Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program

Pathway

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Self-referral: Individual calls the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program (ALCSP)'s self-referral line.



ALCSP (Population Public Health Support Team - HealthLink) Registered Nurse (RN) reviews eligibility and discusses ALCSP with the individual.



The individual meets all eligibility criteria.

ALCSP RN accepts or declines individual into the program.



Self-referral: Individual fills out the screeningforlife.ca self-referral form.



Primary care provider (PCP) reviews eligibility and discusses ALCSP with the individual.



PCP submits a referral to the ALCSP.



ALCSP RN reviews eligibility.



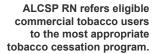
PCP referral: individual attends primary care appointment to discuss lung cancer screening.



DI schedules participant

for low-dose CT scan.

ALCSP RN sends order for low-dose CT scan to Diagnostic Imaging (DI).





Results and next steps:

Lung RAD 1 & 2 (normal)

ALCSP notifies participant that they will be recalled in 12 months.

Lung RAD 3 (unclear)

ALCSP notifies participant that they will be recalled in 6 months.

Lung RAD 4a (unclear), 4b-4x (abnormal)

ALCSP schedules a virtual appointment with the participant to discuss results, and either orders a follow-up low dose CT or refers the participant to the Alberta Thoracic Oncology Program (ATOP) for additional testing and management.



Participant attends low-dose CT scan.



Results reviewed by Radiologist and sent to PCP, participant, and ALCSP NP.



PCP reviews results and follows up on any actionable incidental findings.

ALCSP & Tobacco Cessation Pathway

ALCSP will direct the participant's referral to AlbertaQuits Helpline.

Other tobacco cessation resources may include:

- 1 to 1 support
- Group support QuitCore
- Text support Text ABQUITS to 123456
- · Online support AlbertaQuits.ca
- Certified Tobacco Educators in the community
- Pharmacotherapy