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Cancer Screening Tip of the Month – Lung Cancer Screening

The Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening team, is pleased to offer the November Cancer Screening Tip of the Month eBulletin.

Ontario Lung Screening Program (OLSP)

Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) recommends using low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) through an organized cancer screening program to screen people at high risk of getting lung cancer.

In Toronto, the OLSP is available at the University Health Network (UHN).

Your patients may qualify for referral if they meet the following inclusion criteria:

- ✓ 55 to 74 years old, and
- ✓ A daily cigarette smoker (current or former) for 20 years or more (not necessarily 20 consecutive years)

To access the OLSP referral form click [here](#). Completed referral forms can be faxed to the OLSP at UHN: **416-340-4137**.

- Physicians and nurse practitioners can refer to the OLSP.
- Not all patients referred to the OLSP will qualify for a LDCT. Upon referral, patients will undergo a personalized lung cancer risk assessment incorporating age, smoking history, personal history of cancer, family history of lung cancer, a diagnosis of COPD, level of education and BMI.
- Patients should not be referred if they are currently undergoing diagnostic assessment/surveillance for a life threatening condition (i.e. a cancer with a poor prognosis).
- Within 2-3 weeks of LDCT completion, patients are notified of the lung screening portion of their results (LungRads score).
- A full report including incidental findings will be sent to the referring healthcare provider.
- The OLSP will arrange the next LDCT.

1200

LDCT scans completed
through the OLSP at UHN
over the past 12 months

9 out of 10

patients have no suspicious
finding and undergo annual
LDCT surveillance

2.5 - 3.5%

of scans detect a suspicious
nodule and are referred to the
Lung Cancer Rapid
Assessment and
Management Program

For more information regarding the OLSP click [here](#).

Stay tuned for these monthly cancer screening updates that are relevant to your practice.

Resources

For cancer screening tools and resources to support healthcare providers click [here](#).

Check out the [Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program](#) website for information and resources that span the cancer continuum.

Questions?

If you have any questions or if you would no longer like to receive the Cancer Screening Tip of the Month please email the Toronto Central Regional Cancer Program, Cancer Screening team: info@TCcancerscreening.ca