

Prevention: Tertiary

- Targeted at people who survived a cancer disease
- Assists them to retain an optimal level of functioning regardless of their potential debilitating disease



Cancer Screening

Cancer screening refers to the process by which large number of people within population undergo one or more tests that are designed to find the occult tumour.

The aim is to detect preclinical or earlier phase of the disease and to initiate treatment at the earliest to prevent progression. Screening is worth if the earlier intervention improves the outcome.



Whom and when to screen-USPSTF

(Grade B recommendation)

- **annual** screening for lung cancer with
- low-dose computed tomography (**LDCT**)
- in adults aged **50 to 80** years
- who have a **20 pack-year** smoking history
- and currently smoke or have quit within the **past 15 years**.

Screening should be discontinued once a person has not smoked for 15 years or develops a health problem that substantially limits life expectancy or the ability or willingness to have curative lung surgery.



Other recommendations

American Cancer Society :

- annual lung cancer screening
- with LDCT
- for persons aged 55 to 74 years
- who are in fairly good health, have at least a 30 pack-year smoking history,
- and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years.

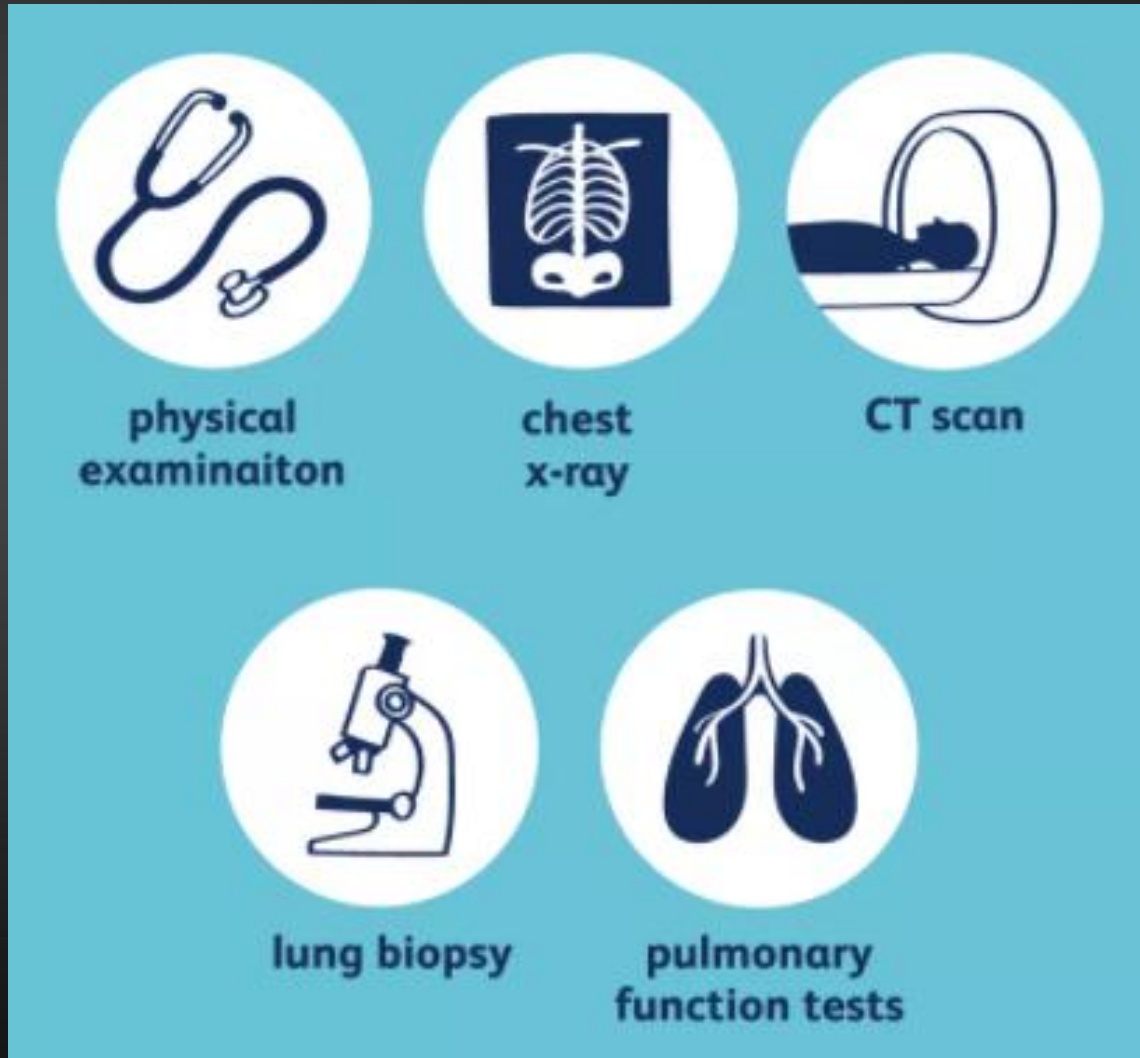
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- annual screening
- with LDCT
- in persons aged ≥ 50 years
- who have at least a 20 pack-year smoking history

