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***Carcinoma polmonare:
fattori di rischio e diagnosi***

Sessione 2

Moderatore: A. TERZI

- 15.50** **Screening: pro** (L. BERTOLACCINI)
- 16.10** **Screening: contra** (G. PAPPAGALLO)
- 16.30** **Discussione**

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF SCREENING FOR DISEASE

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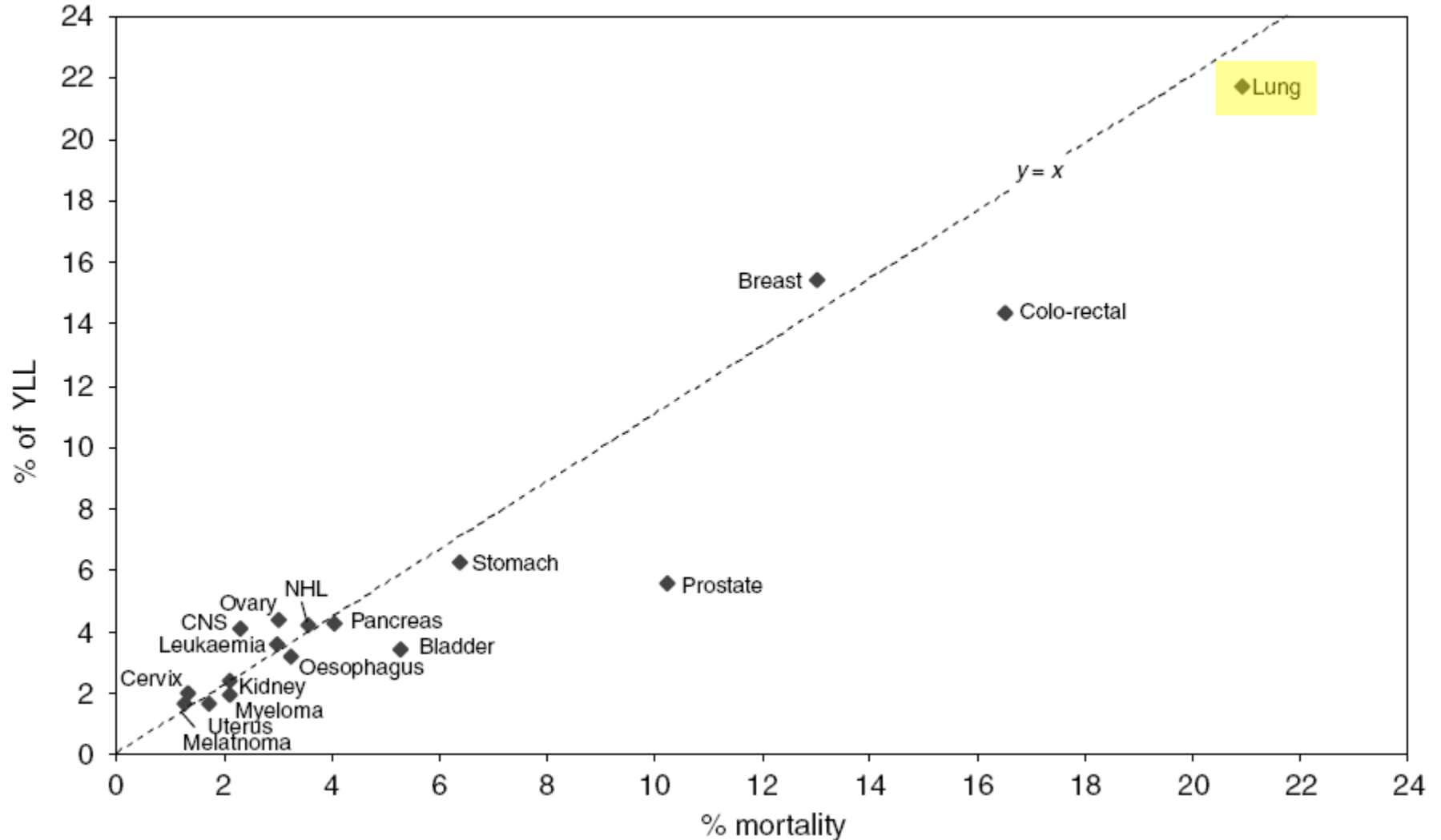
**Rilevanza del problema
per la salute pubblica**

Years of life lost (YLL) from cancer is an important measure of population burden – and should be considered when allocating research funds

