November is National Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Lung cancer is a leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S. Black Americans are especially at risk for lung cancer and have a greater chance of dying from it.

If you have been exposed to cancer-causing agents or have a history of the disease, you may have an increased risk for lung cancer. Smoking is a leading cause of lung cancer, but even if you have never smoked, you can still be at risk.

Advances in prevention, treatment, and early detection have put lung cancer deaths on the decline. Early detection is important because lung cancer symptoms usually do not appear until the disease is advanced. Research shows that C-T screening can lower the risk of lung-cancer death in certain people, based on their age, general health, and smoking history.

Lung cancer treatments may include surgery, radiation treatments, chemotherapy or one of several interventional radiology procedures. Discuss lung cancer risks, symptoms, and treatment options with your doctor.


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