

# LOW DOSE CT LUNG SCREENING ORDER FORM

PLEASE FAX ORDER FORM TO: (727) 384-7600 OR EMAIL TO: SUE.GLOVER@HCAHEALTHCARE.COM  
TO SPEAK WITH SUE ELLEN GLOVER, NURSE NAVIGATOR PLEASE CALL: (727) 344-4743

## PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF EXAM:

\_\_\_\_\_ Initial screening exam

\_\_\_\_\_ Subsequent screening exam

\*PLEASE INCLUDE THE MOST RECENT PROGRESS NOTE WITH THIS ORDER

ORDER DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDERING PHYSICIAN (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NPI NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

*If this is the patient's first LDCT lung cancer screening exam, the USPSTF requires documentation of counseling regarding the risks and benefits of screening and shared decision-making between the patient and physician. Subsequent screenings can be ordered during an appropriate physician visit.*

## ORDERING CRITERIA

The USPSTF has approved low-dose CT (LDCT) lung cancer screening for patients who meet the following criteria:

- Age 55-77 years of age
- Tobacco smoking history of at least 30 pack-years
- Current smoker or one who has quit within the last 15 years
- No signs or symptoms of lung cancer

## PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

YES \_\_\_ Age 55-77 years

YES \_\_\_ 30 pack-years smoking history (packs/day x by years smoked)

YES \_\_\_ Current smoker or quit within past 15 years Quit Date \_\_\_\_\_

YES \_\_\_ No signs or symptoms of lung cancer

If the response to any of the above questions is "NO", your patient does not meet the requirements for LDCT lung screening

## PLEASE ATTEST TO THE FOLLOWING:

YES \_\_\_ Patient participated in a shared decision-making discussion about the potential risks and benefits of LDCT lung screening

YES \_\_\_ Patient received counseling about LDCT screening

YES \_\_\_ Patient received counseling on tobacco cessation and offered referral to smoking cessation counseling services

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

See back for Provider Information, LDCT Benefits and Risks.



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## Provider Information:

LDCT Lung Screening examinations can be made by calling:  
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For Medicare patients, a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision making visit includes the following elements (and is appropriately documented in the beneficiary's medical records), and must be furnished by a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner:

- Determination of beneficiary eligibility including age, absence of signs or symptoms of lung disease, a specific calculation of cigarette smoking pack-years; and if a former smoker, the number of years since quitting;
- Shared decision making, including the use of one or more decision aids, to include benefits, harms, follow-up diagnostic testing, over-diagnosis, false positive rate, and total radiation exposure;
- Counseling on the importance of adherence to annual LDCT lung cancer screening, impact of comorbidities and ability or willingness to undergo diagnosis and treatment;
- Counseling on the importance of maintaining cigarette smoking abstinence if former smoker, or smoking cessation if current smoker and, if appropriate, offering additional Medicare-covered tobacco cessation counseling services; and
- If appropriate, the furnishing of a written order for lung cancer screening with LDCT. Written orders for both initial and subsequent LDCT lung cancer screenings must contain the following information, which must also be documented in the beneficiaries' medical records:
  - Beneficiary date of birth,
  - Actual pack-year smoking history (number);
  - Current smoking status, and for former smokers, the number of years since quitting smoking;
  - Statement that the beneficiary is asymptomatic; and
  - NPI of the ordering practitioner.

## Low Dose CT (LDCT) Lung Cancer Screening

### Benefits

- LDCT scans of the chest produce images of sufficient image quality to detect many lung diseases and abnormalities using up to 90 percent less ionizing radiation than a conventional chest CT scan.
- No radiation remains in a patient's body after a CT examination.
- X-rays used in LDCT of the chest scans have no immediate side effects.
- CT scans are able to detect even very small nodules in the lung, LDCT of the chest is especially effective for diagnosing lung cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage.
- Lung cancer found by screening with LDCT is often at an earlier stage of disease.
- Lung cancer screening with LDCT has been proven to reduce the number of deaths from lung cancer in patients at high risk.
- CT is fast, which is important for patients who have trouble holding their breath.
- CT scanning is painless and noninvasive.
- When cancer is found with screening, patients can more often undergo minimally invasive surgery and have less lung tissue removed.

### Risks

- False positive results occur when a test appears to be abnormal but no lung cancer is found. Abnormal findings may require additional testing to determine whether or not cancer is present. These tests, such as additional CT exams or more invasive tests in which a piece of lung tissue is removed (called a biopsy), have risks and may cause a patient anxiety.
- Test results that appear to be normal even when lung cancer is present are called false-negative results. A person who receives a false-negative test result may delay seeking medical care.
- Not all of the cancers detected by LDCT will be found in the early stage of the disease. Screening that detects lung cancer may not improve your health or help you live longer if the disease has already spread beyond the lungs to other places in the body.
- LDCT lung screening and all other screening exams can lead to the detection and treatment of cancer which may never have harmed you. This can result in unnecessary treatment, complications, and cost.
- There is a theoretical small risk of cancer from exposure to low dose radiation.



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