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# **Lung Cancer Screening for All Who are Eligible: An Implementation Science Approach**

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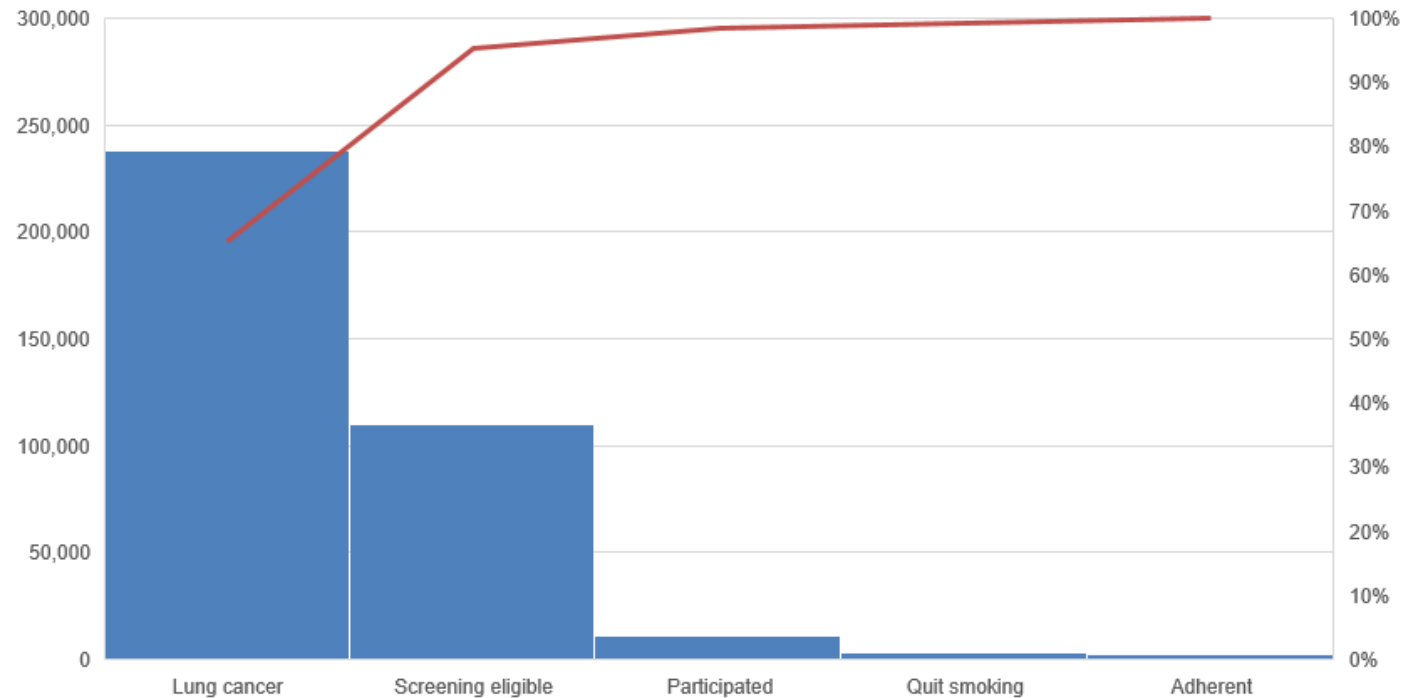
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# Lung Cancer Screening Saves Lives! *But...*

**Lung Cancer Screening USA 2023:  
Population-Level Access and Effectiveness Challenges!**





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# A Very Brief Primer on Implementation Science and its Application to Lung Cancer Screening

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# The Nuts and Bolts of Implementation Science



# Lung Cancer Screening

- Is only so good as how and whether. . .
  - It is adopted?
  - Providers are trained to deliver it?
  - Trained providers choose to deliver it?
  - Eligible people receive?

If we assume 50% threshold for each step. . .

(even w/perfect access/adherence/dosage/maintenance)

Impact:  $.5 * .5 * .5 * .5 = 6\%$  benefit

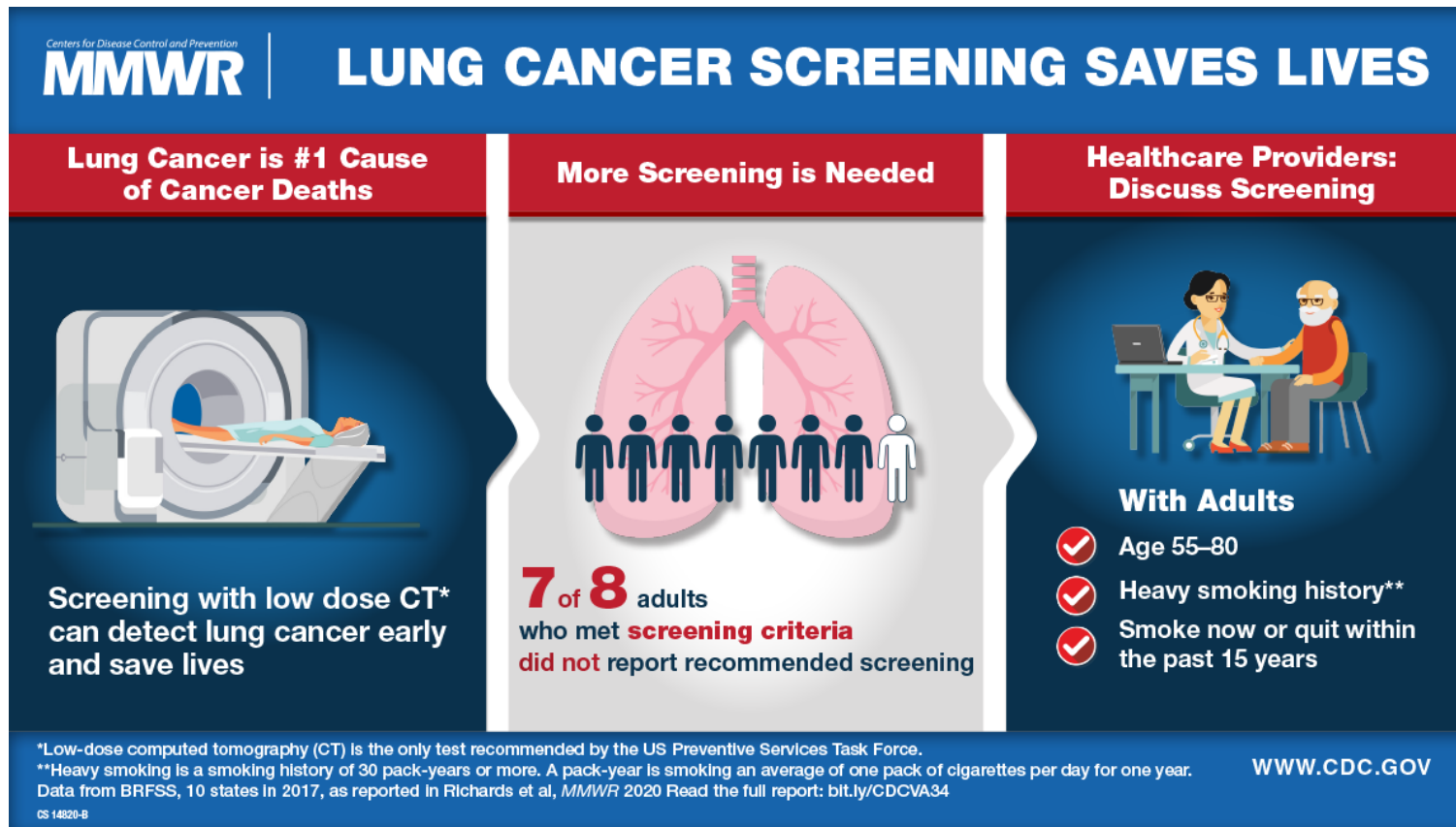
Adapted from Glasgow, RE-AIM

# The Importance of What...

What is the intervention that needs to be implemented?

