

Signs of Lung Cancer

How would I know if I have lung cancer?

Lung cancer does not usually cause pain when it first begins. These are some things that can be signs of lung cancer.

Check any of these things that are true for you.

_____ I have a cough that will not go away.

_____ My chest hurts all the time.

_____ I am short of breath.

_____ I am hoarse.

_____ I cough up blood.

_____ I keep getting pneumonia or bronchitis.

_____ I have lost my appetite.

_____ I have lost weight for no reason.

_____ I feel more tired than usual.

_____ My face or neck is swollen.

_____ I wheeze a lot.

What should I do if I checked any of these things?

You should see your doctor right away to see if there is a problem. Tell the doctor which things are true for you.



What will the doctor do?

- The doctor may ask you about
 - your health
 - whether you have ever smoked
 - what kinds of cancer run in your family
- The doctor may give you a checkup
- The doctor may ask you to have a chest x-ray or other tests.



Talking to your doctor about lung cancer.

Writing down your questions before you talk to the doctor can help you remember them. It may also help to take a family member or friend with you.



Where can I find out more about lung cancer?

- Call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237). The call is free.
- or
- Call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 (1-800-227-2345). The call is free.