No upper age cut off
Lower pack –year



How to screen



How to screen

Annual Screening
Low dose CT

CXR and sputum cytology- not beneficial

In candidates for screening, **shared patient/provider decision-making** is recommended



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LOW-DOSE COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY ACQUISITION, STORAGE, INTERPRETATION, AND NODULE REPORTING (Lung-RADS)¹⁻⁴

Acquisition	Small Patient (BMI ≤30)	Large Patient (BMI >30)
Total radiation exposure	≤3 mSv	≤5 mSv
kVp	100–120	120
mAs	≤40	≤60
All Patients		
Gantry rotation speed	≤0.5	
Detector collimation	≤1.5 mm	
Slice width	≤2.5 mm, ≤1.0 mm preferred for characterization of nodule consistency, particularly for small nodules ⁵	
Slice interval	≤slice width; 50% overlap preferred for 3D and computer-aided detection (CAD) applications	
Scan acquisition time	≤10 seconds (single breath hold)	
Breathing	Maximum inspiration	
Contrast	No oral or intravenous contrast	
CT scanner detectors	≥16	
Storage	All acquired images, including thin sections; maximum intensity projections (MIPs) and CAD renderings if used	
Interpretation Tools		
Platform	Computer workstation review	
Image type	Standard and MIP images	
Comparison studies	Comparison with prior chest CT images (not reports) is essential to evaluate change in size, morphology, and density of nodules; review of serial chest CT exams is important to detect slow growth	
Nodule Parameters		
Size	Largest mean diameter on a single image (mean of the longest diameter of the nodule and its perpendicular diameter, when compared to the baseline scan)	
Density	Solid, ground-glass, or mixed (mixed; otherwise referred to as part solid)	
Calcification	Present/absent; if present: solid, central vs. eccentric, concentric rings, popcorn, stippled, or amorphous	
Fat	Report if present	
Shape/Margin	Round/ovoid, triangular/smooth, lobulated, or spiculated	
Lung location	By lobe of the lung, preferably by segment, and if subpleural	
Location in dataset	Specify series and image number for future comparison	
Temporal comparison	If unchanged, include the longest duration of no change as directly viewed by the interpreter on the images (not by report); if changed, report current and prior size	



Why to screen

BENEFITS

- Decreased lung cancer mortality
- Quality of life
 - a) Reduction in disease-related morbidity
 - b) Reduction in treatment-related morbidity
 - c) Improvement in healthy lifestyles
 - d) Reduction in anxiety/psychosocial burden
- Discovery of other significant occult health risks (eg, thyroid nodule, severe but silent coronary artery disease, early renal cancer in upperpole of kidney, aortic aneurysm, breast cancer)