- A. Lung Cancer Screen
- B. Information Dissemination/Interpretation
- C. Monitoring and Follow-up
- D. Preventive Care
- E. Treatment
- F. All of the above?

# Framing LCS within Implementation Science



## Sample IS Challenges:

- Is LCS Screening a priority (and for whom)?
- How to reach all patients who could benefit
- Fit with practice workflow
- Implementing the model across varied practices
- Interpretation of results
- Follow-up care
- Workforce capacity/training needs



# Key Opportunities to Expand Implementation Science for Lung Cancer Screening

- Fidelity vs. Adaptation -- WHAT do we implement for WHOM?
- Sustainability vs. Evolution – Should our ITVs stay the same over time?
- Local vs. At Scale – How do we reach as many as possible?
- De-Implementation – What practices shouldn't be used in the way they are currently?

# NIH-Wide Funding Opportunities: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health

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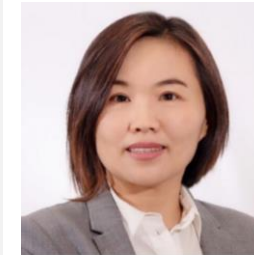
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[Sample Grant Applications](#)

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# Pursuing Equitable Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening

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# Lung Cancer Screening: Two Fundamental Beliefs



*“Lung cancer screening is currently the greatest missed opportunity to reduce cancer mortality throughout the US—not just lung cancer mortality, but overall cancer mortality.”*

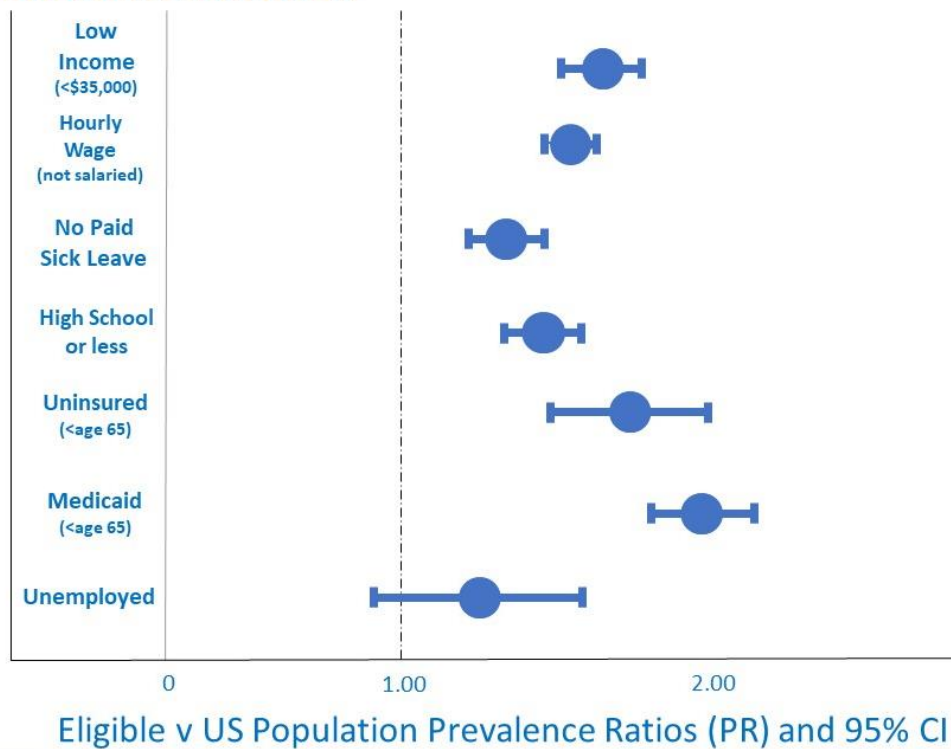
*“Lung cancer screening is the most clinically and scientifically interesting and important implementation science opportunity in cancer.”*

# Screening Candidates



## Rivera et al. (2020) for ATS

### Socioeconomic Measures



### Silvestri and Colleagues

- 1) Strategies to Reduce Disparities in LCS
- 2) Strategies to Ensure Equity in LCS
- 3) Strategies to Improve Tobacco Treatment
- 4) Strategies to Address Healthcare System Provider, and Patient Barriers
- 5) Using Mass, Small, and Social Media to Reach Vulnerable Populations
- 6) Strategies to Reduce Geographic Barriers
- 7) Proposed Policies to Improve LCS Access
- 8) Engaging Advocacy Groups & Organizations

# Equitable Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening

- 1) Assume stark and distressing disparities are emerging even without extensive documentation
- 2) Consider targeted outreach and engagement opportunities to collaborate with specific communities
- 3) Explore community as well as clinician-focused efforts (e.g., community-based organizations, practice/professional groups)
- 4) Mitigate likely exacerbation of known disparities in lung cancer outcomes
- 5) Diverse communities, diverse methods, diverse levels of intervention

# Health Equity in Implementation Science

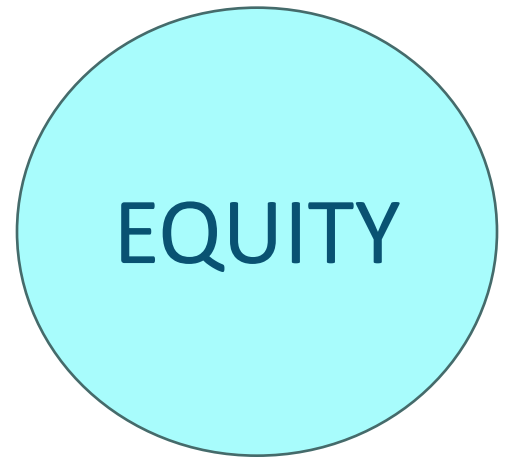
“Every project in implementation science should include an equity focus.” (Brownson et al., 2021)

## A strong focus on equity within implementation sciences requires:

- 1) A deliberate emphasis on the needs, culture, and history of the relevant populations and communities
- 2) A critical analysis and deeper understanding of systems and policies (including healthcare delivery and clinician attitudes)

## Equity-centered research and practices rely on:

- 1) Meaningful ***engagement*** and partnership with multiple entities,
- 2) Builds on existing ***resources and strengths***,
- 3) Develops ***shared goals***, and
- 4) Integrates ***knowledge and action*** that lead to a ***fairer distribution of power and intervention benefits***.





