



## Testing and Early Diagnosis

### Goals of Lung Cancer Advocacy

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#### What are the goals for advocacy?

What is it that we need to as a community of people with lung cancer, or taking care of patients with cancer, need to do? A big part of why patients tell me they don't get screened or they'll not get screened is the amount of stigma associated with lung cancer. So we need to speak up, just like we would advocated for our patients in breast cancer screening, or cervical cancer screening. Lung cancer screening is something that is critical and essential, and we need to be able to do that. Anybody with lungs can get lung cancer; something that we hear a lot but there are certain — right now, as of now, as of today, in 2022, we only have screening available widespread for patients who have a certain tobacco pack year history; so a lot of the other risk factors that can potentially increase your risk for lung cancer have not made it into the guidelines yet. As an advocacy group we need more research. We need more clinical trials that look at other risk factors so we can make sure that all the patients that need access to screening are able to get screening. And then the biggest need is for the availability of screening tests to do at homes, especially in rural areas, in states that don't have medicated expansion that cover lung cancer screening, and to make sure all our minority and women patients also get equal access to lung cancer screenings. So something for the advocacy communities to think about, for patients to think about, and for us to have these discussions with our policy-makers in our states. Thank you.