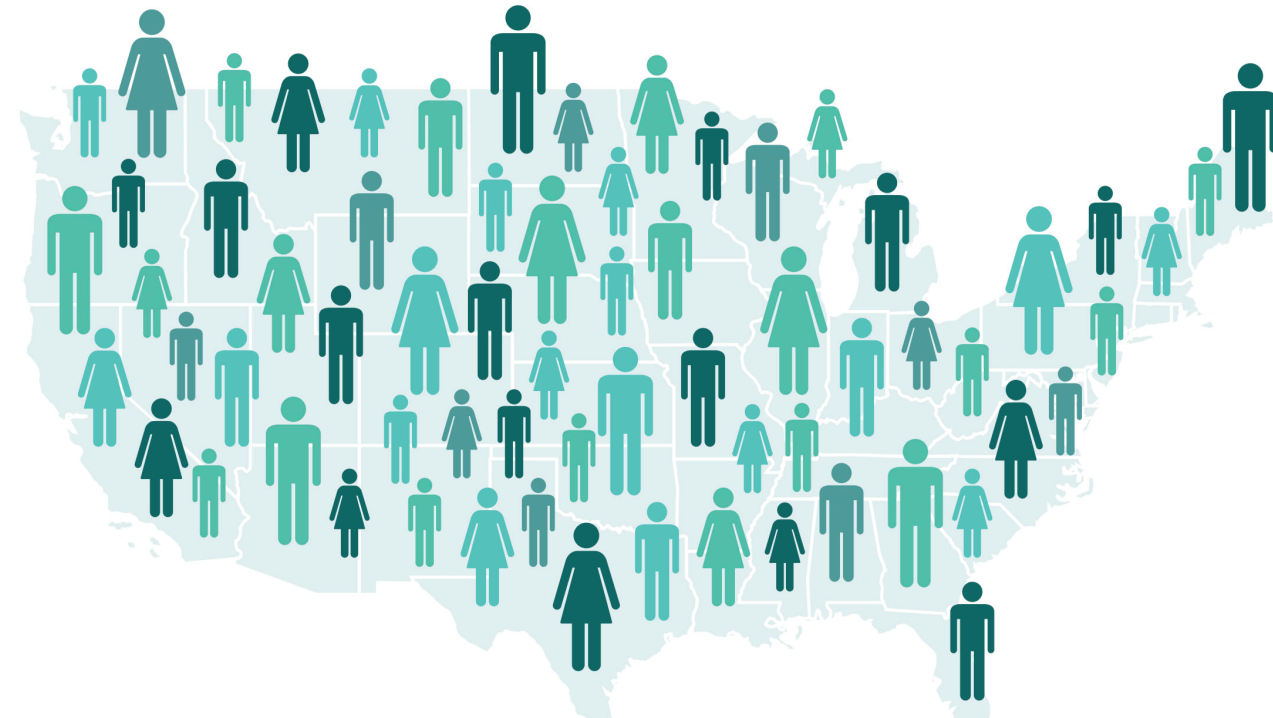
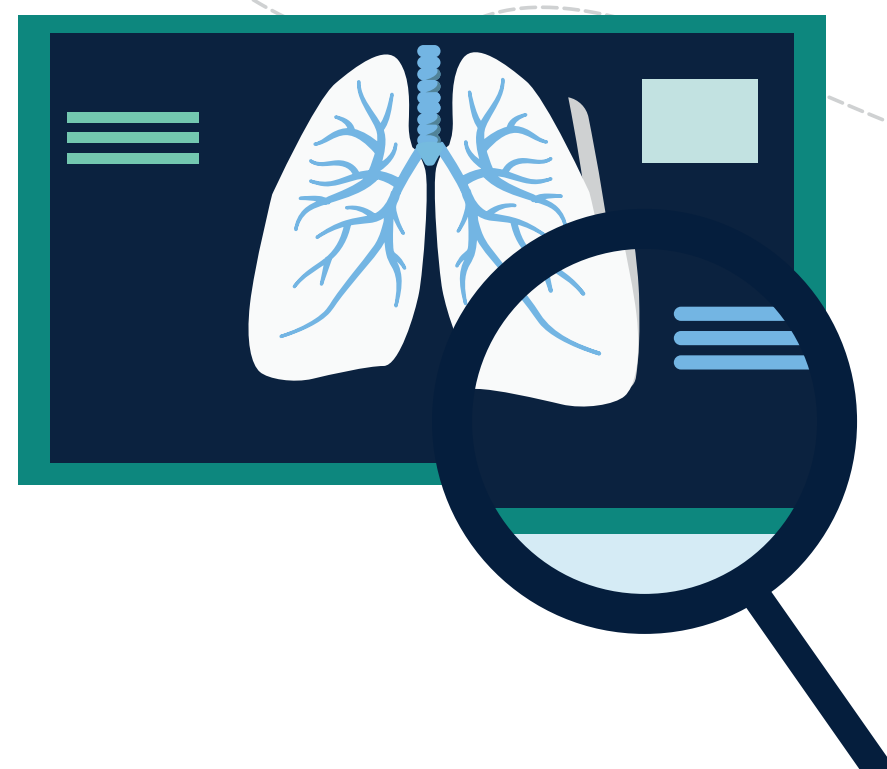


FIRST THINGS FIRST:

WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer is one of **the most commonly diagnosed cancers in the U.S.**

It is estimated that about **12%** of all new cancer cases are lung cancers.



