Lung Cancer

Risk factors

• Smoking tobacco
• Exposure to secondhand smoke
• Family or personal history of lung cancer
• Exposure to toxic materials or air pollution
• Radiation therapy to the breast or chest
• Lung diseases such as pulmonary fibrosis

Warning signs

• A persistent cough that gets worse over time
• Constant chest, arm or shoulder pain
• A cough that produces blood
• Shortness of breath, wheezing or hoarseness
• Repeated episodes of pneumonia or bronchitis
• Swelling of the neck and face
• Loss of appetite or weight
• Weakness or fatigue
• Clubbing of fingers

Talk to your doctor if you have one or more of the symptoms or fall into any of the risk categories.
Get screened
If you are a current or former smoker, you may be eligible for a lung cancer screening.

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3 ways to lower lung cancer risk

Eliminate tobacco use
Smoking is estimated to directly cause 85% of all lung cancers.

Avoid secondhand smoke
Exposure to secondhand smoke also puts you at increased risk.

Use protective equipment when exposed to dangerous substances and pollutants
Exposure to radon, asbestos, radiation, arsenic and pollution increases your risk of lung cancer.