# Conclusion



## Equitable and Optimal Lung Cancer Screening



Aggressively pursuing equitable implementation of high-quality lung cancer screening is the ***path*** to optimal uptake, adherence, and reducing the lung cancer burden.

Identifying, engaging, and sustaining ***relationships*** with community-based organizations that support minoritized communities must play an important role in equitable implementation.

Consideration of ***intersectionality*** can bring richness and authenticity to community-engaged outreach efforts.

Being ***trustworthy*** and working ***with*** community partners and clinicians will play a vital role in fulfilling the potential of lung cancer screening.



# Implementation Science Approach to Implementing Tobacco Treatment in the Context of Lung Cancer Screening: The Screen ASSIST trial

## Aiding Screening Support In Stopping Tobacco

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# Specific Aims

## Aim 1:

To develop a centralized smoking cessation treatment at 11 screening sites.

## Aim 2:

To test the effectiveness of the intervention for smoking cessation using a factorial design to assess 3 intervention components (n=642):

1. Duration of counseling (4 sessions vs. 8 sessions)
2. Duration of NRT (2 weeks vs. 8 weeks)
3. Referral of a community resource (referral vs. no referral)

## Aim 3:

To evaluate the reach, adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the intervention.

# Who is Eligible for the Study?

| Inclusion criteria                             | Exclusion criteria  |
|--|---|
| Patients scheduled for a LCS test              | Having a diagnostic test or follow-up of an abnormal LCS test                                   |
| Speak English or Spanish                       | Unable to give informed consent due to a medical condition, psychiatric or cognitive impairment |
| Current smoker = $\geq 1$ puff in past 30 days | No access to a telephone  |

Patients do not have to be ready to quit smoking or willing to use nicotine patch.

# Virtual Counseling: Phone or Video

| Condition | Coaching Duration | NRT Duration | Community Resource |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1         | Shorter           | Shorter      | Present            |
| 2         | Shorter           | Longer       | Present            |
| 3         | Longer            | Shorter      | Present            |
| 4         | Longer            | Longer       | Present            |
| 5         | Shorter           | Shorter      | Absent             |
| 6         | Shorter           | Longer       | Absent             |
| 7         | Longer            | Shorter      | Absent             |
| 8         | Longer            | Longer       | Absent             |



findhelp implemented our SDOH screening tool into an online platform.



# Integration Model: Chronic Care Model

Gives health systems a structure for organizing care of chronic diseases to improve outcomes.

- ❑ Integrates into the LCS care delivery system (EHR ordering system and patient records) with primary care and radiology
- ❑ Uses information systems to provide timely information
- ❑ Includes decision support (videos of primary care and radiology clinicians and tobacco coach)
- ❑ Provides links to community services

# Embedding the IT/Epic systems



- ✓ Live feed of LCS schedule in EPIC radiology ordering system
- ✓ Study Access database linked with the hospital server database
- ✓ Study iPads at LCS screening sites linked to Epic scheduling and study Access database
- ✓ Videos embedded in REDCap tailored to study status and screening test results

# Implementation Model: RE-AIM

Evaluates implementation in the LCS setting.

- ❑ Reach (% of eligible patients & enrollee characteristics)
- ❑ Effectiveness (smoking outcomes)
- ❑ Adoption (by site)
- ❑ Implementation (fidelity, cost)
- ❑ Maintenance



# REACH: Study videos

- **MESSAGE DEVELOPMENT FRAMES**
- Benefits of quitting at LCS
- Losses from not participating

## RECRUITMENT TIMEPOINTS

RP1: PCP & TTS: The importance of completing LCS & benefits of cessation

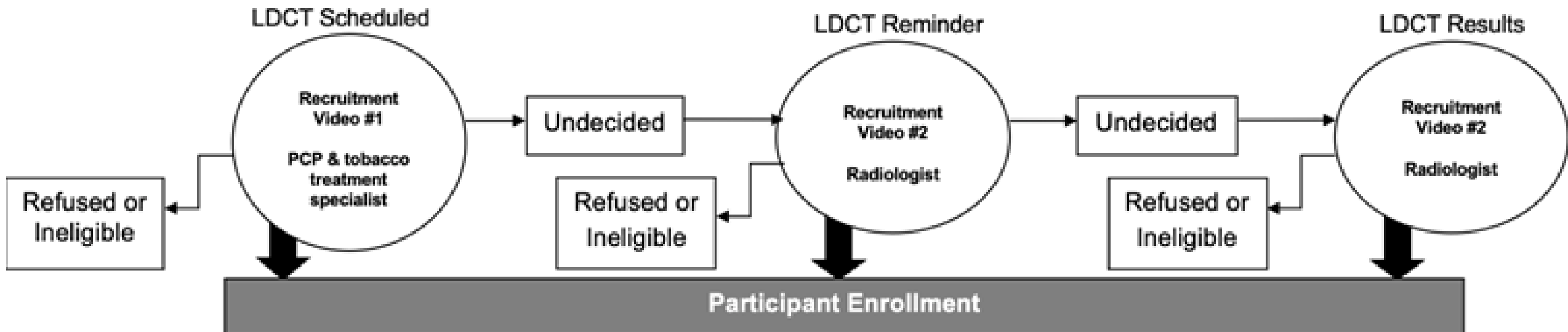
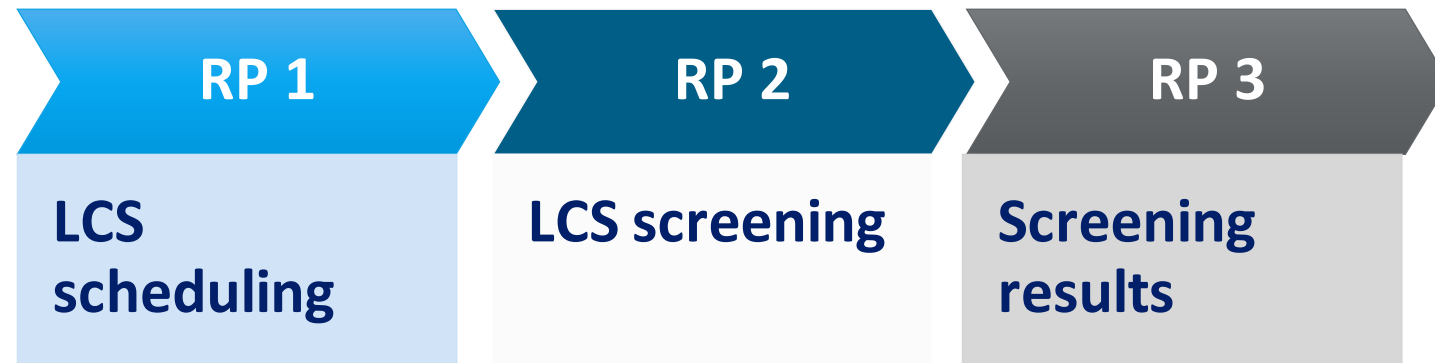
RP2: Radiologist: Importance of study

