



2014 Cancer Program Outcomes Report

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Cancer Prevention

Lung Cancer Screening Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Screening is the First Step against Lung Cancer

In 2014, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center introduced a new healthy initiative that promotes cancer prevention, education and early diagnosis of lung cancer. The new Lung Cancer Screening Program, under the department of Radiology, is staffed by Patient Navigator Haywood S. Barnes, III.

Each year, lung cancer kills more Americans than all other cancers combined. With the new Lung Cancer Screening Program at NBIMC, our goal is prevention, education and early diagnosis for lung cancer. Here at The Beth, we conduct low dose CT lung screenings for people at risk. In order to undergo a screening, you must be: 1) 55 to 80 years of age, and 2) a smoker with at least 30 packs-year smoking history or a former smoker with at least 30 packs-year smoking history who quit smoking within the last 15 years. You are also eligible if you are cancer free.

Early diagnosis is an important part of addressing lung cancer. African Americans are more likely to develop lung cancer than any other population group. Currently, only 15 percent of cases are diagnosed early. "Our goal is to diagnose early and increase the survival rate for patients," according to John A. Brennan, MD, MPH, President and CEO of NBIMC and CHoNJ and Executive Vice President of Barnabas Health. The screening takes less than 15 minutes once you begin. The Lung Cancer Screening is administered by Clinical Navigator Haywood S. Barnes, III.

Screening for lung cancer with CT scans for those at high risk has now been approved and recommended by an independent government panel, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). Even with this recommendation, lung cancer screening will not be automatically covered as an "Essential Health Benefit" without cost share. This requirement only applies to plans purchased through the newly established health care exchanges. Exchange plans are not required to cover newly endorsed screening until January 2015. However, some plans may voluntarily cover sooner.

Lung Cancer Screening Program at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Number of CT scans for 2014	27
IELCAP screenings	51

Screening is available Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm To make an appointment, patients and doctors can call Haywood S. Barnes, III, Lung Cancer Clinical Navigator at 973-926-7497 to make appointments.

