# **INSIST! LUNG CANCER**

Program Resource Guide



## TAKE ACTION.

#### Following a lung cancer diagnosis, ask your healthcare team:

- 1. What stage is my lung cancer?
- 2. What type of lung cancer do I have?
- 3. Do I need further molecular (genetic) testing?
- 4. Is there a targeted therapy for me?
- 5. Consider a second opinion.

## **ESSENTIAL TESTING FOR LUNG CANCERR**

- Imaging: CT scans, PET scans or X-rays are used to learn more about the size and stage of the lung cancer.
- Tissue sample (biopsy): A procedure used to obtain a sample of abnormal cells.
- Molecular profiling (genetic testing): To identify gene mutations or chromosomal abnormalities that may affect prognosis and treatment options.

# UNDERSTAND AVAILABLE TREATMENT OPTIONS

Everyone's lung cancer is unique. Discuss with your doctor which treatment(s) might be most appropriate for you:

- Surgery
- Radiation therapy
- Systemic treatments
  - Chemotherapy
  - Immunotherapy
  - Targeted therapy
- Clinical trials

## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CONSIDERING A CLINICAL TRIAL

- How often will I need to come to clinic for appointments?
- Why is this clinical trial right for my lung cancer?
- What side effects might I experience?

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#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**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.

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