Improved survival

Decreased cancer specific mortality

Less radical treatment

Improve quality of life

Reduced cost of treatment

Reassurance with true negative tests





Why not to screen

RISKS

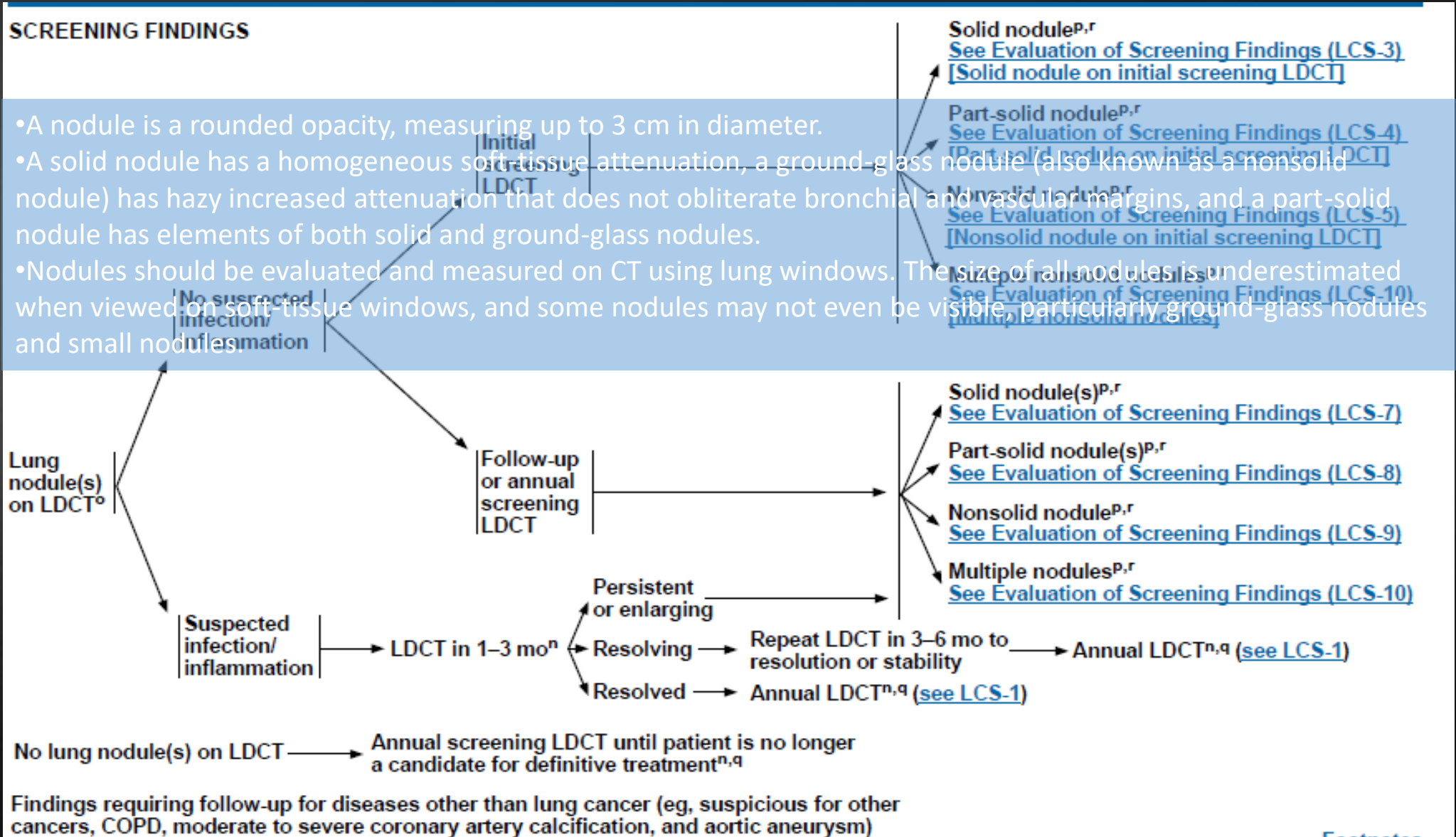
- Futile detection of small aggressive tumors or indolent disease

