

The American Lung Association has submitted formal comments to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. The Lung Association also solicited public reactions via the organization's Facebook page. Below are the responses.



American Lung Association

August 19

If lung cancer could be detected in its early stages, what would that mean to you and your loved ones? Let your voice be heard and shared as the US Preventive Services Task Force finalizes its recommendations on lung cancer screening.



DID YOU KNOW?

Lung Cancer screening may become available at no cost-sharing for those at "high risk" in hopes of detecting lung cancer in its early stages.

Share your story below and let us know what this would mean for you and your loved ones.



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Ria Tanz Kubota It would have been wonderful to have my husband live some more healthy years rather than die of lung cancer as he did. ✕

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Edna Houk i had colon rectal cancer and was almost five years clear but it came back in my left lung. Xrays every six months saved my life. Early detection saved my life.

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Jessica Lea Breazeale Yes! Would have been amazing. 3 weeks ago my dad thought he had a stroke. Went in for MRI/CT and it showed Stage 4 lung cancer that has already spread to the brain. Just had two brain surgeries to remove the tumors this week. He'll have 3 weeks of physical therapy before beginning radiation and chemo. Lung cancer screening is CRUCIAL to catching these things early on. He had to wait almost a week for insurance to approve his surgeries. We advocate for screening in our family--would have been amazing for us.

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Dana Coletti My mother was diagnosed with lung cancer in 1980 although she had quit smoking 13 years prior. She died in 1981. My father was also diagnosed with lung cancer in 2000, 20 years after he quit smoking and died 2001. I fear I am next as I smoked for about 10 years but quit more than 20 years ago. Early detection is needed. As we all know, you don't have to be a smoker to get lung cancer. More research and more money has to be put into treating and curing this horrible disease.

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Kathleen Maloney Skambis Early detection (a lucky chest x-ray) saved my life 14 years ago. This is critical and fact based. It should be approved and it should be covered by the Affordable Care Act. Now, FIND A SCREENING TEST FOR NEVER SMOKERS (like me).

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Talia Alane This screening would likely have saved my Mom's life. At diagnosis, my Mom had been smoke free for 16 years, and one would have thought home free. But, that wasn't the case, and in less than 6 months she went home to God, and was freed from the agonizing pain of lung cancer. Thank you for continuing the research and education that is vital to learning how to detect and treat lung cancer, the #1 cancer killer, in its early stages.

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Debbie Nelson My mom was sick for a long time. When she finally went to the doctor they told her she had small cell lung cancer and a tumor in her lung the size of an orange .She was the third generation of smokers in her family. I was the fourth. I quit. Now my children the fifth. Only one of my four children does not smoke and she lives with a smoker. I have asthma and copd. I wonder all the time if I will get lung cancer too. I support screening!

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Tina Greco Klein My Mom had a very large lung tumor that was undetected by Xrays just a few years before. She was a long time smoker who had quit and thought that she was cleared. Tumors can continue to grow in former smokers -for up to 10 years. CT scans can show much more detail. I am so happy that the standards c ontinue to improve for this significant portion of the population. A preventative measure like this may have saved my Moms life. Its too late for her and my family, but, hopefully, someone else can benefit from these new life saving protocols. X

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Joanie Summer My father died with lung cancer, which had spread to his spine before it was diagnosed. I am over 55, have 33 pack years of smoking, quit 7 years ago. Do I qualify? My doctor wants me to get a CT scan soon. How soon do you think this program will start?

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Diane DeClerck My mom died in 2009, was diagnosed in 2005 of NSC lung Ca w/mets to the brain, having quit smoking in 1965 (40 yrs. prior). She was a very active woman, not overweight or on any meds at the age of 75 when diagnosed. Chemo and radiation took away her quality of life which was the heartbreaker. Still, she lived 3 1/2 years after diagnosis. Since Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung Ca, we need more publicity on it, and more awareness raised on the fact that lung cancer kills more people than colon, prostate, and breast cancers combined yet gets the least funding for research. I do believe that early intervention in screening can save lives, especially in previous smokers, but I feel I'm at risk even though I smoked for two years as a teenager and am now 57 years old (radon).

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Valerie Moore Tocco My father's cancer was discovered at stage 4. He had served in Vietnam where he was exposed to agent orange and during that time cigarettes were handed out as healthy stress relief. He was never able to break his addiction and passed away 9 months after his diagnosis. Our loss is still felt deeply almost 3 years later. I believe early detection might have saved his life. The world will never be the same without him in it. If early detection can prevent one family from going through what we have, then it's worth it. He was 59 and a beloved husband, father, and "Poppop".




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Betty Smith A ct in October, 2007 showed a .6cm nodule in my right upper lobe, in April it was .9cm. I was operated on in May - stage 1A - no radiation or chemo. My Mother had lung cancer 20 years ago and my youngest sister was diagnosed a little over a year ago. By the time my sister was diagnosed it was stage 4 and she passed away in February. I am very, very lucky to have a doctor who ordered a ct with very minimal symtoms. I smoked for 35 years - gave it up 9 years ago. Get a CT scan before it is too late!!!!


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
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
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Denice Clemons It would mean moving forward in preventative care and treatment of this horribly DEADLY DISEASE! Let's find a CURE. Let's raise the survival rate now! ~

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Bonnie Weller If screening were available as you describe, as a "recovering" smoker many times over the past 35+ years, of course it would mean a great deal to me. ✕

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Emma Knoll it's sad that the insurance companies have refused to pay for this life saving preventative test. I hope this gets made available to folks. I worked as a bartender for many years working my way through school. The bar was just blue from the thick tobacco smoke.

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Susan Ruggles A good friend of mine died of lung cancer last year at age 48, after being smoke-free for 10 years. Screening and early detection might have saved her life, since her cancer wasn't discovered until stage 4.

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Melinda Melhus THANK YOU SO MUCH... i have lost so many dear loved ones and friends since it didn't show up until an e-ray 😞

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Shahid Hamid Support the efforts being made, also ban cigarettes manufacture entirely.

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Laura Ann Ostermeyer Smokers, former smokers and folks who never smoked are dying - far too many. I've lost 3 friends to lung cancer - none of whom smoked - all were young - 1 @ 43 and 2 in their 50s. I think there is a lot of bad stuff we are being exposed to in the environment besides 2nd hand smoke. Please do something - people deserve long, healthy and happy lives!

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