THE FACTS ABOUT WOMEN AND LUNG CANCER

DID YOU KNOW?

• Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer in women.
• Lung cancer claims the lives of more women than breast, ovarian and cervical cancers combined.
• Worldwide, over 600,000 women die of lung cancer each year.
• While lung cancer diagnoses have been leveling off or declining, they are doing so for women at a slower pace than for men.
• Lung adenocarcinoma is the most common type of lung cancer found in women (and men) in the US.
• Lung cancer kills one and a half times as many women as breast cancer.
• While smoking represents the number one risk factor for developing lung cancer, 20% of lung cancer diagnoses occur in non-smokers. But research is showing that women may have more risk factors even when controlling for smoking history, compared to men.
• Non-smokers who develop lung cancer are nearly twice as likely to be women than men.
• In 2021, an estimated 62,470 women will die of lung cancer in the US.
• In 2021, more than 116,000 American women will be diagnosed with lung cancer.

2021 PROJECTED DEATHS*

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*American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures 2021