- Quality of life

Anxiety about test findings

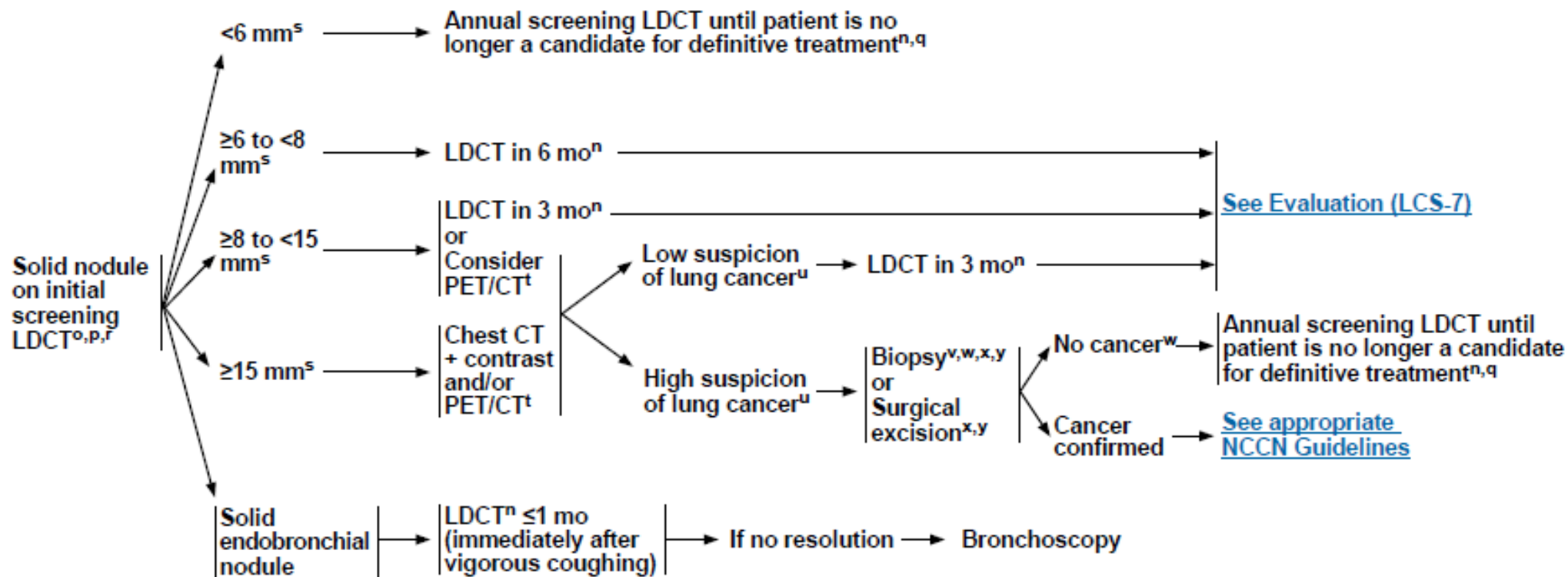
- Physical complications from diagnostic workup
- False-positive results
- False-negative results
- Unnecessary testing and procedures
- Radiation exposure
- Cost
- Incidental lesions

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EVALUATION OF SCREENING FINDINGS