NG Burnet^{*,1,2}, SJ Jefferies², RJ Benson², DP Hunt³ and FP Treasure³

British Journal of Cancer (2005) 92, 241 – 245

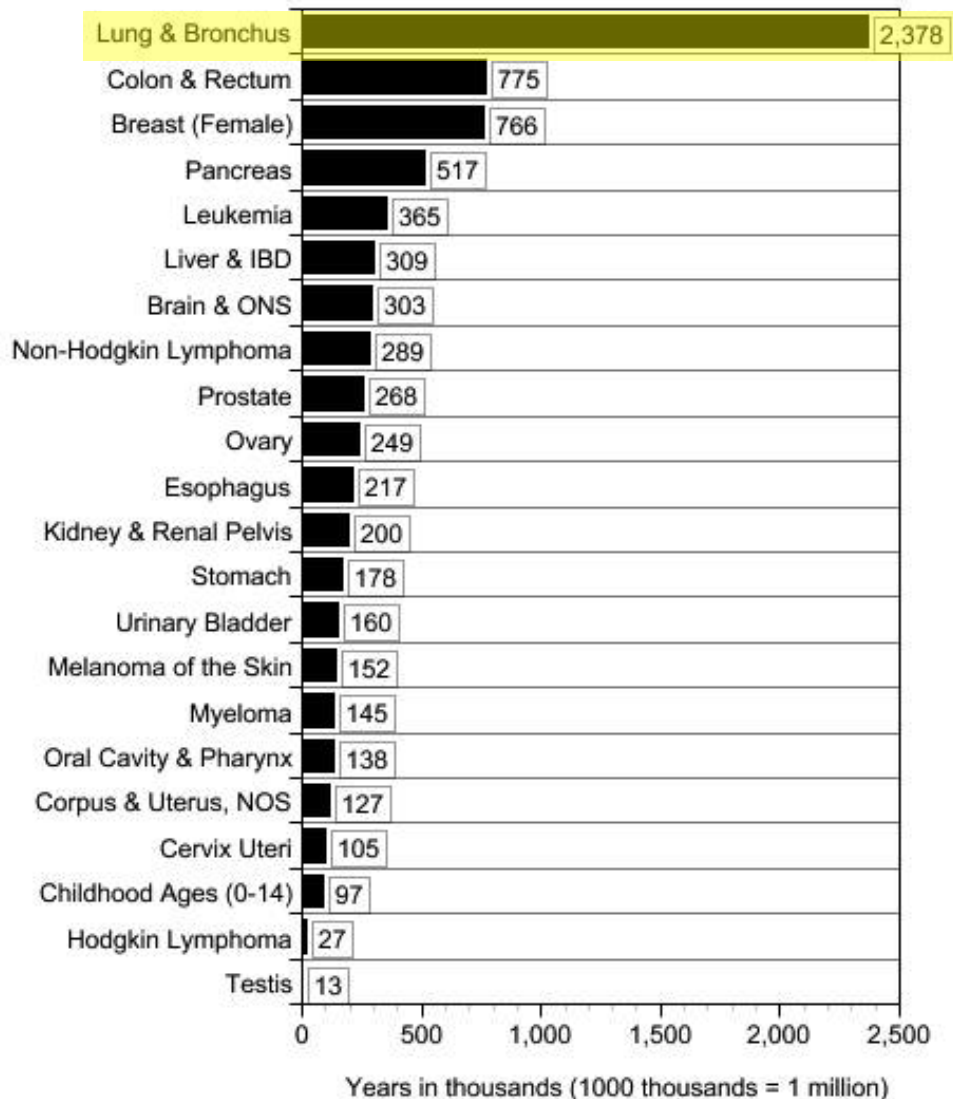
% of YLL vs % mortality for 17 cancer sites



Cancer Trends Progress Report – 2011/2012 Update



Person-years of life lost in the U.S. due to cancer, All Races, Both Sexes: 2008



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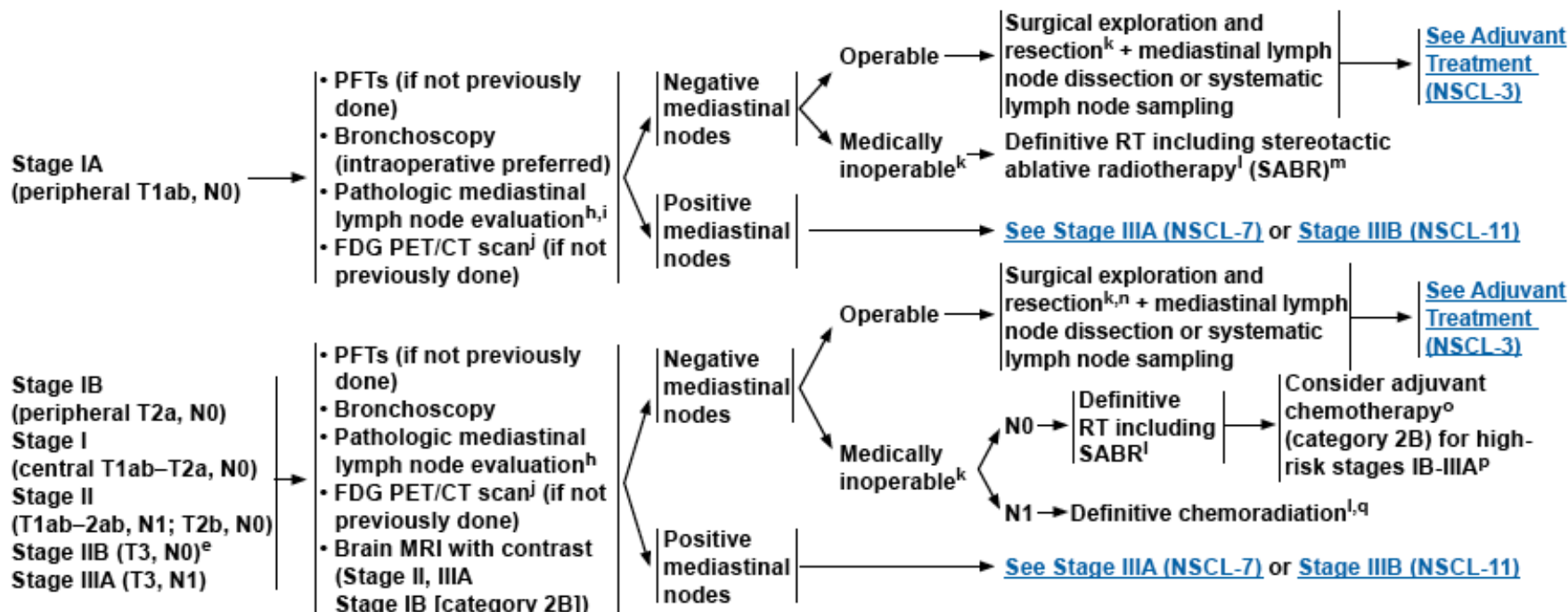
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CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

PRETREATMENT EVALUATION^g

INITIAL TREATMENT

^eT3, N0 related to size or satellite nodules.^gTesting is not listed in order of priority and is dependent upon clinical circumstances, institutional processes, and judicious use of resources.^hMethods for evaluation include mediastinoscopy, mediastinotomy, EBUS, EUS, and CT-guided biopsy.ⁱSolid tumors <1 cm and purely non-solid tumors <3 cm that are CT and PET negative have a low likelihood of positive mediastinal lymph nodes and pre-resection pathologic mediastinal evaluation is optional.^jPositive PET/CT scan findings for distant disease need pathologic or other radiologic confirmation. If PET/CT scan is positive in the mediastinum, lymph node status needs pathologic confirmation.^k[See Principles of Surgical Therapy \(NSCL-B\)](#).^l[See Principles of Radiation Therapy \(NSCL-C\)](#).^mInterventional radiology ablation is an option for selected patients.ⁿAfter surgical evaluation, patients likely to receive adjuvant chemotherapy may be treated with induction chemotherapy as an alternative.^o[See Chemotherapy Regimens for Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapy \(NSCL-D\)](#).^pExamples of high-risk factors may include poorly differentiated tumors (including lung neuroendocrine tumors [excluding well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumors]), vascular invasion, wedge resection, tumors >4 cm, visceral pleural involvement, and incomplete lymph node sampling (Nx). These factors independently may not be an indication and may be considered when determining treatment with adjuvant chemotherapy.^q[See Chemotherapy Regimens Used with Radiation Therapy \(NSCL-E\)](#).**Note:** For more information regarding the categories and definitions used for the NCCN Evidence Blocks™, see page EB-1.**Note:** All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.**Clinical Trials:** NCCN believes that the best management of any cancer patient is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

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- (9) There should be a high prevalence of disease.
- (10) Case-control studies should be possible.