In 2022, an estimated **236,740** new cases of lung cancer were diagnosed in the U.S.

Lung cancer is also the **leading cause of cancer death in the U.S.**

Approximately 1-in-5 cancer-related deaths were estimated to result from the disease in 2022.



Despite how common lung cancer is and its high mortality rates, **there are still many misconceptions about the disease.** Having accurate information is a critical step in the fight against lung cancer. **It's time to set the record straight.**

MYTH

Everyone dies from lung cancer.

Survival outcomes for lung cancer are the same today as they were a decade ago.

FACT

Survival rates for lung cancer have improved. **Over the past five years, the U.S. national survival rate has increased from 21% to 25%.**



MYTH

Everyone who smokes gets lung cancer.

Patients who were smokers – or are current smokers – should have known better.



FACT

Regardless of how they got the disease, anyone diagnosed with lung cancer is in need of quality care and support. **Research has shown that between 10-20% of people with lung cancer in the U.S. never smoked or had fewer than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime.**

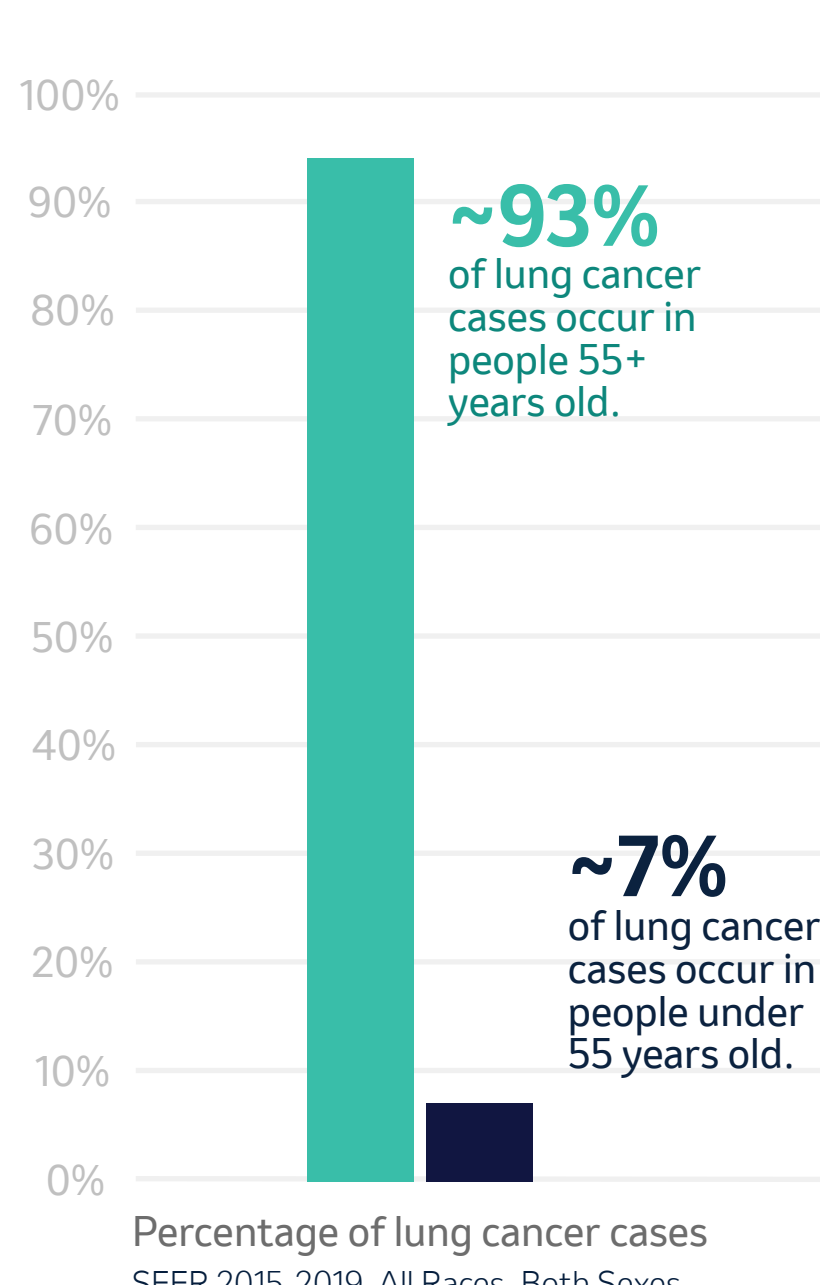
MYTH

Lung cancer is only caused by smoking. This is the only risk factor for the disease.

FACT

While smoking is the most common risk factor for lung cancer, other external factors can cause the disease. Research has shown that **exposure to radon and occupational carcinogens such as asbestos can lead to lung cancer.**

Exposure to outdoor air pollution has also been linked to the disease.



MYTH

Only older people get lung cancer.

FACT

While lung cancer is mostly diagnosed in older people it can still occur in younger adults. In fact, **approximately 7% of lung cancer cases occur in people under 55 years old.**

MYTH

Oncologists are the only people that can truly help patients with lung cancer. Patients don't need any other support during their cancer journey.

FACT

Navigating a lung cancer diagnosis can take a village – including an oncologist, radiation oncologist, pulmonologist, thoracic surgeon among others on the team. Connecting with friends and family can provide a sense of support and comfort during the cancer journey.

