ANNUAL SCREENING FOR LUNG CANCER: WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

LUNG CANCER IS
- Diagnosed in approximately 1 of every 7 cases of cancer
- The leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States at 25.9% of all cancer deaths
- The cause of more cancer deaths than prostate, breast, and colorectal cancers combined

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 9 MILLION current and former smokers at high risk for lung cancer in the United States.

LDCT SCREENING MAY DETECT LUNG CANCER EARLY IN THESE PATIENTS.

WHO IS AT HIGH RISK?
Patients at high risk include those who meet all of the following criteria:
- Are 55 to 80 years old
- Have a smoking history of ≥30 pack-years
- Are currently smoking or who have quit within the last 15 years

Lung cancer screening is covered by Medicare for patients 55 to 77 years old and by most commercial insurance plans for patients 55 to 80 years old.

References: