



Lung Cancer

The facts

- An estimated 23,400 Canadians will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2009; 20,500 will die from the disease.
- Cigarette smoking causes approximately 85% of lung cancers.
- Among women, lung cancer incidence and death rates have been increasing since 1979. However, this year for the first time in Ontario, it is estimated that there will be fewer new cases of lung cancer diagnosed in women compared to previous years and this trend is anticipated to continue.
- For several years the lung cancer incidence rate in men has gradually decreased and this is because tobacco use by men started to decline before it did in women.

What we're doing

The Canadian Cancer Society works across Canada to ensure that no one is alone in the fight against cancer. As Canada's leader in the fight against cancer, we:

- support excellent research into tobacco control and lung cancer
- encourage Canadians to not start smoking and support people who want to quit through our toll-free and online *Smokers' Helpline*
- advocate at all levels of government for tobacco control legislation
- provide information and support to people living with lung cancer, their families and their caregivers

Lung cancer research

The Canadian Cancer Society is providing \$3.5 million in 2009-2010 to fund a broad range of lung cancer and tobacco-control research projects across the country.

Current research includes:

- A study to identify lifestyle factors other than tobacco use that may help prevent lung cancer.
- A long-term study of cigarette smoking and nicotine dependence in Canadian youth, with the goal of improving programs aimed at reducing youth smoking.
- A study examining the development of lung cancer in non-smokers.
- Research to improve early detection and treatment by learning how to pick out faster-moving tumours that require quick action.

*Canadian Cancer Society community offices, our toll-free Cancer Information Service and our website offer comprehensive information on lung cancer and cancer research. Visit our website at www.cancer.ca or call us at **1 888 939-3333**.*