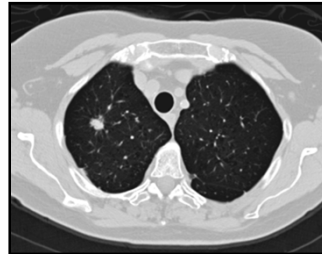


LUNG CANCER: LDCT

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DISCLOSURES

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☐ NONE

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OBJECTIVES

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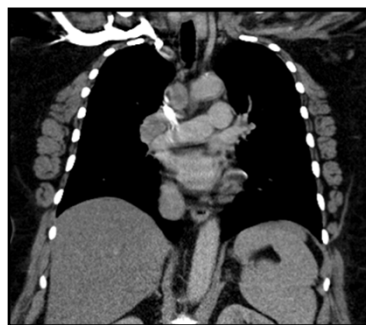
- Rationale and evidence for LDCT for lung cancer screening
- Review guidelines for when to order LDCT

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- 75% present with Stage III/IV disease
- Only 10% are asymptomatic and early stage



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TREATMENT (in one slide!)

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- Stage I/II
 - Operable: Surgery
 - Inoperable: SABR (stereotactic ablative radiotherapy) or standard fractionated EBRT +/- chemo for N1
 - Local failure rate 10%
- Stage III
 - Chemoradiotherapy → durvalumab x 12 months
 - Local failure rate >50%
- Stage IV
 - Palliative treatment (chemo/targeted therapy or radiation)
 - Best supportive care

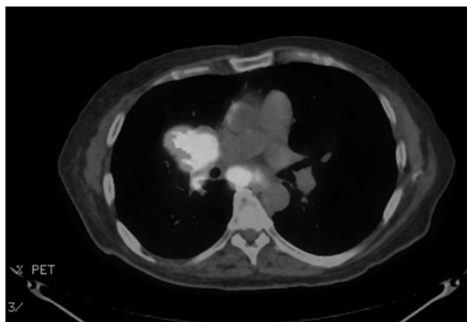
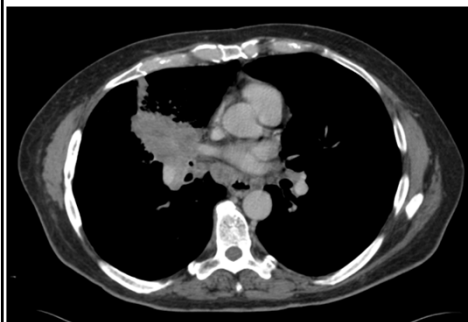
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CASE 1

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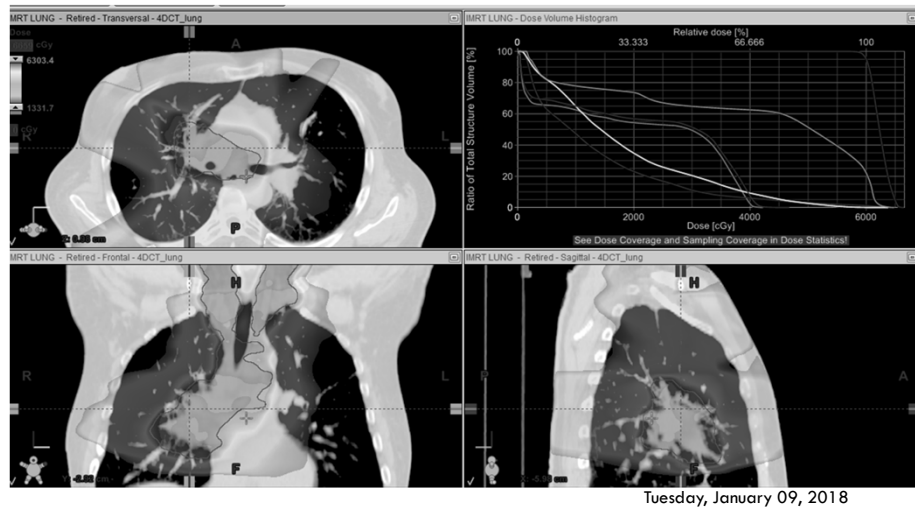
60 y/o male with 80 pack smoking history presents with 7 months of cough and increasing SOB

Noted a 30 pound weight loss in past 2 years



DEFINITIVE CHEMORADIATION

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6 MONTHS LATER...

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Started having balance difficulties and frequent falls



CASE 2

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- 53 year old female with 40 pack smoking history
- Felt a “popping” sensation in her rib → ED

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14 MONTHS LATER...