**Disponibilità di un test
diagnostico attendibile**

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TITLE: Low-Dose Computed Tomography for Lung Cancer Screening: A Review of the Clinical Effectiveness, Diagnostic Accuracy, Cost-Effectiveness, and Guidelines

DATE: 22 September 2015

What is the diagnostic accuracy of low-dose computed tomography for lung cancer screening in high-risk populations?

Systematic Review

One systematic review,⁵ showed that the false-positive rate was statistically significantly higher with LDCT screening compared with CXR screening (OR 41.77, 95% confidence interval [CI] 5.18 to 336.95).

One systematic review,¹¹ showed that the PPV was 4.4% considering RCT data and 2.4% considering observational study data.

Randomized Controlled Trial

One RCT,¹² showed that the sensitivity, specificity, PPV, and NPV of lung cancer screening with LDCT were 93.8%, 73.4%, 3.8%, and 99.9% respectively. The sensitivity, specificity, PPV, and NPV of lung cancer screening with CXR were 73.5%, 91.3%, 5.7%, and 99.8% respectively.

Screening for lung cancer: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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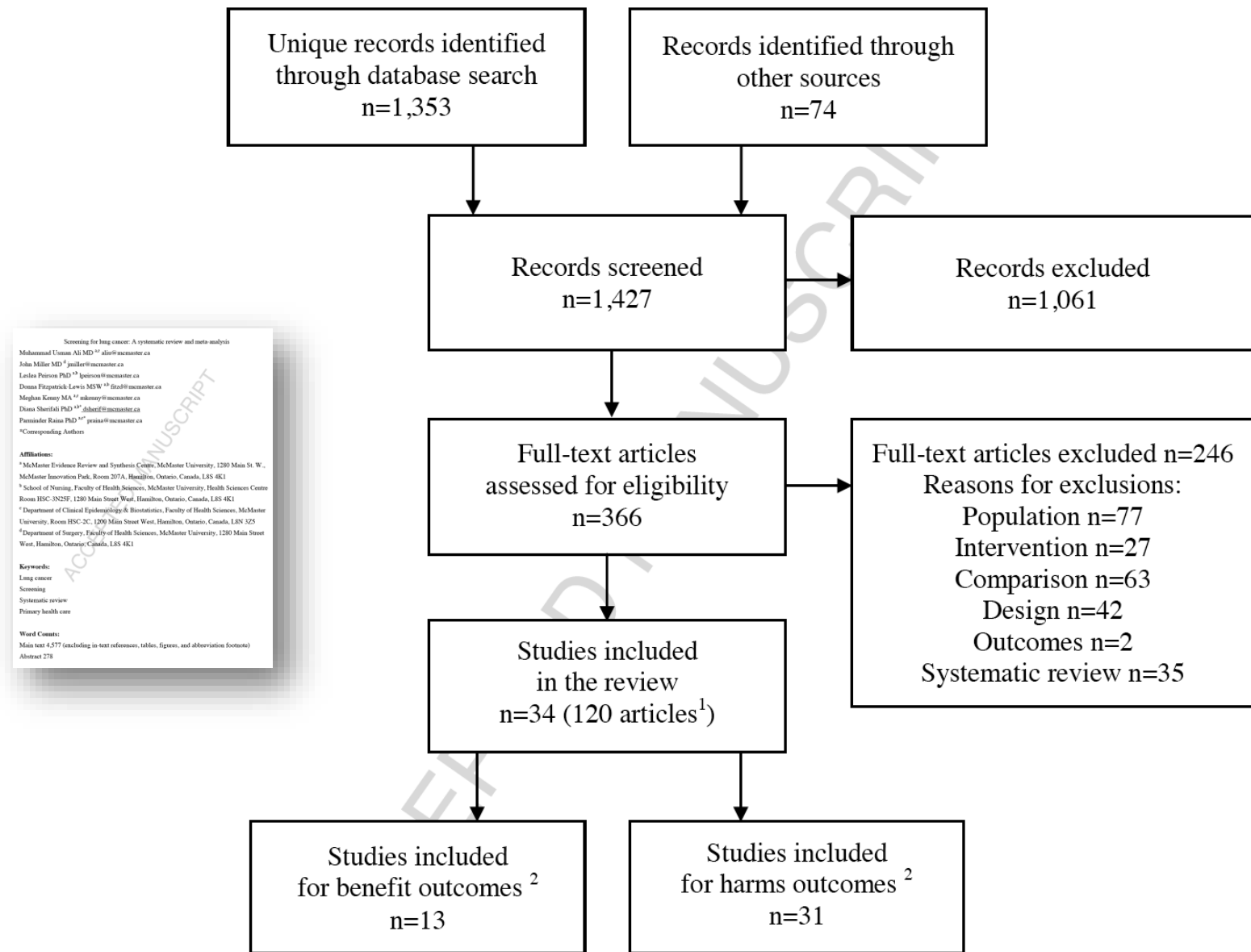
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Abstract 278





¹ Supplemental Files 1 and 2 identify all of the papers.

² There was overlap of 10 studies across benefits and harms.

