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**Hundreds of Screening Facilities Across the Country Open their Doors to the Public for National Lung Cancer Screening Day**

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**ATLANTA, Nov. 6, 2024** – Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in the U.S., but finding it early, when it’s more likely to be treated effectively, can save lives. On Saturday, November 9, 2024, the [American Cancer Society](https://www.cancer.org/) [National Lung Cancer Roundtable](https://nlcrt.org/) (ACS NLCRT) will launch its third annual National Lung Cancer Screening Day.

ACS NLCRT has partnered with the American College of Radiology, Radiology Health Equity Coalition, Go2 for Lung Cancer, and the Veterans Health Administration to promote this event to the public, veterans and their families throughout Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

On the second Saturday of November, lung cancer screening centers nationwide will open their doors to eligible patients, expanding access to and awareness of this lifesaving cancer screening within their communities. The facilities will offer low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) scans to individuals who have already been referred by their doctors for lung cancer screening. These individuals who have trouble making an appointment during the week will have access to lung cancer screening without having to take a day off work, thereby increasing the accessibility of screening overall.

“Each year our goal is the same, reduce access disparities by removing some of the barriers that contribute to low lung cancer screening rates and raise awareness of early detection through regular screening,” said Dr. Ella A. Kazerooni, chair of the American Cancer Society National Lung Cancer Roundtable. “We are grateful to all of the lung cancer screening facilities that will generously open their doors on the second Saturday of November to allow the public, in particular low-to-moderate income communities, the opportunity to get screened without missing work.”

This year nearly 700 facilities will participate in the one-day event including 115 Veterans Health Administration sites. Lung cancer continues to have the highest mortality rate of cancers worldwide, with populations from lower socioeconomic backgrounds having the highest incidence rates. This effort hopes to reduce access disparities, especially for workers earning less than $15/hour who have access to paid leave or are eligible for FMLA protections but are often faced with repercussions for taking time off.

To find a screening facility near you, American College of Radiology has created a Lung Cancer Screening Locator Tool. Click [here](https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Lung-Cancer-Screening-Resources/LCS-Locator-Tool) to get started.

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**National Lung Cancer Roundtable**

The ACS NLCRT was established in 2017 and is a consortium of more than 225 member organizations and 220 leading experts working together to create more lung cancer survivors. Our collective power and expertise propel us to take on challenges across the lung cancer continuum – from risk reduction, tobacco prevention and control, early detection (screening and incidental lung nodule management), and guideline-based staging, biomarker testing, and treatment, to survivorship, including overarching issues, such as stigma, nihilism, and health equity, and tactical approaches, including state coalition efforts and policy initiatives. We engage volunteer clinical, research, and public health experts, as well as patient and caregiver advocate representatives, in multidisciplinary collaborations that drive the national conversation, catalyze action to create, build, and strengthen innovative solutions, and develop and disseminate evidence-based interventions and best practices.

By working together and striving to avoid duplication among member organizations, we will drive progress faster than working alone to overcome lung cancer challenges, accelerate change, and address the determinants of cancer-related health disparities to advance health equity across the lung cancer continuum. This is the unique role of the ACS NLCRT.

**About the American Cancer Society**

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