RP3: Radiologist: tailored to LCS result & brief cessation advice



- **OBSTACLES TO VIDEO USE**
- Email encryption
- Texting consent
- I pads discontinued

# Recruitment



# Implementation Data Sources



Patient Surveys  
(Baseline, 3 & 6 mo)



Enrollment data



Counseling Tracking  
Data



Patient exit interviews



EHR screening data



Cost data

# Enrollment Results

| Characteristics         | % or Mean (SD) |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Women (%)               | 55.8           |
| Age, Mean M (SD)        | 63.9 (6.5)     |
| HS degree or less (%)   | 32.2           |
| Race/Ethnicity (%)      |                |
| White                   | 82.2           |
| Black                   | 10.0           |
| Hispanic                | 7.3            |
| Cig < 30 minutes (%)    | 75.4           |
| Medical Conditions (%)  |                |
| 0-1                     | 60.1           |
| 2-3                     | 40.9           |
| Lives with a smoker (%) | 27.4           |
| CPD M (SD)              | 16.2 (8.2)     |
| Pack-years M (SD)*      | 36.2 (19.4)    |

About half of patients screened were current smokers.

# Treatment Utilization

## Counseling sessions

4 sessions: Mean = 3.2

8 sessions: Mean = 5.6

## Findhelp

○ 24% of participants screened with a SNA

○ 92% of those screened had a social need

## Top Socials Needs Identified

Food

Social Activities

Housing

Loneliness

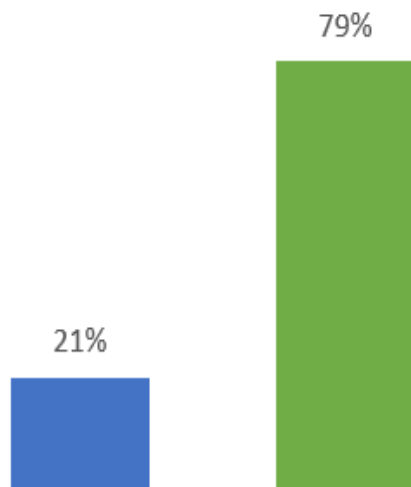
Paying for Utilities

Transportation

Legal

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DISTRIBUTED FOR 2-WEEK ARMS

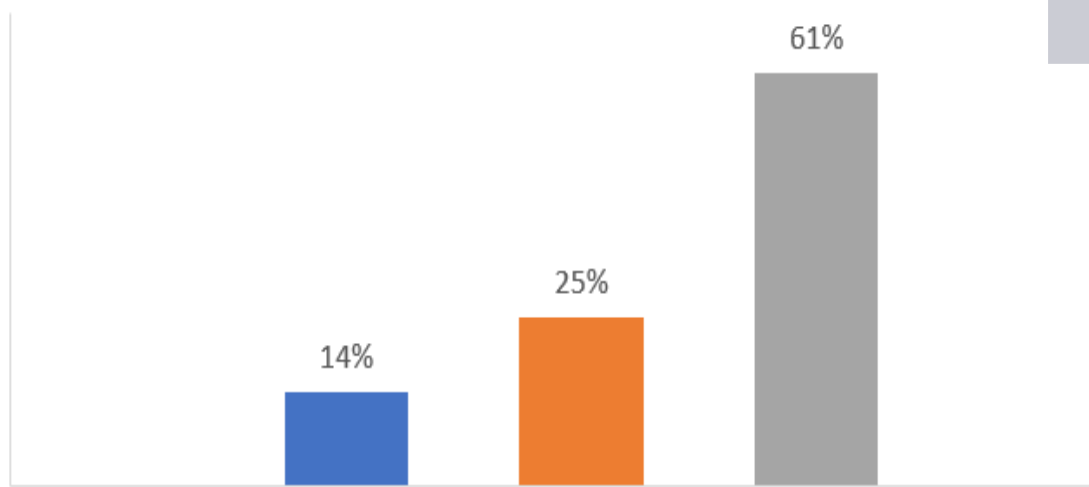
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2 WEEKS OF NRT

PERCENTAGE OF NRT BOXES  
DISTRIBUTED FOR 8-WEEK ARMS

■ 0 Boxes ■ 2 Boxes ■ 4 Boxes



8 WEEKS OF NRT

# THANK YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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# Implementation Science Approach to Shared Decision Making in Lung Cancer Screening

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# Shared decision making in lung cancer screening (SDM in LCS) is recommended, however, rarely happens during clinic visits.

## Patient characteristics

- **LCS awareness**
- **Health literacy**
- Lung cancer fear and stigma
- **Lower access to patient portals**

## Patient perspective

- **Need for LCS information**
- **Support for SDM**
- **Competing priorities & limited visit time**

## Implementation & Sustainability Infrastructure

- **Limited resources for LCS**
- Missing/inaccurate smoking history



**SDM for LCS**

## PCP characteristics

- Detailed LCS knowledge
- Skills in SDM

## PCP perspective

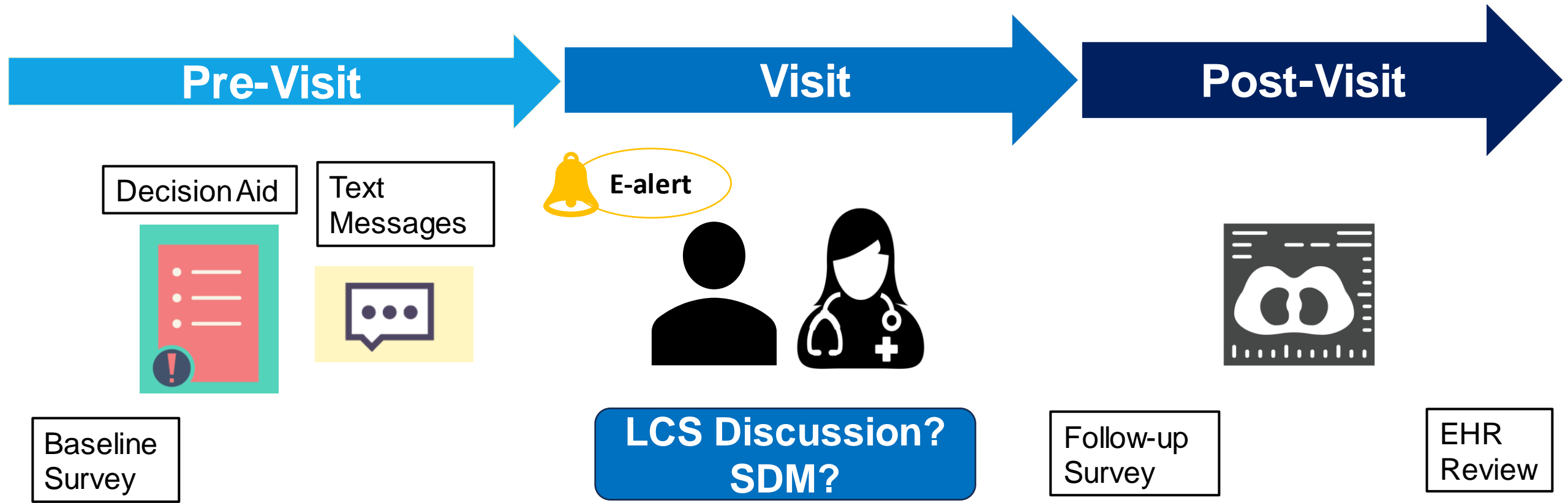
- Need for LCS information
- Difficulty in identifying patients eligible for LCS
- Access to tools for SDM for LCS
- **Competing priorities & limited visit time**