Fig. 1. Search and Selection Flow Diagram



False Positives

9 studies (*cutpoint for nodules: >3mm to >8mm*)

- 8469 at least one false positive result / 43943 patients screened (25.3%; 95%CL 0.64 to 69.0%)
- 9.7 (95%CL 4.3 to 15.1) subjects with benign conditions /1000 patients screened
- 5.3 (95%CL 3.9 to 6.7) subjects with benign conditions addressed to major invasive procedure / 1000 patients screened



False Positives

NLST (*cutpoint for nodules: >3mm*)

- 6130 at least one false positive result / 26309 patients screened (23.3%; 95%CL 22.8 to 23.81%)
- 11.9 (95%CL 10.7 to 13.3) subjects with benign conditions /1000 patients screened
- 6.8 (95%CL 5.9 to 7.9) subjects with benign conditions addressed to major invasive procedure / 1000 patients screened

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There are several limitations of the NLST.

- recognized medical institutions

for example, the mortality associated with surgical resection, which was much lower in the NLST than has been reported previously in the general U.S. population (1% vs. 4%)

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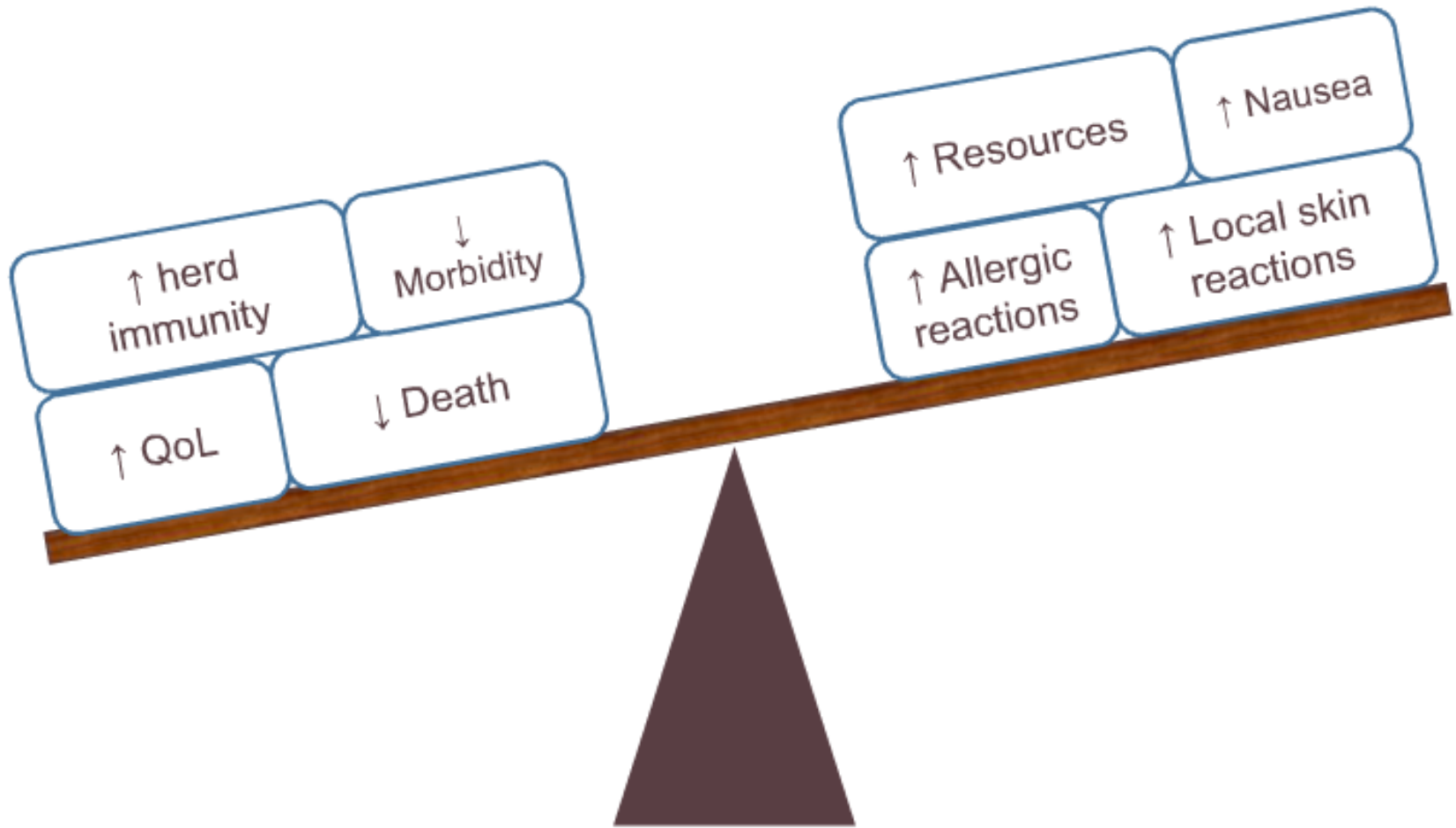
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Consequences: desirable and undesirable



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Randomized Controlled Trials Identified in the Search of the Literature

Source	No. Randomized (% Screened or Followed Up at Baseline)		Screening With LDCT ^a		Study Duration		No. of Screens, Planned/ Completed (at Last Report) ^c	Participant Characteristics			
	LDCT	Control	Collimation, mm	Nodule Size Warranting Workup, mm ^b	Years of Accrual	Planned Follow-up From Baseline, y		Male, %	Age Range, y	Smoking History Eligibility (Current or Former)	
								Pack-years ^d		Years Since Quit	
LDCT vs Usual Care (No Screening)											
NELSON, ¹⁸ 2009	7907 (95) ^e	7915 (100) ^e	0.75	≥4.6, >9.8	2004-NR ^e	10	3/2	84	50-75	>15	≤10
DLCST, ^{19,20} 2012	2052 (100)	2052 (100)	0.75 ^f	≥5, >15	2004-2006	10	5/5	55	50-70	≥20	<10 ^g
ITALUNG, ²¹ 2009	1611 (81)	1611 (81)	1.0	>4, >10 ^h	2004-2006	NR	4/1	85	50-75	≥20	<10
DANTE, ²² 2009	1211 (91)	1191 (85)	5	Any, ≥6	2004-2006	NR	5/5	80	50-74	≥20	<10
Garg et al, ¹⁶ 2002	92 (100) ^j	98 (100) ^j	5	Any, >10	2001-NR ^j	NR	2/1	75	50-80	≥30	NR ^k
LDCT vs Chest Radiograph											
NLST, ^{23,24} 2011	26 722 (98)	26 732 (97)	≤2.5	≥4	2002-2004	>7	3/3	59	55-74	≥30	≤15
LSS, ^{25,26} 2005	1660 (96)	1658 (93)	5	Any ^l	2000	2	2/2 ^m	59	55-74	≥30	<10
Dépiscan, ²⁷ 2007	385 (86) ⁿ	380 (77)	1-1.5	>5, ≥10	2002-2004	NR	3/1	71	47-76	≥15	<15

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Mortality Due to All Causes, Lung Cancer, and All Causes Other Than Lung Cancer: Results from Randomized Trials:

No meta-analysis!

