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# Lung Cancer E-chart: Full Illustrated

## Lung cancer

Lung cancer is the most common cause of cancer death in industrialized countries. It generally affects those in the age of 40 and 70 years, with a higher incidence among the white female of the. Men are more likely to be affected.

In developing regions, however, the age at diagnosis and the incidence among women is increasing, owing to the fact that there is higher cigarette consumption among them. It occurs in central or peripheral areas of the lung, depending on the type of cancer.

### Classification

There are two main types of lung cancer, which are classified according to the microscopic appearance of cancer cells. **Small cell lung cancer** and **non-small cell lung cancer**. Each of these groups, in turn, are further subdivided.

**1. Non-small cell lung cancer** (the one that will be this chart)

- It is the most common type of cancer accounting for 85% of all lung cancers, where growth and spread is slow. There are three subtypes:
  - Adenocarcinoma
  - Squamous cell carcinoma or epidermoid carcinoma
  - Large cell carcinoma

**2. Small cell lung cancer**


- It occurs in the remaining 15% of cases. The growth is faster and it is an old type, mainly spread to other parts of the body. It occurs in the leading part of the type of cancer. There are three subtypes:
  - Small cell carcinoma
  - Neuroendocrine carcinoma
  - Must spread into lymph nodes

### Causes

- Cancer-causing agents
- Smoking or cigars
- Environmental exposure to such substances as asbestos, arsenic, chromium, nickel, radon gas, and wood dust
- Radon
- Genetic
- Environmental pollution resulting from the combustion of fossil fuel-air fuels
- History of lung disease, tuberculosis. Lung cancer tends to develop in these areas of the lung that have healed.


### Squamous cell carcinoma or epidermoid carcinoma

It is the most common type of lung cancer. It occurs in about 40% of lung cancer cases and is a through cancer in tobacco consumption. It usually starts slow and the cells spread in the same tissue. It tends to spread to a local tumor and metastasize through lymph nodes to the other parts of lung cancer.




### Adenocarcinoma

It is the most common type of lung cancer, among women and non-smokers. It usually starts in the peripheral part of the lung and spreads slowly to the lymph nodes in the same lung.



### Large-cell carcinoma

It is the most common type of lung cancer. It occurs in about 10% of lung cancer cases. It is a fast growing cancer that spreads quickly. It usually starts in the central part of the lung and spreads to the lymph nodes in the same lung.



### Clinical features

Signs and symptoms of lung cancer typically occur only when the disease is at advanced stages. Hence, only the possibilities of finding an asymptomatic lung cancer may result from the patient because the tendency of the cancer to spread, depending on the location of primary tumor, lymph node metastasis.

**COMMON SYMPTOMS RELATED TO PRIMARY TUMORS**

1. **Respiratory and general symptoms** cough that gets worse over time, hemoptysis (expectoration, sputum tinged with blood), chest pain, and weight loss.
2. **Systemic symptoms** chest pain, fatigue, anorexia, weight loss.

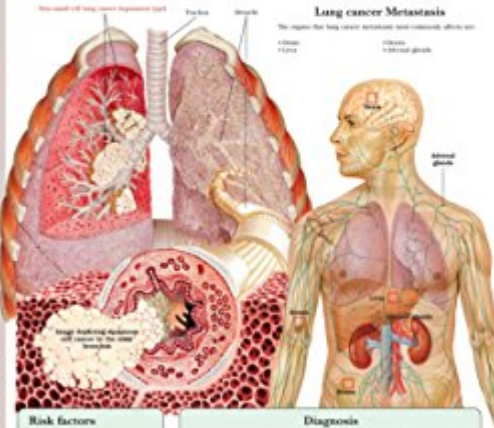
**COMMON SYMPTOMS RELATED TO METASTASIZED DISEASES**

1. **Hoarseness**
2. **Headache**
3. **Paraneoplastic syndromes**

### Lung cancer Metastasis

The regions that lung cancer metastasizes most commonly affect are:

- Brain
- Liver
- Bones
- Adrenal glands



### Risk factors

- Smoking or cigars
- Environmental exposure
- Exposure to radon or asbestos
- Exposure to the germicide benzenothiol
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- History of lung disease, tuberculosis, adenoid cystic carcinoma, and bronchiectasis

### Diagnosis

In order to reach a definite cause of the disease, you should be tested with the following tests:

- Complete blood count and chest x-ray
- Physical exam
- Spinal tap
- Other blood tests
- Other tests



## Synopsis

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