

Insist on Better Lung Cancer Care

- Ensure you have undergone biomarker testing prior to choosing treatment.
- Consider a second opinion and/or a consult with a lung cancer specialist.
- Include a friend or family member in your appointments.
- Always speak up and ask questions. You have a voice in YOUR care.



Stages of Lung Cancer

- **Stage I:** The lung cancer is located only in the lungs. It has not spread to lymph nodes.
- **Stage II:** The lung cancer may or may not have spread into the nearest lymph nodes.
- **Stage III:** The cancer is in the lungs and in the lymph nodes located in the middle of the chest.
- **Stage IV:** The lung cancer has spread beyond the lungs to other areas of the body.

Advocating for a Precise Diagnosis

- Confirm lung cancer diagnosis.
- Know lung cancer stage.
- Understand treatment options.
- Ensure essential testing has taken place.
- Discuss which option is best for your lung cancer.

Lung Cancer Driver Mutations

Driver mutations can determine whether a particular targeted therapy may be effective. Common driver mutations include:

- ALK
- BRAF
- EGFR
- ROS1
- NTRK

Lung Cancer Resources

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CancerGrace ▪ Cancer Support Community ▪ EGFR Resisters ▪ Lung Cancer Initiative of North Carolina | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASCLC) ▪ National Comprehensive Cancer Center Network (NCCN) |
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Glossary Terms

Biopsy: Removal of tissue from a specific area of the body for further examination.

Biomarker Testing (molecular testing): Laboratory testing that identifies certain genes, proteins, or other molecules in a sample of tissue, blood, or other body fluid. In cancer, it may also be used to evaluate treatment or to make a prognosis.

Immunotherapy: Type of therapy that harnesses one's own immune system to help the body fight cancer, infection, and other diseases.

PD-L1 Expression: PD-L1 is a receptor expressed on the surface of T cells. The presence of PD-L1 indicates that a lung cancer patient may respond to immunotherapy.

Targeted Therapy: A type of personalized medicine that works by blocking specific mutations and by preventing cancer cells from growing and dividing, without affecting normal cells.

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