

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

ABOUT NSCLC

(Non-small cell lung cancer)

2. There are multiple ways to detect NSCLC

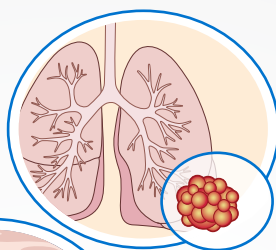
NSCLC is usually first detected by chest X-rays or tests called PET scans or CT Scans. Lung cancer is confirmed by taking a sample of the lung tissue, called a biopsy, which is performed by a pulmonologist or thoracic surgeon.

4. Your doctor may prescribe a targeted oral therapy

Lung cancers are not all the same and can be treated differently. Your doctor may prescribe an oral therapy that specifically fights your type of lung cancer. It's important to follow the personalized treatment plan your doctor has set for you.

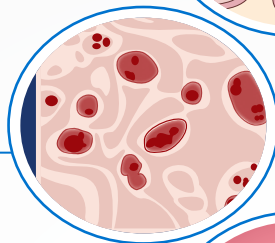
6. Talk to your doctor

It is important to talk about any change in your body while you are on medications or during chemotherapy even if it seems unrelated to lung cancer. Frequent, open discussions between you and your doctor will help your doctor give you the best care.



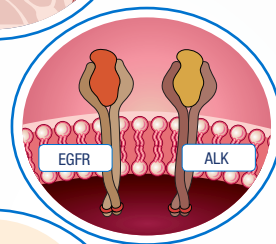
1. NSCLC is the most common kind of lung cancer

It can be caused by smoking, environmental factors, or gene mutations. **Mutations** are changes in the DNA that may affect how cells function, and some mutations cause cancer. Lung cancer starts in the lungs, but can spread to other parts of the body. Lung Cancer is NOT contagious, or passed on by touching someone.



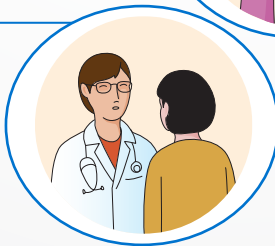
3. Gene mutations can influence your recommended treatment plan

Often, more tests such as a "mutation test" or "biomarker test" may be done to look for gene mutations that may have caused the cancer, including **EGFR** (Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor) and **ALK** (Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase), which are the common mutations found in lung cancer. These Biomarker tests can also help your doctor determine the best treatment plan for you.



5. With any therapy, side effects can be expected

Whether your doctor recommends chemotherapy or a targeted oral medication, it is common to have side effects during treatment, and it is important to work with your doctor to deal with side effects from your treatment. Your doctor can help anticipate side effects and alleviate them when they do occur.



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