## External Environment

- Medicare mandates & reimbursement
- Guideline recommendations
- Lack of quality metrics



# Pilot feasibility study of a pre-visit text message intervention to promote SDM for LCS



| <b>Preliminary Results:<br/>Process &amp; Effectiveness Outcomes</b> |                 | <b>Comparison<br/>N=19<br/>N=16 for survey<br/>(n/N, %)</b> |     | <b>Intervention<br/>N=29<br/>N=28 for survey<br/>(n/N, %)</b> |     |
|--|-----------------|---|-----|---|-----|
| Decision aid:  | Read all + most | 10/16   | 63% | 16/28   | 57% |
| Text messages:   | Read all + most | NA  | NA  | 21/27   | 78% |
| LCS talk   |                 | 15/16   | 94% | 23/28   | 82% |
| Patient initiated LCS talk   |                 | 9/15  | 60% | 16/23   | 70% |
| Patient knowledge score change(range 0-9)                            |                 |   | 0.9 |   | 2.1 |
| SDM process score<br>(range 0-4, mean, SD)                           |                 | 2.8   | 1.4 | 2.2   | 1.4 |
| LDCT completion<br>within 6 months from the PCP visit                |                 | 5/19  | 26% | 10/29   | 35% |

More than 90% of the participants agreed that text messages are a good way to help patients talk about LCS with their providers.

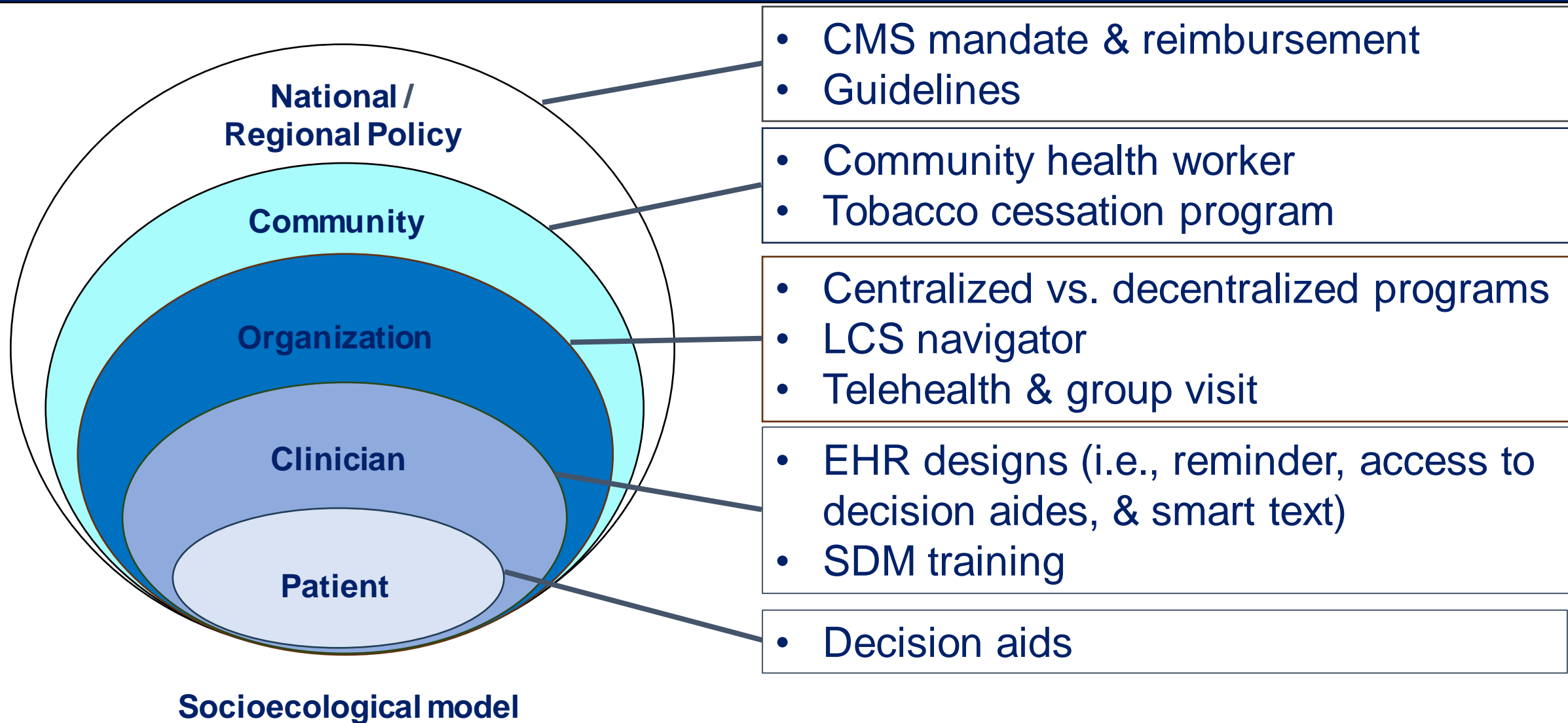
# Conclusions & Discussion informed by the RE-AIM outcomes

| RE-AIM Outcomes   | Findings from our pilot study   |
|---|---|
| <u>Reach</u>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More patient participants read text messages.</li></ul>   |
| <u>Effectiveness</u>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient knowledge improved more in the intervention arm.</li><li>• LDCT completion was 9% higher in the intervention arm.</li><li>• <b>Quality of SDM remains low.</b></li></ul>                      |
| <u>Adoption</u>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients supported the LCS text message intervention.</li><li>• An automated text message intervention is efficient, low-cost, most likely feasible and scalable in real clinical settings.</li></ul> |
| <u>Implementation</u><br>Fidelity, feasibility, cost, and adaptations |   |
| <u>Maintenance</u><br>Sustainability                                  |   |

## Next Step

- Return to PRISM.
- Develop and add a provider-level intervention.