FOLLOW-UP OF SCREENING FINDINGS



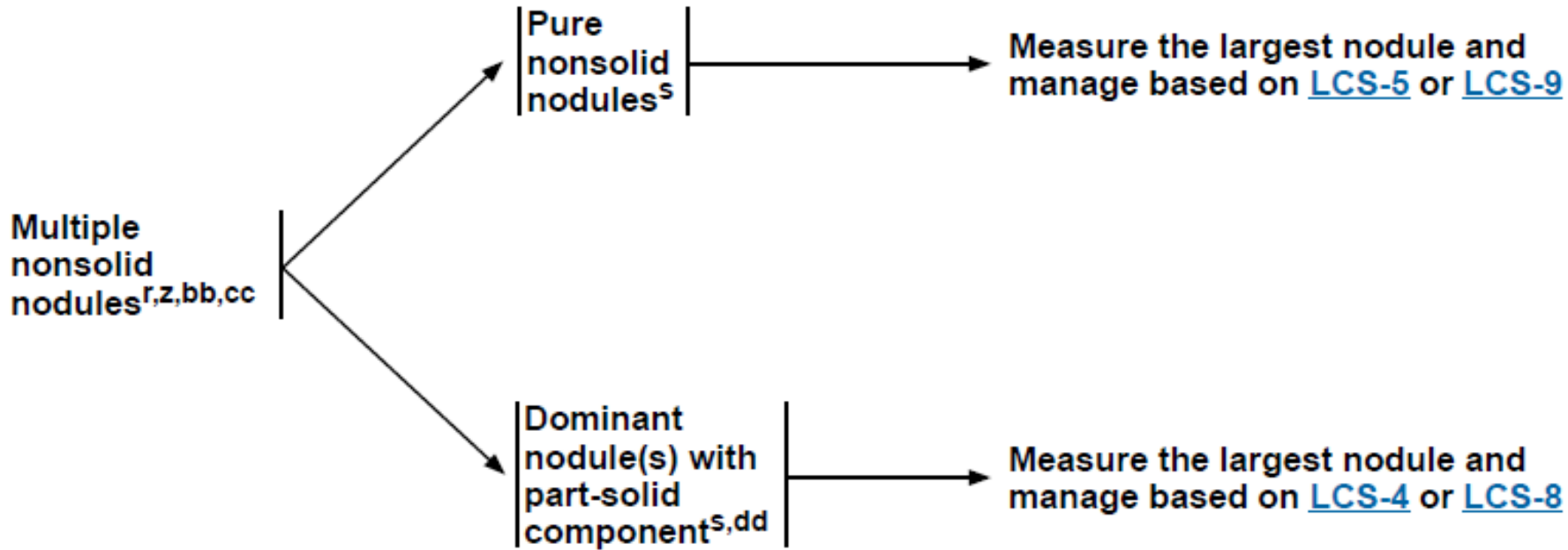




Table 2. Histologic Type and Stage of Lung Cancers by Arm

Variable	LDCT Arm	CXR Arm	p Value ^a
	n (%)	n (%)	
All	1701	1681	
Histologic type			
All NSCLC	1397 (82.1)	1343 (79.9)	0.28
BAC	121 (7.1)	46 (2.7)	<0.0001
Adenocarcinoma	608 (35.7)	598 (35.6)	0.76
Squamous	416 (24.5)	395 (23.5)	0.45
Large cell	56 (3.3)	53 (3.2)	0.77
Other NSCLC	196 (11.5)	251 (14.9)	0.009
SCLC	245 (14.4)	291 (17.3)	0.05
Carcinoid	12 (0.7)	7 (0.4)	
Unknown	47 (2.8)	40 (2.4)	
Stage ^b			
I ^c	673 (39.6)	462 (27.5)	<0.0001
IA	523	326	
1B	148	134	
II ^c	145 (8.5)	153 (9.1)	0.65
IIA	91	80	
IIB	43	66	
III ^c	298 (17.5)	321 (19.1)	0.36
IIIA	204	216	
IIIB	84	94	
IV	468 (27.5)	597 (35.5)	<0.0001
Occult	5	4	
Unknown	112 (6.6)	143 (8.5)	

NLST trial

the overall mortality benefit is no longer significant (RR 0.97 (95% CI: 0.94–1.01); the difference in the number dying (per 1000) is 4.2 (95% CI: –2.6 to 10.9, $p=0.18$).

