke, or who have quit within the past 15 years⁴



¹ [Indiana Facts and Figures](#)

² [CDC, Tobacco-Related Mortality, CDC: 2020](#)

³ [American Cancer Society Facts and Figures](#)

⁴ [United States Preventative Task Force: Lung Cancer Screening](#)

Take Action:

Upcoming Events

- [National Lung Cancer Screening Day](#): The American Cancer Society National Lung Cancer Roundtable (ACS NLCRT), G02 for Lung Cancer, Radiology Health Equity Coalition (RHEC), and American College of Radiology (ACR), have partnered once again for the second annual National Lung Cancer Screening Day Nov. 11. In acknowledgment of National LCS Day falling on the Veterans Day holiday, the ACS NLCRT, ACR, RHEC, and G02 have partnered with the Veterans Administration on this campaign in order to salute our Veterans by increasing outreach and awareness to our veteran population, in turn saving more lives!
- The Ascension St. Vincent Indianapolis Mobile Mammography Unit is partnering with the Indiana Department of Health to offer screening mammograms Nov. 23. For more details, appointment information, and to see if you qualify for an appointment, [CLICK THIS LINK](#).

Indiana Resources

- Quit Now Indiana is the frontline tool for helping Hoosiers who use tobacco break their addiction. [Quit Now Indiana](#) offers the tools anyone who is ready to quit tobacco needs to be successful!
- Indiana Department of Health's [Lead and Healthy Homes Division](#) offers information and resources regarding radon testing
- To purchase a low-cost radon short term or long term test kit, visit the [American Lung Association](#). If you have general radon questions, contact the Indiana Radon Hotline at 1-800-272-9723.

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