# Efforts to support SDM in LCS mapped by the Socioecological Model



# Thank You



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# Facilitating Adherence to Annual Lung Cancer Screening:

## An Implementation Science Approach

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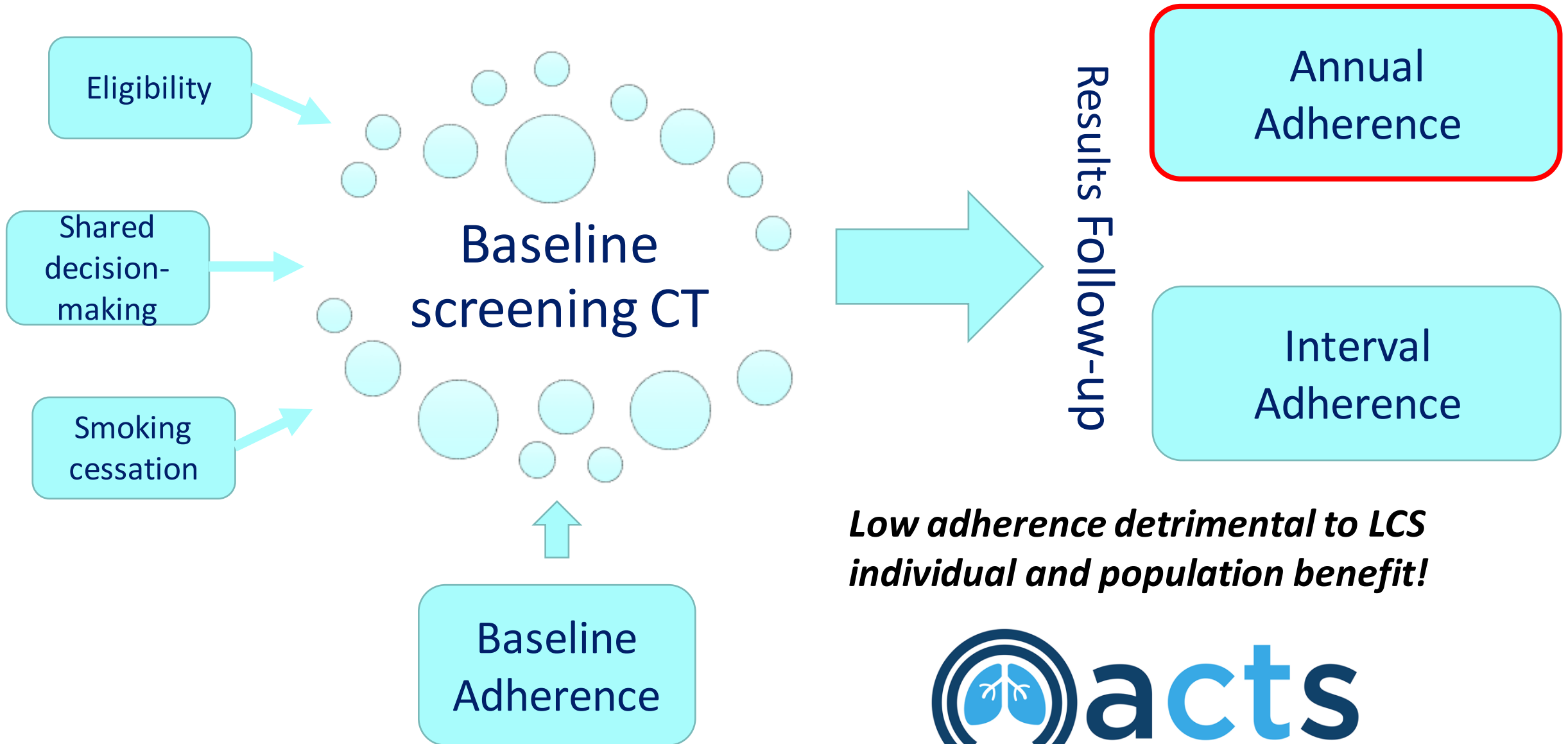
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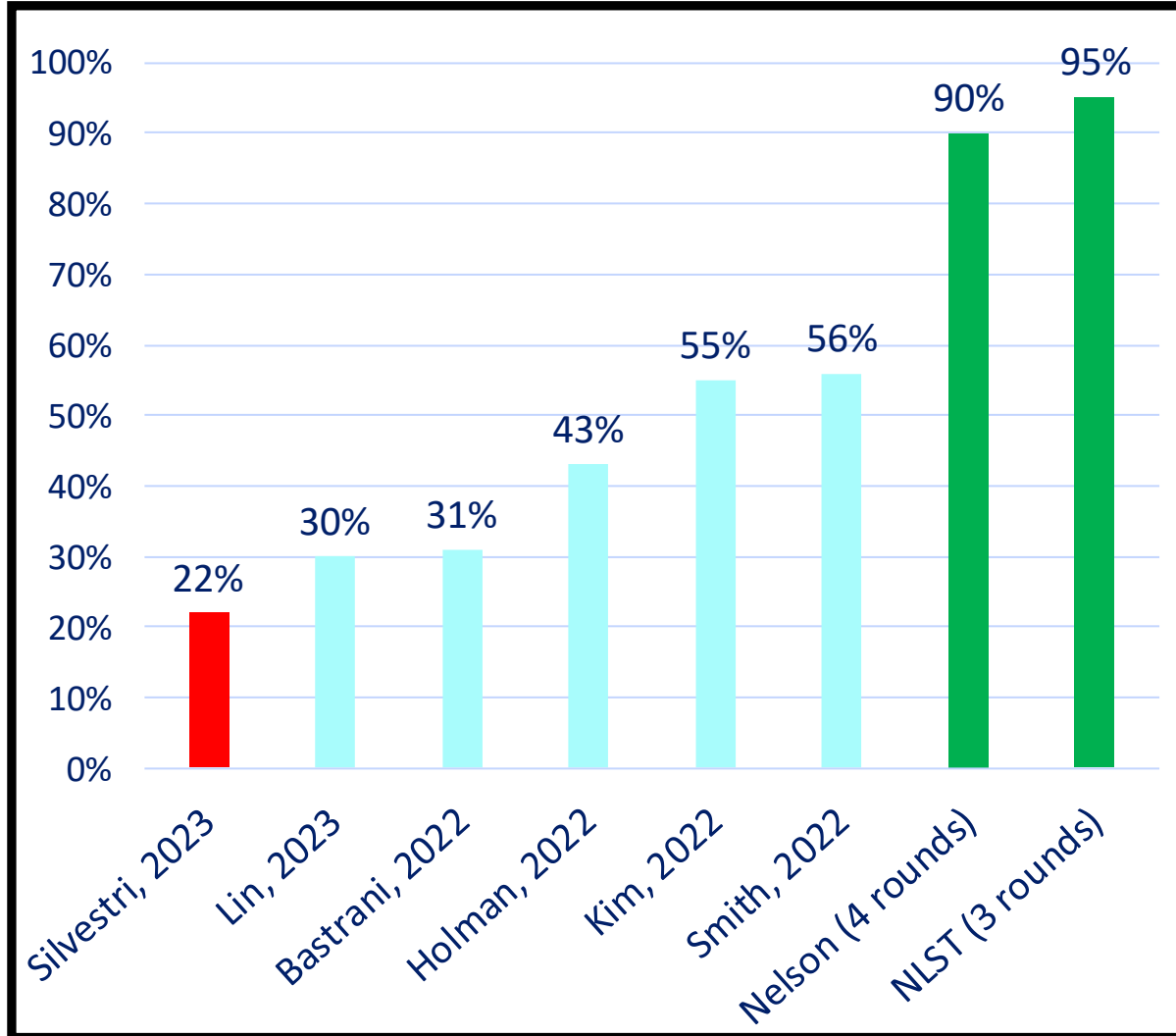
# Adherence is a vital piece of the screening algorithm