Non-std control arm

lack of information on any posttrial screening that may have occurred in either the LDCT or chest radiography group

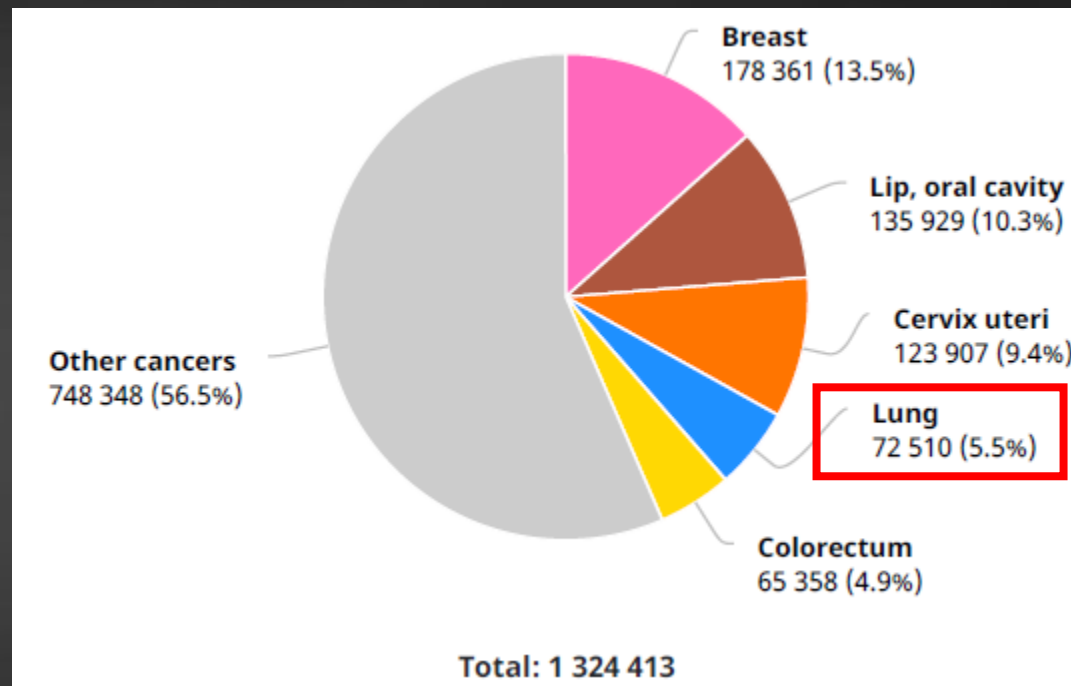




NELSON

- LDCT at baseline, than after 2 and 5.5 years.
- LDCT to no screening
- among smokers 50–74 years old, with >15 cigarettes a day for >25 years or >10 cigarettes a day for >30 years and have quit less than 10 years ago.
- median follow-up of **10 years**- NELSON found that lung cancer mortality was significantly lower among at-risk individuals who underwent LDCT compared with no screening among high-risk patients (**2.43% vs 3.17%**).

How common is Lung Cancer in India ?



Cancer	New cases				Deaths				5-year prevalence (all ages)	
	Number	Rank	(%)	Cum.risk	Number	Rank	(%)	Cum.risk	Number	Prop.
Breast	178 361	1	13.5	2.81	90 408	1	10.6	1.49	459 271	0
Lip, oral cavity	135 929	2	10.3	1.09	75 290	3	8.8	0.62	300 413	0
Cervix uteri	123 907	3	9.4	2.01	77 348	2	9.1	1.30	283 842	0
Lung	72 510	4	5.5	0.67	66 279	4	7.8	0.61	80 817	0
Oesophagus	63 180	5	4.8	0.57	58 342	5	6.9	0.53	68 607	0

India

- No lung cancer screening guideline in india.
- issues with availability of low dose CT scan and associated cost, also implicated is the high prevalence of pulmonary tuberculosis leading to over-diagnosis



