

**Lung Cancer Screening
Shared Decision Making Checklist
(SDM Billing Code G0296)**

Patient Name _____
DOB _____ Date _____

- **Eligibility:**
 - 55-80 years old (Medicare/Medicare Managed Care patients age 78-80 are eligible as self-pay)
 - Greater or equal to 30 pack-years of smoking
 - *(Pack-years = number of packs per day _____ x number of years smoked _____)*
 - Active smoker OR
 - Quit within the last 15 years (# of years quit _____)
 - Asymptomatic (To qualify, patient can NOT exhibit ANY of these signs/symptoms)
 - Fever, chest pain, a new or changing cough, new shortness of breath, coughing up blood, unexplained weight loss
- Benefits:**
 - Earlier detection of cancer (1 in 320 lives saved)
 - Higher success of treatment
 - Better survival rates (20% reduction in mortality)
- Risks/Harms of LDCT Screening:**
 - **Radiation exposure:** LDCT uses a small amount of radiation (1.5 mSv compared to 7 mSv for a Chest CT).
 - **False positives:** May find something in the lung that could be cancer but in fact is not.
 - **Additional follow-up tests or procedures:** Could include a Chest CT, biopsy, PET/CT or other tests recommended as needed.
 - **False negatives:** It is possible there is a medical condition, including lung cancer that is not found during the exam.
 - **Co-morbidities:** Impact on ability to have treatment.
- Importance of smoking cessation / smoking abstinence education**
 - The most beneficial tool in reducing lung cancer is to stop smoking.
 - If patient is a former smoker, smoking abstinence education is required by CMS at the Shared Decision Making discussion in order to be covered as a preventative screen.
 - Salem Health provides classes and support at the Community Health Education Center. Please call the CHEC for information (503)814-2432.
- Annual screenings**
 - If no abnormalities are found, screening is continued until the patient's age or years of smoking cessation make them ineligible. (See eligibility guidelines above).

An electronic screening tool can be found at www.shouldiscreen.com.