**The Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program (ALCSP) has reached its target enrolment of 3,800 participants and the pilot is now closed.**

**The ALCSP is no longer accepting new patients for lung cancer screening either though primary care providers or via self-referral due to the completion of the original pilot.**

**Those who are already enrolled will see no change to their care or their ability to receive low-dose CT scans.**

Annual and early -recall screening will be conducted using low-dose CT (LDCT). **Any lung nodule or possible lung cancer findings will be managed by the ALCSP**. You’re free to discuss such findings with your patient, and the ALCSP will keep you informed of management plans. To avoid duplication, please **do not** request investigations or referrals for such findings.

# What can the results show on screening?

A low-dose CT scan can see if there is anything inside the lungs. It looks for spots called nodules. Other things can also show up on the scan, such as scarring from past lung infections or growths that are not cancerous. The low-dose CT scan can only see that there is a spot in the lungs, but it cannot tell what the spot is. That’s why it’s important to monitor a spot(s) to watch if it grows or changes. The scan results can be summarized as:

1. **Normal**: In this situation your patient should continue with annual screening. Patients who are part of this program will receive a reminder letter in the mail for their screening.

2. **Unclear**: In this situation, your patient will usually be asked to come back for another screen in 6 months.

3. **Abnormal**: In this situation, your patient may be asked to come back in 3 months or may be referred for other tests.

**If your patient’s results are unclear or abnormal, the program nurse practitioner will call the patient to inform them of the result and answer any questions they may have.**

All result reports and patient correspondence will be shared with you.

**Incidental findings**: Low-dose CT scans may occasionally detect non-lung cancer-related abnormalities. You will receive a copy of the radiology report and we recommend that you schedule an appointment with your patient to discuss these findings. **Referring providers will take responsibility for any required assessments and investigations for incidental findings.**

# Tobacco Cessation Support

Quitting smoking is one of the best things your patient can do to improve their health. Supports are available:

* Individual counselling support: Counselling support may be offered through your PCN directly or through ABQuits.
* Text support through ABQuits. This can be accessed by Texting ABQUITS to 123456.
* QuitCore group support

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# About the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program

Coordinated by AHS, the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program is an organized screening program that aims to help eligible, high-risk Albertans get screened for lung cancer and reduce the number of deaths caused by this disease.

**Enrollment is now closed.**

AHS is currently exploring avenues to offer lung cancer screening in 2025 and beyond. Please check back with the program in April 2025 or visit screeningforlife.ca/lung for more information and to stay up to date.

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