

Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – April 2025

Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening eBulletin

Changes to the Ontario Lung Screening Program (OLSP): Supporting Patients at High Risk of Lung Cancer

In March 2025, the [Ontario Lung Screening Program \(OLSP\)](#) expanded to include additional hospital locations across the province. The program also changed the referral age criteria to **people ages 55 and older**. At age 80, people are exited from the program; however, they can continue to screen if appropriate.

OLSP Referral Inclusion Criteria:

If you are referring someone age 55 to 80, they must:

- Have a smoking history of any amount of cigarettes* daily for 20 years, and
- Have Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage

Anyone age 80 or older requires a new referral every year.

If you are referring someone age 81 or older, they must:

- Have a smoking history of any amount of cigarettes* daily for 20 years
- Have Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage
- Have discussed risk and benefits of lung screening with you
- Be well enough to undergo and recover from lung cancer treatment
- Have a lifespan (over 5 years) to benefit from treatment

People who have been exposed to second-hand smoke or used other kinds of tobacco, such as cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco or e-cigarettes, are **not eligible for lung cancer screening through the OLSP at this time.*

Not everyone who meets the referral inclusion criteria will be eligible for lung cancer screening in the OLSP. For more information click [here](#).

How to Refer Patients at High Risk of Getting Lung Cancer to the OLSP:

- Complete the [OLSP referral form](#).
- Fax the completed referral form directly to the OLSP hospital location.

OLSP Hospital Locations in the Toronto Central Region:

Hospital	Phone Number	Fax Number	Email
Michael Garron Hospital (NEW)	416-469-6580 ext. 3475	416-469-7753	lungcancerscreening@tehn.ca
University Health Network Affiliated sites: • Women's College Hospital • Toronto Western Hospital	416-340-4154	416-340-4137	LungScreeningProgram@uhn.ca

For a list of OLSP locations in Ontario and their fax numbers click [here](#).

To learn more about the OLSP please visit the [Ontario Lung Screening Program Frequently Asked Questions for Healthcare Providers](#). Click [here](#) to access OLSP provider and patient resources.

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If you have any questions or if you would like to receive the Cancer Screening Tip of the Month please email the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening team: infoTCRCP@sunnybrook.ca