LUNG CANCER IN CANADA IN 2020

1 in 5

LUNG CANCER is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in males and females combined.

Every day

About 81 Canadians are diagnosed with lung cancer.

About half

Of lung cancer cases are detected after they have already spread to other parts of the body.

More Canadians

Will die from lung cancer this year than from colorectal, pancreatic and breast cancers combined.

Survival

Is 71% when lung cancer is diagnosed at stage 1 but decreases to 5% when it is diagnosed at stage 4.

People with lower incomes

Often have poorer survival outcomes, even when they are diagnosed at the same stage as people with higher incomes.

To address the burden of lung cancer in Canada, the cancer control community needs to:

- Enhance lung cancer prevention efforts
- Implement organized screening
- Improve treatment
- Increase equitable access to support and treatment
- Reduce lung cancer stigma

You can find detailed information on lung cancer incidence, mortality, survival and prevalence in Canadian Cancer Statistics: A 2020 special report on lung cancer. The report sheds light on notable patterns in Canada and gives information on risk factors, screening and equity that is needed to make progress with this important cancer.