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# **Current State of Lung Cancer**

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## Lung Cancer Facts for 2022: Indiana

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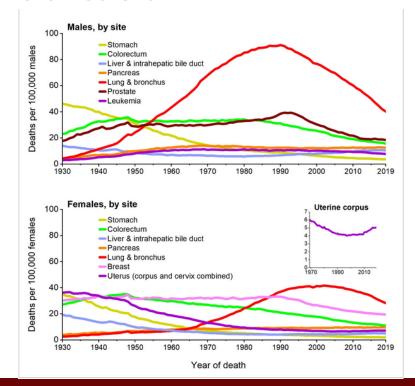
- Most commonly diagnosed cancer in Indiana
- 1 in 16 men, 1 in 17 women in Indiana will be diagnosed this year
- Most common cause of cancer-related death in men and women in Indiana
  - Rank #9 of 50 states for lung cancer mortality in men, and #6 in women in Indiana
  - 4 X more deaths from lung cancer than breast cancer in Indiana
  - 3 X more deaths from lung cancer than colorectal cancer in Indiana
  - More than breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and cervical cancer COMBINED in Indiana



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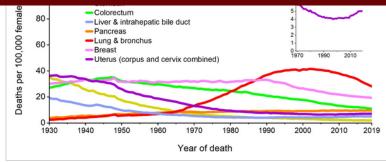
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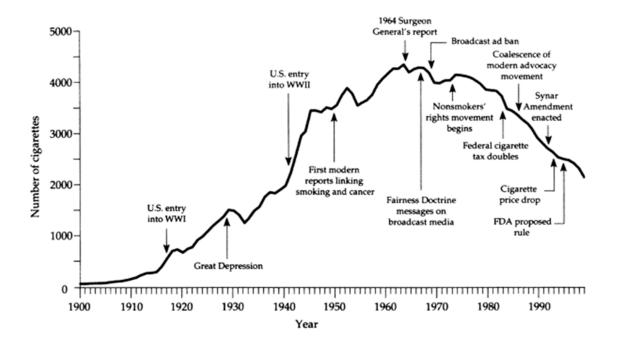
This dramatic reduction has taken place BEFORE the optimal implementation of lung CT screening scans and the remarkable scientific discoveries of the last few years







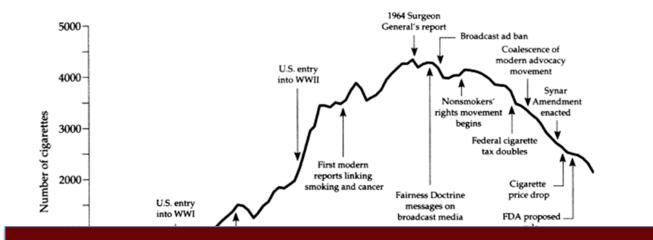
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#### Public servants and ADVOCATES deserve credit for this!





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### ADVOCATES are responsible for saving more lives from lung cancer than medical science!





# Major breakthroughs in last decade

- Dramatic reduction in cigarette consumption
- Discovery of 9 distinct DNA mutations in lung cancer that can be "targeted" by specialized therapy
- Discovery of ways to use the immune system to cure lung cancer





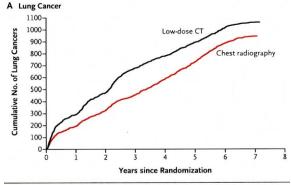
## The gains are substantial

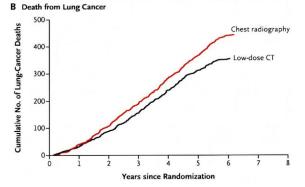
- Cure rates are steadily rising in all stages of lung cancer
- The reduction on all-cancer mortality over the last several years has been entirely due to reduction in lung cancer mortality
- Lung cancer mortality is decreasing 5% PER YEAR!
- Many patients expected to live only months are now living > 5 years



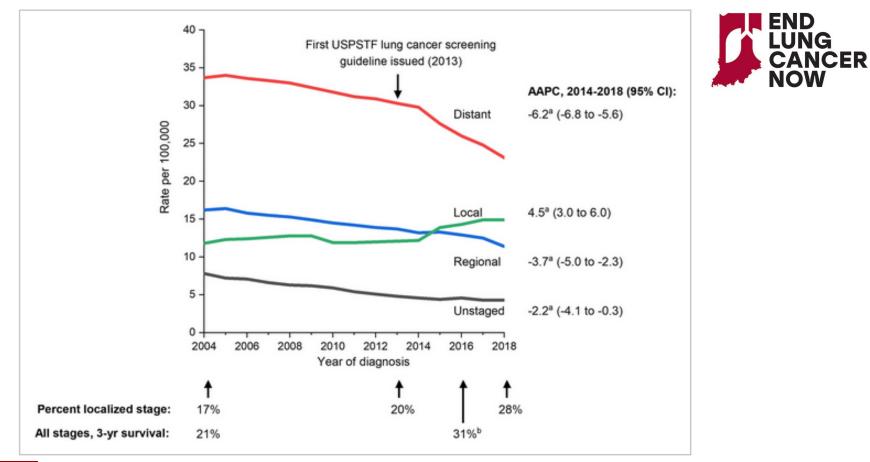


#### **Screening lung scans save lives**







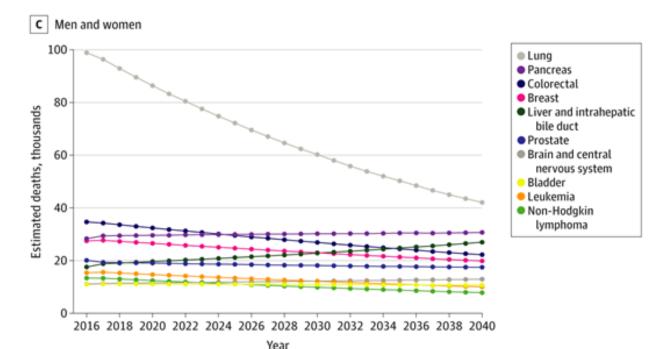






#### **Cancer-death projections by 2040**

Rahib L et al, JAMA Network 2021;4(4):e214708







#### But attitudes are hard to overcome

- In one study, across all groups evaluated, bias was substantially more negative towards lung cancer compared to breast cancer
  - 70% of participants had a negative descriptive bias towards lung cancer
- This has negative consequences
  - Support for lung cancer research
  - Emotional support for patients and their caregivers





## No one deserves lung cancer!

- Patients with lung cancer feel shame and stigma, whether they ever smoked or not
- Blaming the victim is cruel and counter to our common humanity
- It is also counter-productive.
  - Research for lung cancer is research for CANCER
  - When you study lung cancer, you study what underlie almost all forms of cancer



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