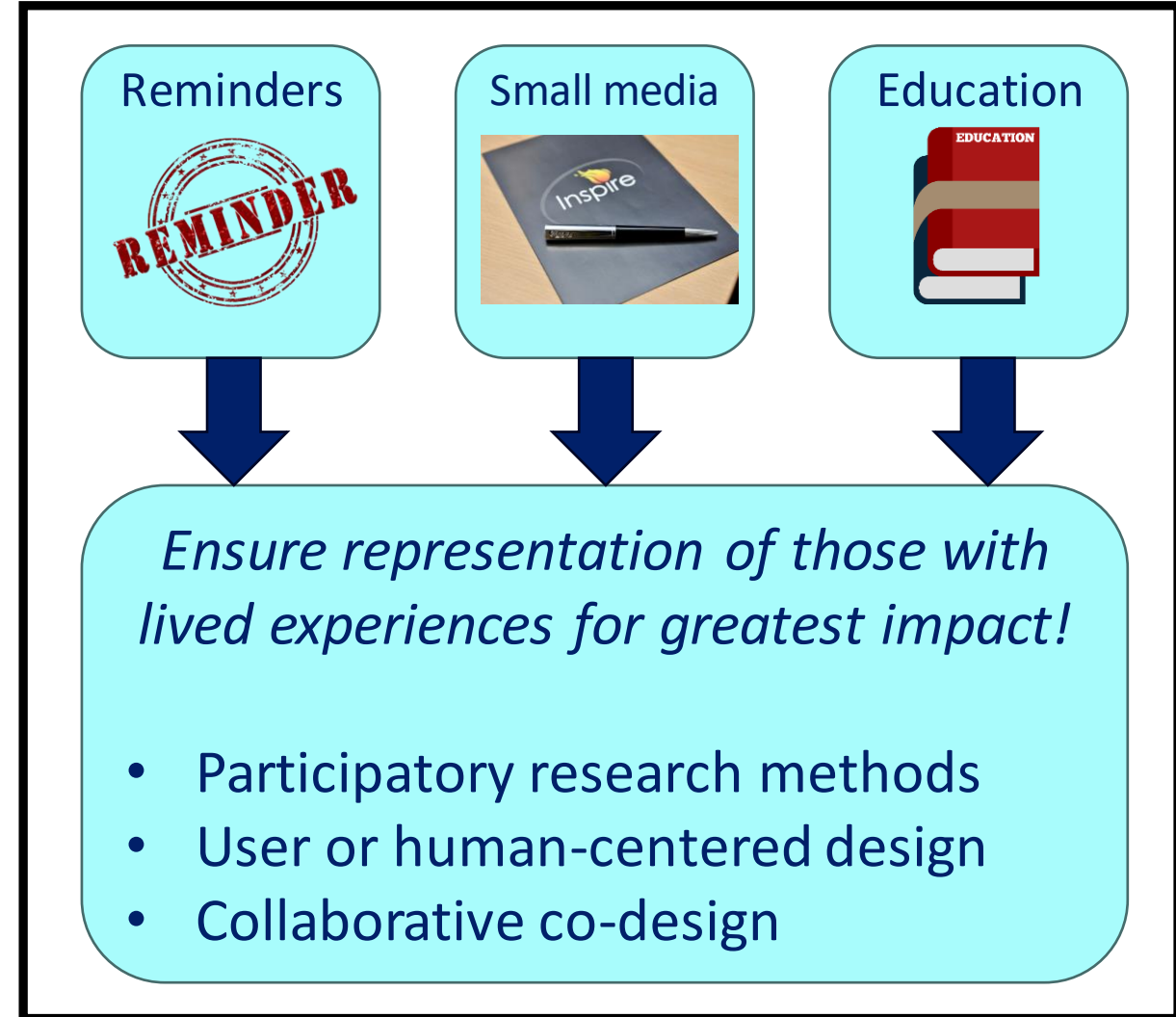
***Low adherence detrimental to LCS individual and population benefit!***

