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Low-Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening

Patient Name:_____ Date:____/____/____

Date of Birth:____/____/____ Current Smoker Y or N (circle)

# of Years Since Quitting:_____ Number of Pack-Years Smoking:_____

Patient is Asymptomatic: Y or N (circle)

Referring Physician:_____

Phone:_____ Fax:_____ NPI#:_____

Signature authorizes the order of a CT Lung Cancer Screening Exam

By signing this order, you are certifying that:

- This patient has participated in a shared decision making session during which potential risks and benefits of CT lung screening were discussed.
- The patient was informed of the importance of adherence to annual screening, impact of comorbidities, and ability/willingness to undergo diagnosis and treatment.
- The patient is asymptomatic (no signs of lung cancer such as fever, chest pain, new shortness of breath, new or changing cough, coughing up blood, or unexplained significant weight loss).
- The patient was informed of the importance of smoking cessation and/or maintaining smoking abstinence, including the offer of Medicare-covered tobacco cessation counseling services, if applicable.

Physician Signature:_____

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved CT lung cancer screening for patients meeting the following criteria:

- 55 to 77 years of age ***and***
- asymptomatic with no signs or symptoms of lung disease ***and***
- have tobacco smoking history of at least 30 pack-years ***and***
- either smoke currently or have quit within the last 15 years

Scheduling: (951) 682-1099

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What are the benefits and risks of lung cancer screening?

Benefits

- Because CT scans are able to detect even very small nodules in the lung, LDCT of the chest is especially effective for diagnosing lung cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage.
- CT is fast, which is important for patients who have trouble holding their breath.
- CT scanning is painless and noninvasive.
- No radiation remains in a patient's body after a CT examination.
- X-Rays used in LDCT of the chest scans have no immediate side effects.
- Low-dose CT scans of the chest produce images of sufficient image quality to detect many lung diseases and abnormalities using up to 90 percent less ionizing radiation than a conventional chest CT scan.
- Lung cancer screening with LDCT has been proven to reduce the number of deaths from lung cancer in patients at high risk.
- Lung cancer found by screening with LDCT is often at an earlier stage of the disease.
- When cancer is found with screening, patients can more often undergo minimally invasive surgery and have less lung tissue removed.

Risks

- False positive results occur when a test is abnormal but no lung cancer is found. Abnormal findings may require additional testing to determine whether or not cancer is present. These tests, such as additional CT exams or more invasive tests in which a piece of lung tissue is removed (called a biopsy), have risks and may cause a patient anxiety.
- Test results that appear to be normal even when lung cancer is present are also called false-negative results. A person who receives a false-negative test result may delay in seeking medical care.
- Not all of the cancers detected by LDCT will be found in the early stage of the disease. Screening that detects lung cancer may not improve your health or help you live longer if the disease has already spread beyond the lungs to other places in the body.
- LDCT lung screening and all other screening exams can lead to the detection and treatment of cancer which may never have harmed you. This can result in unnecessary treatment, complications, and cost.
- Health insurance companies and Medicare may not cover the cost of an LDCT scan to screen for lung cancer.
- There is a theoretical small risk of cancer from exposure to low dose radiation.

Source: www.radiologyinfo.org

OUR LOCATIONS

Approved for Medicare program

Grove Advanced Imaging
8805 Haven Ave., Ste. 120
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Corona Comprehensive Imaging Center
801 S. Main St., Ste. 101
Corona, CA 92882

Riverside Advanced Imaging
3900 Sherman Dr., Ste. 100
Riverside, CA 92503

San Bernardino Advanced Imaging
800 E. Highland Ave.
San Bernardino, CA 92404

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