Source	Events, No. (%)		Rate of Events per 100 000 Person-years		Relative Risk (95% CI)	No. Needed to Screen to Prevent 1 Event
	LDCT	Control	LDCT	Control		
All-Cause Mortality						
DANTE, ²² 2009	46 (3.6)	45 (3.8)	NR	NR	0.97 (0.80-1.20) ^{a,b}	635
NLST, ²³ 2011	1877 (7.0)	2000 (7.5)	1303 ^b	1395 ^b	0.93 (0.86-0.99)	219
DLCST, ¹⁹ 2012	61 (3.0)	42 (2.0)	NR	NR	1.19 (1.01-1.40)	NR
Lung Cancer–Specific Mortality						
DANTE, ²² 2009	20 (1.6)	20 (1.7)	NR	NR	0.97 (0.71-1.32) ^{a,b}	954
NLST, ²³ 2011	356 (1.3)	443 (1.7)	247	309	0.80 (0.73-0.93)	320
DLCST, ¹⁹ 2012	15 (0.7)	11 (0.5)	NR	NR	1.15 (0.83-1.61)	NR
Mortality Not Due to Lung Cancer						
DANTE, ²² 2009	26 (2.0)	25 (2.1)	NR	NR	0.99 (0.75-1.30) ^b	1898 ^b
NLST, ²³ 2011	1521 (5.7)	1557 (5.8)	1056 ^b	1086 ^b	0.99 (0.95-1.02) ^b	755 ^b
DLCST, ¹⁹ 2012	46 (2.2)	31 (1.5)	NR	NR	1.20 (1.00-1.44) ^b	NR



Death from invasive follow-up testing

7 studies

- 11.2 (95%CL 5.1 to 17.3) deaths / 1000 patients undergoing invasive follow-up testing

NLST

- 14.9 (95%CL 9.2 to 24.0) deaths / 1000 patients undergoing invasive follow-up testing
- 0.6 (95%CL 0.4 to 0.9) deaths / 1000 patients screened



Major complications from invasive follow-up testing

4 studies

- 52.0 (95%CL 15.8 to 88.3) major complications / 1000 patients undergoing invasive follow-up testing

NLST

- 78.1 (95%CL 63.5 to 95.7) major complications / 1000 patients undergoing invasive follow-up testing
- 3.2 (95%CL 2.6 to 3.9) major complications / 1000 patients screened

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Because more participants in the radiography group missed one or two screenings, the radiography group had more time in which a lung cancer could metastasize before it was detected.

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- “healthy-volunteer” effect

which can bias results such that they are more favorable than those that will be observed when the intervention is implemented in the community

Evidence of a Healthy Volunteer Effect in the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial

P. F. Pinsky¹, A. Miller², B. S. Kramer³, T. Church⁴, D. Reding⁵, P. Prorok¹, E. Gelmann⁶, R. E. Schoen⁷, S. Buys⁸, R. B. Hayes⁹, and C. D. Berg¹

Am J Epidemiol 2007;165:874–881

	Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial		National Health Interview Study	
	Men (<i>n</i> = 76,704) (%)	Women (<i>n</i> = 78,234) (%)	Men (%)	Women (%)
Smoking status				
Current smoker	12	10	21	18
Regular physical activity	85	84	56	52
Education				
College degree	41	30	25	16
Medical diagnosis				
Cancer	2	7	8	10
Diabetes	9	7	14	13
Myocardial infarction, coronary heart disease, stroke	15	7	19	10
Hypertension	34	34	42	44

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- radiographic screening as comparator

the choice of radiography precludes a direct comparison of low-dose CT with community care (care that a participant usually receives)

Screening by Chest Radiograph and Lung Cancer Mortality

The Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian (PLCO) Randomized Trial

