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

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Lung Cancer Screening Saves Lives! *But...*
A Very Brief Primer on Implementation Science and its Application to Lung Cancer Screening

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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

(2020) Screening for Lung Cancer — 10 States, 2017 | MMWR (cdc.gov)
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

Successful Grant Applications

- View excerpts from successfully funded research grant applications to help prepare applications for NCI funding.
- 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.”
Rivera et al. (2020) for ATS

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

Silvestri and Colleagues
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*.
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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**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?

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<td>Patients scheduled for a LCS test</td>
<td>Having a diagnostic test or follow-up of an abnormal LCS test</td>
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<td>Speak English or Spanish</td>
<td>Unable to give informed consent due to a medical condition, psychiatric or cognitive impairment</td>
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<td>Current smoker = &gt; 1 puff in past 30 days</td>
<td>No access to a telephone</td>
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Patients do not have to be ready to quit smoking or willing to use nicotine patch.
### Virtual Counseling: Phone or Video

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<th>Coaching Duration</th>
<th>NRT Duration</th>
<th>Community Resource</th>
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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
- Ipads discontinued
Recruitment

RP 1
LCS scheduling

RP 2
LCS screening

RP 3
Screening results

LDCT Scheduled

Refused or Ineligible

Recruitment Video #1
PCP & tobacco treatment specialist

Undecided

Refused or Ineligible

Recruitment Video #2
Radiologist

Undecided

Refused or Ineligible

Recruitment Video #2
Radiologist

LDCT Results

Participant Enrollment
Implementation Data Sources

- Patient Surveys (Baseline, 3 & 6 mo)
- Enrollment data
- Counseling Tracking Data
- Patient exit interviews
- EHR screening data
- Cost data
## Enrollment Results

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

PERCENTAGE OF NRT BOXES DISTRIBUTED FOR 2-WEEK ARMS
- 0 Boxes
- 1 Box
- 79%
- 21%

PERCENTAGE OF NRT BOXES DISTRIBUTED FOR 8-WEEK ARMS
- 0 Boxes
- 2 Boxes
- 4 Boxes
- 14%
- 25%
- 61%

Top Socials Needs Identified
- Food
- Social Activities
- Housing
- Loneliness
- Paying for Utilities
- Transportation
- Legal
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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

**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

**Implementation & Sustainability Infrastructure**
- Limited resources for LCS
- Missing/inaccurate smoking history

**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

Pre-Visit
- Decision Aid
- Text Messages

Visit
- E-alert
- LCS Discussion? SDM?
- Follow-up Survey

Post-Visit
- EHR Review

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

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<td><strong>Reach</strong></td>
<td>• More patient participants read text messages.</td>
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| **Effectiveness** | • Patient knowledge improved more in the intervention arm.  
                         • LDCT completion was 9% higher in the intervention arm.  
                         • **Quality of SDM remains low.** |
| **Adoption**    | • Patients supported the LCS text message intervention.  
                         • An automated text message intervention is efficient, low-cost, most likely feasible and scalable in real clinical settings. |
| **Implementation** | Fidelity, feasibility, cost, and adaptations |
| **Maintenance** | Sustainability |

### Next Step
- Return to PRISM.  
- Develop and add a provider-level intervention.
Efforts to support SDM in LCS mapped by the Socioecological Model

- CMS mandate & reimbursement
- Guidelines
- Community health worker
- Tobacco cessation program
- Centralized vs. decentralized programs
- LCS navigator
- Telehealth & group visit
- EHR designs (i.e., reminder, access to decision aids, & smart text)
- SDM training
- Decision aids

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Facilitating Adherence to Annual Lung Cancer Screening: An Implementation Science Approach

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Adherence is a vital piece of the screening algorithm

Baseline screening CT

Eligibility
Shared decision-making
Smoking cessation

Results Follow-up
Annual Adherence
Interval Adherence

Low adherence detrimental to LCS individual and population benefits!

Studts, Byrne, & Basu Roy, Project ACTS
Aligning potential evidence-based interventions

The Translation Adherence Gap

Representation of LCS Individuals

Ensure representation of those with lived experiences for greatest impact!

- Participatory research methods
- User or human-centered design
- Collaborative co-design

Reminders

Small media

Education

CDC Cancer Resources for Clinics and Communities, Evidence-Based Intervention; Harrison, et al. J R Soc Med, 2022; President’s Cancer Panel, Closing Gaps in Cancer Screening; CDC Gateway to Health Communication
Identifying relevant and engaging lung cancer screening imagery

**The Importance**
- Captures attention
- Evokes emotions
- Supports engagement
- Communicate medical information

**Methodology**
1) Photovoice activity
2) Semi-structured interviews
3) Inductive thematic analysis

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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Questions

Please use the Q&A feature of Zoom to submit your questions for our panelists.
Thank You

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Population vs Individual Risk Assessment for Lung Cancer Screening Eligibility

Registration link can be found in the Zoom chat and on the NLCRT website