



EP 23-4: The Importance of Lung Cancer Screening for Veterans

Gain valuable insights into the critical importance of lung cancer screening for veterans in this enlightening episode of Hope With Answers Living With Lung Cancer. Explore the unique risks faced by those who have selflessly served our nation. Learn about the occupational hazards, such as asbestos exposure and burn pits, that contribute to the alarming rates of lung cancer among veterans. Delve into the benefits of low-dose CT scans, which can detect lung cancer at earlier stages, potentially leading to more effective treatment options.

As LCFA's Breath of Honor: Lung Cancer Screening for Veterans campaign kicks off, join a leading lung cancer specialist and a Navy veteran who is a lung cancer patient as they discuss the need for increased screening and the positive impact it can have on patient outcomes. Discover the curability of smaller tumors, less toxic treatment options, and the hope that lung cancer screening brings to veterans and their families.

A Block Guest: Drew Moghanaki, M.D.

Speaker bio: Drew Moghanaki, M.D., UCLA lung cancer specialist and Chief of Thoracic Oncology in the UCLA Department of Radiation Oncology, Co-Director of VA Lung Precision Oncology Program at the Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System



- Resources:
 - [VA works to raise awareness for lung cancer screening in Veterans](#), July 17, 2020, by Erica Sprey, VA Research Communications
 - [Screening and diagnosing lung cancer early](#), August 1, 2023, By Courtney Franchio, VA National Oncology Program Manager



- [National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention: Screening for Lung Cancer](#)

B Block Guest: Jim Pantelas

- Speaker bio: Navy Veteran, 18-year lung cancer survivor, who has worked for 15 years to increase funding for lung cancer research and improve care for all lung cancer patients. He is often on Capitol Hill lobbying to increase funding for lung cancer screening and early detection programs.



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- Resources:
 - Same as above

LCFA's mission is the improvement in survivorship of lung cancer patients through the funding of transformative science.

While raising funds to support lung cancer research, LCFA will raise the public's awareness and serve as a resource for patients or anyone seeking answers, hope, and access to updated treatment information, scientific investigation, and clinical trials.

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