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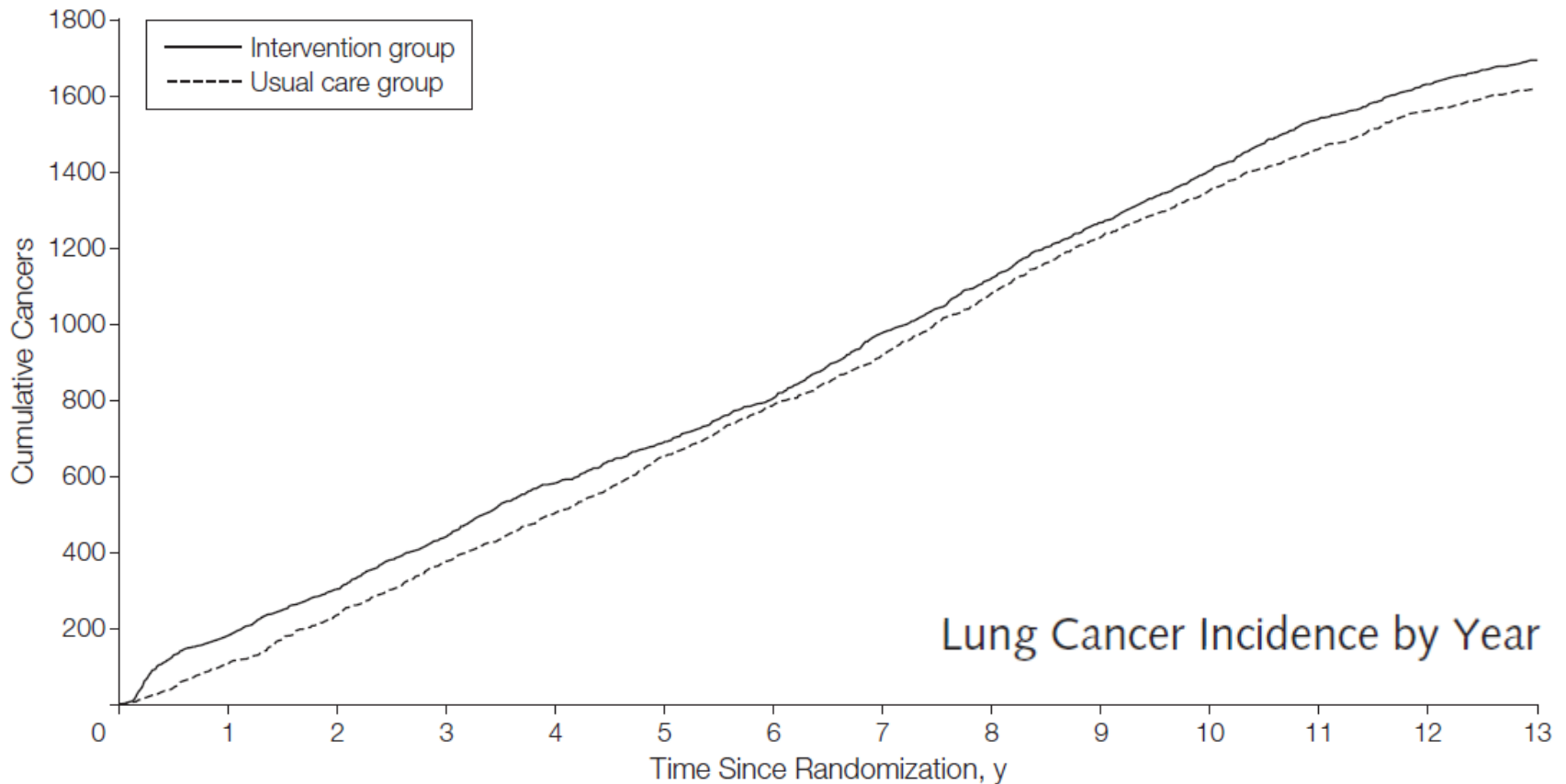
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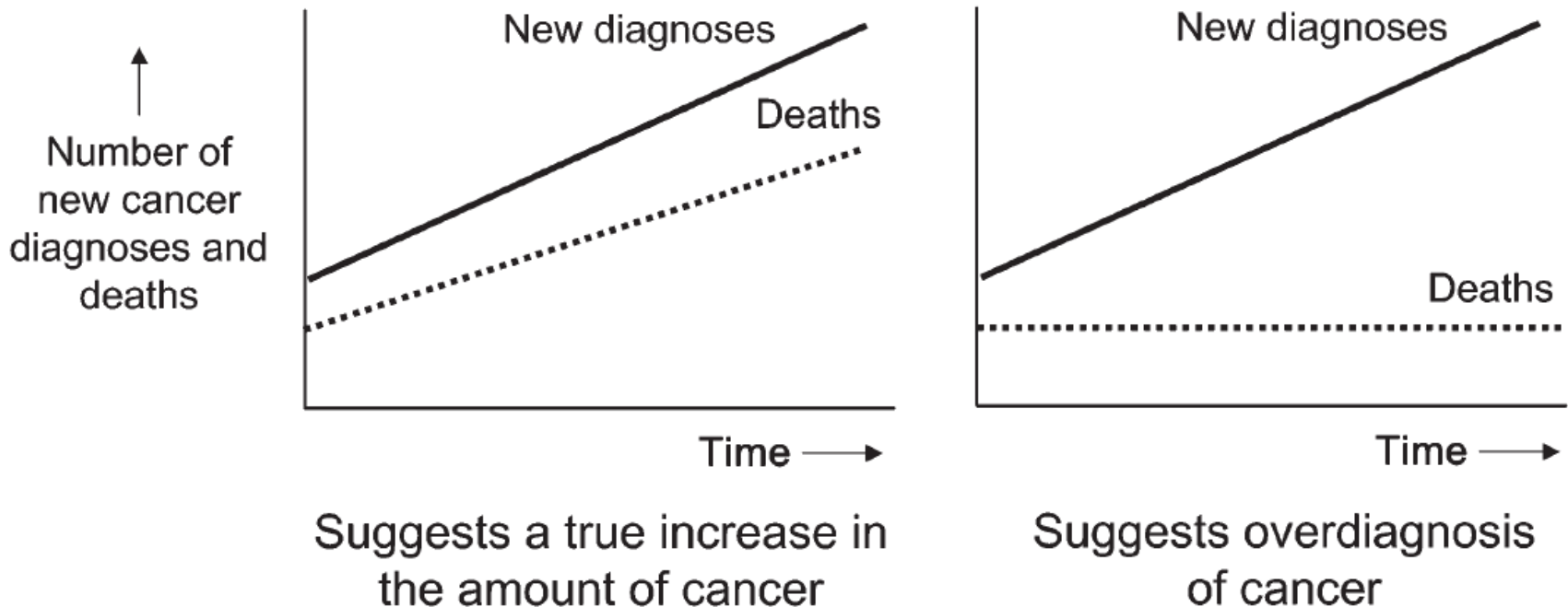
Overdiagnosis in Cancer

H. Gilbert Welch, William C. Black
J Natl Cancer Inst 2010;102:605–613

the diagnosis of a “cancer” that would otherwise not go on to cause symptoms or death

two prerequisites for cancer overdiagnosis to occur:

- the existence of a silent disease reservoir
- activities leading to its detection (particularly cancer screening)



Quando ricerca e raccomandazioni cliniche sono in (momentanea) contraddizione: la valutazione dello screening del tumore polmonare per soggetti ad alto rischio in Europa e negli Stati Uniti

Eugenio Paci

La valutazione della sovradiagnosi è a tutt'oggi soprattutto una questione epidemiologica, legata alla stima dell'eccesso di diagnosi di cancro successiva allo screening, poiché tali diagnosi non sono compensate nel tempo da una riduzione nel numero dei casi di tumore identificati dopo l'interruzione dello screening stesso.

La capacità di identificare quali siano le lesioni sovra-diagnosticate all'atto della diagnosi è al momento impossibile e oggetto solo di ricerca mirata a differenziare, con indicatori prognostici, la probabilità di progressione.

