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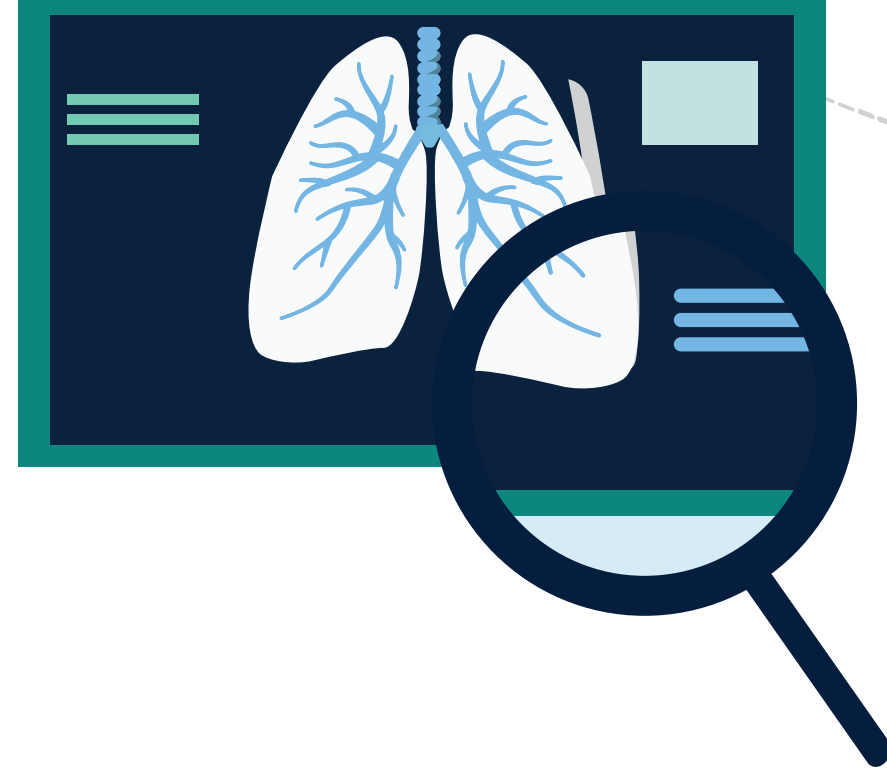
WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer is one of **the most commonly diagnosed cancers worldwide**.

In 2020, it is estimated that more than

11%

of all new cancer cases were lung cancers.



In 2020, more than

2.2 million

new cases of lung cancer were diagnosed worldwide.

Lung cancer is also the **leading cause of cancer death worldwide**.

Nearly 1-in-5

cancer-related deaths were estimated to result from the disease in 2020.



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

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

FACT

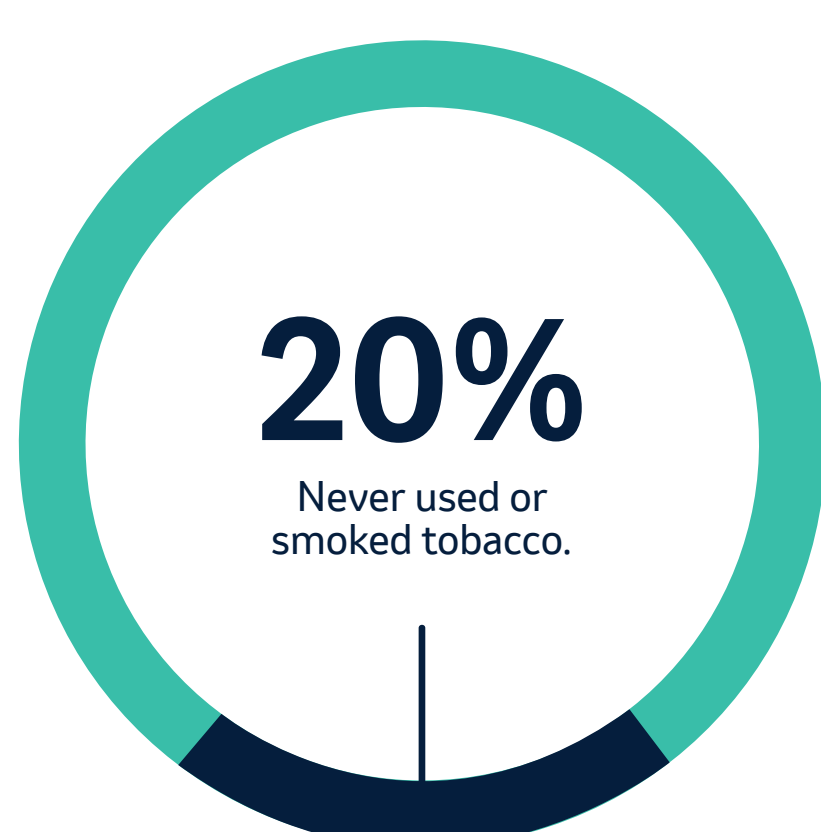
Over the past decade, **scientific advancements have been made in lung cancer care**, which have led to more survivors and more hope for those facing the disease.



MYTH

Doctors should prioritize helping patients who did not smoke. Patients who were smokers – or are current smokers – should have known better. They deserve lung cancer.

20% of non-smokers die every year from lung cancer



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Never used or smoked tobacco.

FACT

Every person with lung cancer is someone's mother, father, son or daughter. Regardless of how they got the disease, anyone diagnosed with lung cancer is in need of quality care and support. Worldwide, it is estimated that **up to 20% of patients with lung cancer have never smoked**.

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 and second-hand smoke can lead to lung cancer**. Exposure to outdoor air pollution has also been linked to the disease.



Number of lung cancer cases



1,921,000+ in people 55 years or older.



285,000+ in people 54 years and younger.

MYTH

Only older people get lung cancer. It isn't a cancer that younger people need to be aware of or worry about.

FACT

While lung cancer is mostly diagnosed in older people it can still occur in younger adults. In 2020, **more than 285,000 cases of lung cancer were estimated to be diagnosed among people 54 years and younger**.

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 oncologists, family and friends. Connecting with others can provide a sense of support and comfort during the cancer journey.

