Lung Cancer Early Detection and Prevention Clinic

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States and in our state. Detecting it at its earliest stage provides the best opportunity for a cure. If you are a smoker, or a former smoker, consider visiting SCCA's Lung Cancer Early Detection and Prevention Clinic. Even if you have already quit smoking, you are still at risk for lung cancer and other tobacco-related lung diseases.

Our Mission

The mission of the Lung Cancer Early Detection and Prevention Clinic is to improve the length and quality of life of patients at risk for lung cancer and other tobacco-related diseases. We fulfill our mission by delivering and integrating state-of-the-art clinical care and research to enhance prevention, early detection, and treatment.

Clinic Serves Two Populations

The Lung Cancer Early Detection and Prevention Clinic serves current or former smokers who would want to know whether they have smoking related health issues, and people that have been diagnosed with lung nodules.

Early Detection Part 1

During your initial appointment, which may include lung cancer screening, you will be seen by a pulmonologist, a lung doctor who will:

• Discuss your health history
• Assess you for signs of early oral cancer
• Check for lung health issues like asthma and emphysema
• Determine whether a CT (computed tomography)* scan of your lungs to look for lung cancer is appropriate
• Discuss the benefits of smoking cessation and, if appropriate, refer you to SCCA’s Living Tobacco-Free Services

*There are specific guidelines for screening that must be met before you are considered for a screening CT scan. Prior to your visit, you will be asked to complete a detailed health questionnaire to guide this decision. During your initial appointment, your pulmonologist will discuss the risks and benefits of a screening CT and decide with you whether a CT scan will benefit you.
Cost
This service is not normally covered by insurance, unless a problem is found. You will have the opportunity to discuss the current fee for this service when you call to schedule your appointment.

Early Detection Part 2
If you have been diagnosed with lung nodules in our clinic or by a community doctor, the next step is to have your case reviewed by our team. Specialists, including a pulmonologist, chest radiologist, nuclear medicine specialist, and thoracic surgeon, will review your case and discuss your health history to determine the best course of action. If an intervention or procedure is necessary, services are easily accessible at SCCA outpatient clinic and University of Washington Medical Center.

Make an Appointment
To schedule an appointment, contact our care coordinators at:

Phone: (206) 288-7222
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Read more about the Lung Cancer Early Detection and Prevention Clinic www.sccaearyldetection.org.