Five-year Lung Cancer Screening Experience:

CT Appearance, Growth Rate
Location, and Histologic Features
61 Lung Cancers

Radiology: Volume 242: Number 2—February 2004

Changes in size expressed as volume-doubling time (VDT), may help to distinguish aggressive cancer from cases that are unlikely to become symptomatic.

Tumor VDTs were, on average, longer than 1 year, and the range of growth rates was wide. Of 48 tumors with calculable VDTs, 13 had a VDT longer than 400 days (observed most commonly in women) and could be considered overdiagnosed; this is a confounding factor in lung cancer screening.

Screening and early detection of lung cancer

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Annals of Oncology 23 (Supplement 10): x320–x327, 2012

current problems with CT screening

- Variability in the choice of the at-risk populations in the different RCT screening protocols.

The underlying risk for lung cancer varied substantially between the studies. The NLST,²³ LSS,²⁵ and study by Garg et al¹⁶ generally focused on higher risk; DLCST,¹⁹ ITALUNG,²¹ and DANTE²² on both higher and intermediate risk; and NELSON¹⁸ and Dépiscan²⁷ on a broad range of risk among participants.

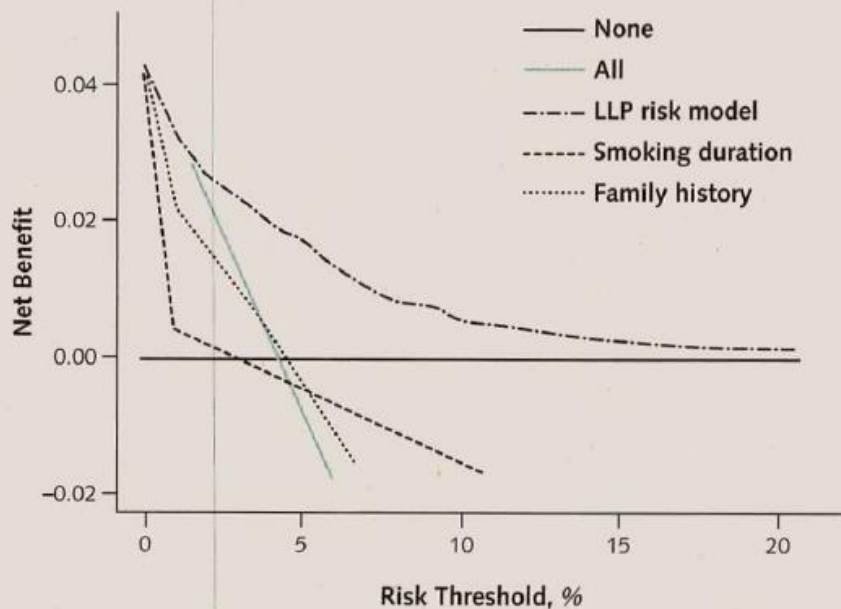
JAMA, June 13, 2012—Vol 307, No. 22

Predictive Accuracy of the Liverpool Lung Project Risk Model for Stratifying Patients for Computed Tomography Screening for Lung Cancer

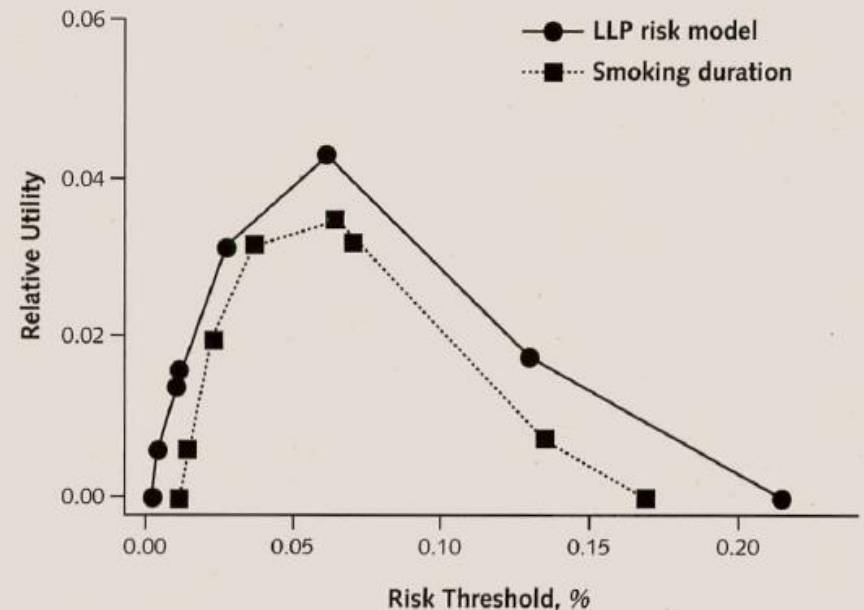
A Case–Control and Cohort Validation Study

Olaide Y. Raji, PhD; Stephen W. Duffy, MSc; Olorunshola F. Agbaje, PhD; Stuart G. Baker, ScD; David C. Christiani, MD, MPH; Adrian Cassidy, PhD; and John K. Field, PhD, FRCPath

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Nodule Detection

Detection rate: 3%-30%

No. of Participants (%)

Source	Round of Screening ^b	Noncalcified Lung Nodules Over Study Threshold ^c	Lung Cancer Nodules	Benign Nodules	Nodules Not Lung Cancer	Diagnosed With Lung Cancer Over Entire Study Period ^d
LDCT vs Usual Care (No Screening)						
NELSON, ¹⁸ 2009	Baseline	1570 (21)	70 (0.9)	1500 (20)	1500 (96)	124 (1.6)
	Year 1	570 (8)	54 (0.7)	516 (7)	516 (91)	
DLCST, ^{19,20} 2009	Baseline	179 (9)	17 (0.8)	162 (8)	162 (91)	70 (3.4)
	Year 1	NR	11 (0.6)	NR	NR	
	Year 2	NR	13 (0.7)	NR	NR	
ITALUNG, ²¹ 2009	Baseline	426 (30)	20 (1.5)	406 (29)	406 (95)	20 (1.5)
DANTE, ²² 2009	Baseline	226 (18)	47 (3.7)	179 (14)	179 (79)	60 (4.7)
Garg et al, ¹⁶ 2002	Baseline	3 (3)	2 (2.2)	1 (1)	1 (33)	2 (2.2)
LDCT vs Chest Radiographs						
NLST, ^{23,24} 2011	Baseline	6561 (25)	270 (1.0)	6291 (24)	6291 (96)	1060 (4.0)
	Year 1	6901 (28)	168 (0.6)	6733 (27)	6733 (98)	
	Year 2	4054 (17)	211 (0.9)	3843 (16)	3843 (95)	
LSS, ^{25,26} 2005	Baseline	316 (19)	30 (1.8)	286 (18)	286 (91)	40 (2.5)
	Year 1	360 (26)	8 (0.6)	352 (25)	352 (98)	
Dépiscan, ²⁷ 2007	Baseline	81 (24)	7 (2.4)	74 (22)	74 (91)	8 (2.4)