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She noted increasing SOB and facial swelling



LUNG CANCER SCREENING: RATIONALE

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- ☐ High morbidity and mortality
- ☐ Significant prevalence (2%)
- ☐ Identifiable risk factor allowing for targeted screening
- ☐ More effective treatment for early stage disease

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LUNG CANCER SCREENING

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Potential benefit

- ☐ Increase cure rate
- ☐ Increase local control
- ☐ Limit extent of surgery

Potential harm

- ☐ Increase in invasive procedures
- ☐ Radiation exposure
- ☐ Anxiety with following nodules long term
- ☐ Overdiagnosis

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PLCO Cancer Screening Trial

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- Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian Cancer screening trial
 - Men and women ages 55-74
 - Not specifically high risk (50% current or former smokers)
 - Screening group: Single PA CXR baseline and annually x 3 years
 - Control group: Routine care

Results

- No difference in lung cancer incidence rates after 13 years f/u
- No difference in lung cancer mortality

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JAMA 2011

NATIONAL LUNG SCREENING TRIAL

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Reduced Lung-Cancer Mortality with Low-Dose Computed Tomographic Screening

The National Lung Screening Trial Research Team*

Primary Analysis: Comparison of lung cancer mortality

Secondary Analysis: Rate of death from any cause and
the incidence of lung cancer in the two groups

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NLST

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- High risk patients
 - 55-74 years old with at least 30 pack smoking history
 - If prior smoker, cessation within 15 years
 - Excluded
 - Prior lung cancer
 - Chest CT within 18 months
 - Hemoptysis
 - 15 pound weight loss in prior year

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LDCT

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- Multidetector scanner
- Noncontrast study obtained during a single maximal inspiratory breath-hold (<25 seconds)
- Average effective dose of ~1.5 mSv (0.15 cGy)
 - Diagnostic Chest CT 7-8 mSv
 - Transatlantic flight 0.08 mSv

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RESULTS NLST: + SCREEN

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- Higher rate of positive screening tests in LDCT group
 - ▣ T0: 27% vs 9%
 - ▣ T1: 28% vs 6%
 - ▣ T2: 17% vs 5%
- Diagnostic work up not part of trial and institutional dependent

LDCT: 96% were false positives for all three rounds

CXR: 94.5% were false positives for all three rounds

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RESULTS NLST: ADVERSE EVENTS

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- Major complications
 - ▣ 0.06% in positive LDCT that did not result in cancer Dx
 - ▣ 11.2% in positive LDCT that resulted in cancer Dx
 - ▣ 0.02% in positive CXR that did not result in cancer Dx
 - ▣ 8.2% in positive CXR that resulted in cancer Dx

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RESULTS NLST: INCIDENCE LUNG CA

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LDCT

- 1060 lung cancers
- 50% Stage I
- 8% Stage II
- 20% Stage III
- 22% Stage IV

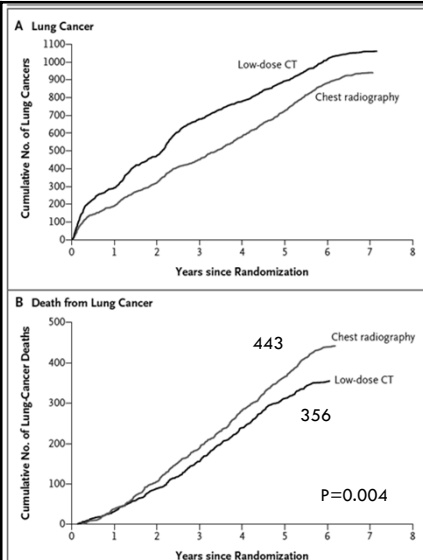
CXR

- 941 lung cancers
- 31% Stage I
- 9% Stage II
- 25% Stage III
- 35% Stage IV

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RESULTS NLST: LUNG CA MORTALITY

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- 20% relative reduction in rate of death from lung cancer with LDCT
- Number needed to screen with LDCT to prevent one death: 320

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US PREVENTIVE TASK FORCE GUIDELINES

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□ High risk

- Age 55-80 and > 30 pack smoking history and smoking cessation < 15 years ago


 LDCT

- Annually for at least 2 years and suggest until 15 years out from smoking or limited life expectancy

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NCCN GUIDELINES

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□ High risk

- Age 55-74 and > 30 pack smoking history and smoking cessation < 15 years ago
- Age > 50 and >20 pack smoking history with one other risk factor
 - Radon, Occupational exposure, COPD, pulmonary fibrosis


 LDCT

- Annually for at least 2 years and suggest until no longer eligible for definitive treatment

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CONCLUSIONS

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- ❑ LDCT decreases lung cancer mortality by 20% compared with screening CXR
- ❑ CXR screening does not work
- ❑ LDCT detects lung cancers at an earlier stage
- ❑ LDCT has high rate of false positives
- ❑ USPTFS and NCCN recommend annual LDCT for high risk patients

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