# Aligning potential evidence-based interventions

## The Translation Adherence Gap



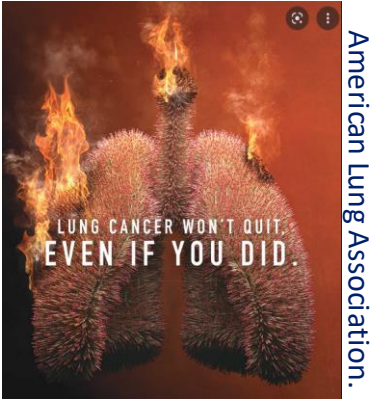
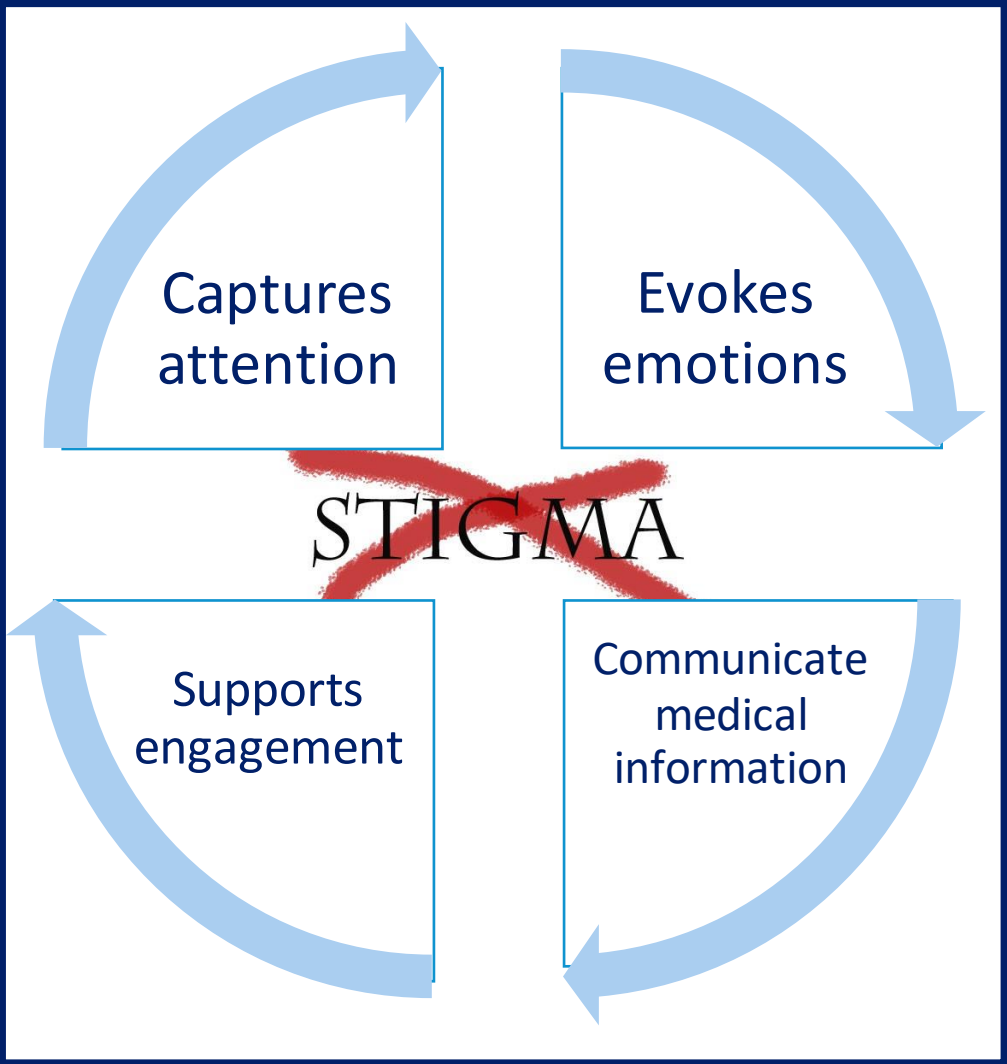
## Representation of LCS Individuals





# Identifying relevant and engaging lung cancer screening imagery

## The Importance

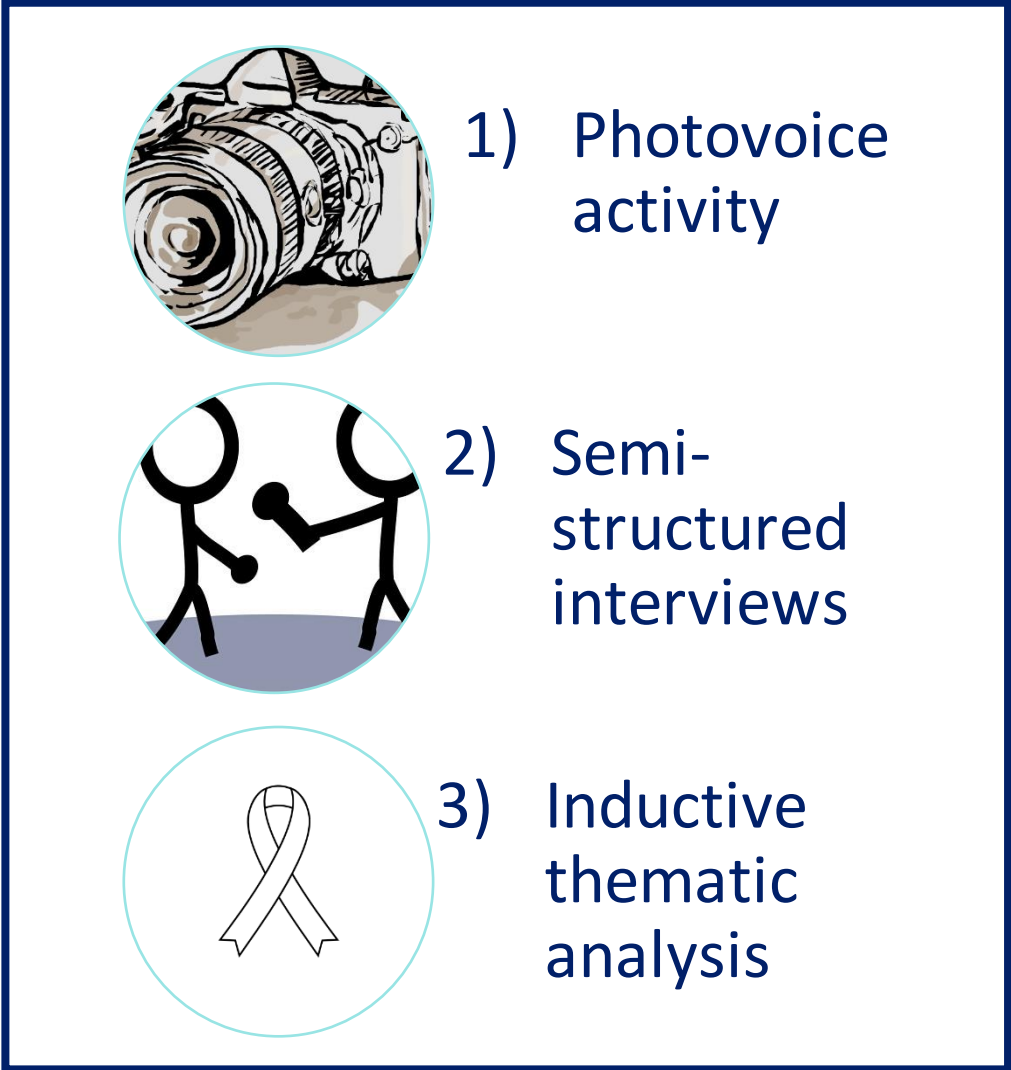


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## Methodology



# Imagery content, influence, and engagement themes

## Theme 1:

*Images should focus on good news and early detection.*



## Theme 2:

*People in pictures should be relatable.*



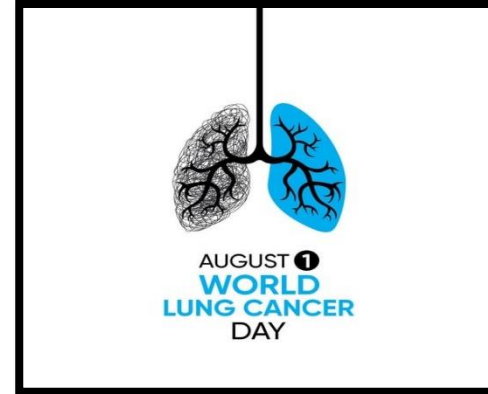
## Theme 3:

*Pictures with lungs can dually support lung health or invoke fear.*



## Theme 4:

*Opportunity for education and awareness.*



## Theme 5:

*Images should not be judgmental and induce stigma.*



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