Screening and early detection of lung cancer

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current problems with CT screening

- Variability in the choice of the at-risk populations in the different RCT screening protocols.
- Variability in radiological standards for LDCT screening technology, image acquisition and use of computer-aided interpretation.
- Variability in the **number and time intervals** of the screening rounds, important to minimise possible harms by radiation exposure risk for screening participants.



Substantial variability was observed across studies in terms of samples, tests, outcomes, comparators, follow-up, locations and timing.

Interventions varied based on available technology and access to screening expertise and equipment at the time of each study.

For estimation of overdiagnosis, the study design and the threshold to determine overdiagnosis varied considerably across studies.

Computed Tomography Screening for Lung Cancer without a Smoking Cessation Program—Not a Cost-Effective Idea

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Smoking cessation alone is substantially more cost-effective than CT screening alone and is more cost-effective than smoking cessation combined with CT screening albeit with greater benefits.

Clearly, no CT screening program should be mounted without being tightly linked to a smoking cessation program.

If the introduction of lung screening programs were to result in current smokers believing that screening absolves them of the need to stop smoking, the overall effect could be very adverse.

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PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF SCREENING FOR DISEASE

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- (1) The condition sought should be an important health problem.
- (2) There should be an accepted treatment for patients with recognized disease.
- (3) Facilities for diagnosis and treatment should be available.
- (4) There should be a recognizable latent or early symptomatic stage.
- (5) There should be a suitable test or examination.
- (6) The test should be acceptable to the population.
- (7) The natural history of the condition, including development from latent to declared disease, should be adequately understood.
- (8) There should be a clear policy of whom to screen.
- (9) The cost of case-finding should be balanced against the possible expenditure on treatment of patients diagnosed.
- (10) Case-finding should be carried out for all

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Attitudes towards screening for lung cancer among smokers and their non-smoking counterparts

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Table 2 Cancer beliefs and willingness to be screened for lung cancer

Characteristic	Never smokers (n = 925)	Former smokers (n = 517)	Current smokers (n = 559)	All subjects (n = 2001)	Smokers v non-smokers Odds ratio* (95% confidence interval)
Told by doctor that he/she is at high risk of developing lung cancer (%)	0.9	4.9 [†]	21.7 ^{†,‡,§}	7.7	14.7 (9.6 to 22.5)
Belief that he/she is at risk for lung cancer (%)					
Yes	2.8	7.7 [†]	23.1 ^{†,‡,§}	9.5	6.95 (4.99 to 9.67)
No	90.8	77.4 [†]	36.2 ^{†,‡,§}		0.08 (0.06 to 0.10)
Not sure	6.9	14.9 [†]	40.8 ^{†,‡,§}		7.21 (5.59 to 9.30)
Belief that early detection of lung cancer results in a good chance of surviving (%)	58.8	54.0	48.7 ^{†,§}	54.7	0.65 (0.53 to 0.79)
In making decision to be screened:					
Screening convenience is important (%)	28.9	32.3	29.4	30.0	1.06 (0.85 to 1.32)
Risk of disease is important (%)	87.7	80.9 [†]	56.4 ^{†,‡,§}	77.2	0.21 (0.17 to 0.27)
Screening accuracy is important (%)	92.4	86.9 [†]	70.9 ^{†,‡,§}	85.0	0.24 (0.19 to 0.32)
Screening cost is important (%)	36.1	38.3	51.5 ^{†,‡,§}	41.0	1.98 (1.61 to 2.42)
Willingness to consider for cancer/pay for test/undertake follow-up					
Willingness to consider screening for lung cancer (%)	87.6	86.1	71.7 ^{†,‡,§}	82.8	0.30 (0.23 to 0.39)
Willing to pay \$200 for lung cancer screening test (%)	51.3	45.6 [†]	27.5 ^{†,‡,§}	43.2	0.26 (0.20 to 0.33)
Willing to pay \$300 for lung cancer screening test (%)	26.9	20.3 [†]	10.9 ^{†,‡,§}	19.5	0.29 (0.20 to 0.42)
Willing to have surgery for lung cancer (%)	69.2	62.5 [†]	50.5 ^{†,‡,§}	62.2	0.39 (0.31 to 0.48)

The findings suggest that there may be substantial obstacles to the successful implementation of a mass-screening programme for lung cancer that will target cigarette smokers.

High-risk older smokers' perceptions, attitudes, and beliefs about lung cancer screening

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Using binary logistic regression, a predictive model of factors to explain LDCT agreement was produced. This is a cross-sectional, national, online survey of 338 older smokers (≥ 55 years) with a ≥ 30 pack-year smoking history. Over 82% of the sample believed that a person who continues to smoke after the age of 40 has at least a 25% chance of developing lung cancer and 77.3%

Using chi-square analyses, six variables that were significant at the 0.10 level were selected for inclusion in model development. Four of the independent variables made a unique statistically significant contribution to the model: perceives accuracy of the LDCT as an important factor in the decision to have a LDCT scan; believes that early detection of LC will result in a good prognosis; believes that they are at high risk for lung cancer; and is not afraid of CT scans. Of note, only 10.9% believed that a negative CT scan result would mean that they could continue to smoke.



High quality evidence showed that in selected high-risk individuals, LDCT screening significantly reduced lung cancer mortality and all-cause mortality.

However, for its implementation at a population level, the current evidence warrants the development of standardized practices for screening with LDCT and follow-up invasive testing to maximize accuracy and reduce potential associated harms