

LUNG CANCER

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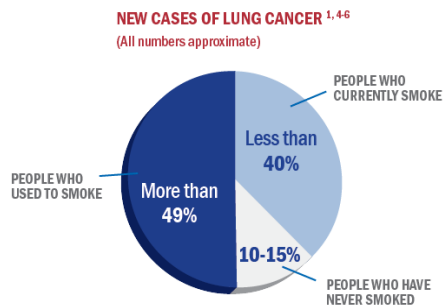
Introduction

Imagine a 12-year old boy losing his mom because of lung cancer. Living with only one parent can be very hard. This child's mom had never smoked. The child never understood why his mom died. With tears in the child face the child understood that you don't necessarily need to smoke to get the illness. You just need to be in a smoking environment it is genetic`.

Lung Cancer can only start from your Lungs to be considered Lung Cancer. If starts somewhere else but spreads to you your Lungs it is not considered Lung Cancer. Did you know that 89% of people that have Lung Cancer get it from smoking during or before having had Lung Cancer.

Explain the Issue

Lung Cancer is a serious disease that affects man and woman, smoker and non- smokers all around the globe. There are some ads on national TV that tell you not to smoke or else you could have Lung Cancer. Not everyone will get it because of smoking, sometimes it happens genetically. I had a relative that had Lung Cancer and she didn't smoke, but., I have another relative that smokes constantly and never has had Lung Cancer



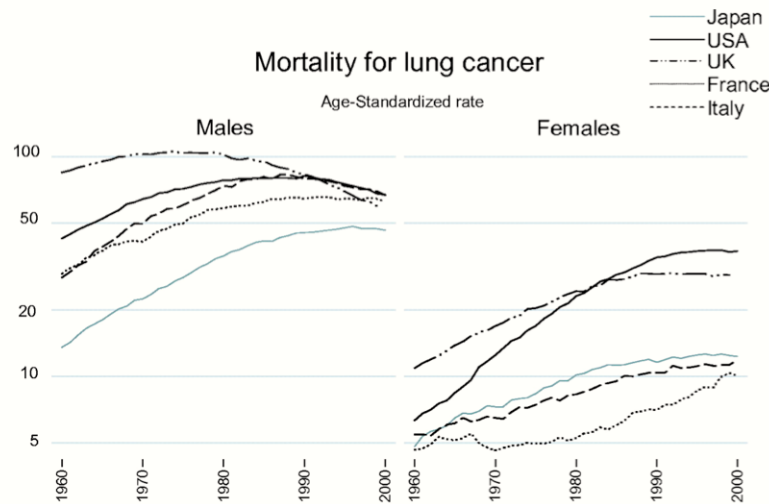
Source: www.freetobreathe.org

Not many people know that Lung Cancer is a very serious illness. Many people all around the globe get this disease. Also many people don't know that the illness is life threatening. I want to make people accountable of the cause so they know that any person in the world, including yourself could get the illness.

Lung Cancer happens when cells in your lungs multiply uncontrollably. This can cause difficulties in breathing and coughing out slobber. It can, also lead to other infections like pneumonia. These are just a few things that can happen if you have the disease. Lung Cancer is like any other cancer but it starts in your Lungs.

There are people all around the world that have lung cancer. Don't think it just happens in Italy, America or France, it happens everywhere. For example in, this graph below, it shows the death rates from lung cancer.

Age-standardized mortality rates (ASRs) for lung cancer in males and females: age-standardized with 1985 Japanese standard population, rates per 100 000.



Source: WHO Mortality Database
Marugame T., and Yoshimi I Jpn. J. Clin. Oncol.
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As shown in the graph, many more men than women have died in the US at younger ages. I think this happens in America because women didn't have the opportunity to smoke. When women were brought to smoking, in America as much during that time. The rates of deaths amongst women increase too. When they realized that smoking was bad a lot of women stopped smoking.

America wasn't the only country that smoked so much There was Japan, The UK, France and Italy. In Japan the men that died at the youngest ages were because of Lung Cancer. English men are the men that live longer from the cause of the illness. French women were and still are the women that die at the youngest ages. American women are the women that die at the oldest ages from the cause of the illness. Now you know that smoking happens everywhere. many people from each country have died from lung cancer from smoking.

Current Events

Many doctors looking for a cure or trying to learn about the illness. About 375,000 people are living with lung cancer in the U.S. 29% of Cancer deaths are because of Lung Cancer today. Families and friends all over the world lose a friend because of lung cancer. 1.3 million people all over the world die because of lung cancer every year. lung cancer is responsible to have killed 1/3 Americans. Many children are affected because lung cancer can be a genetic illness. Many families all around the world can be affected because they can lose a family member. Over all lung cancer happens locally and globally.

When I asked my Dad how he felt about lung cancer. First, they said they were sad because so

many people pass away because of the disease. Second they said that they were sad because doctors haven't found a cure. After I asked another person and they said that they were sad because she knew someone very close who experienced Lung Cancer. I wish that in the next several years doctors exploit more and more and hey find a cure so many more people all around the world won't die from the illness. I asked one person at my house. They also told me they felt really sad that my Grandma (his mom) died from it. Especially because she never smoked. They told me that there was some external pollution that poisoned her Lungs. This was just one person that told me about how they felt.

Methods of Change

There are many organizations helping the issue both locally. One organization that helps locally is called "Lung Cancer Research Foundation". This organization organizes events and conferences in the U.S. people can donate to the organization so doctors can find a cure.

An organization that helps globally is called "Free to Breathe." People can donate money to the patients. You can join events to raise awareness and money. But one thing that this organization allows that many others don't is the possibility to create your own fundraiser. This what I think this organization does locally.

What can you do...

- You can join the organizations
- You can spread the word
- You can make a website to make people aware
- You can just research more about the topic so that you are more knowledgeable about it

You can do many more things to make people aware.

Call for Action

These are some organizations that help this issue:

Organization/Projects	Specific efforts of the organization/project & Specifics on how you can help. It also has facts.	Contact information
Lung Cancer Research Foundation	U.S. People can donate to the organization so doctors can find a cure. Organizes events and conferences. It also has facts.	155 East 55 Street Suite 6H New York, NY 10022 212.588.1580 http://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org/

Free to Breathe	Organizes events to raise awareness and money. You can help by raising awareness and joining the events. It also has facts.	1 Point Place, Suite 200 Madison, WI 53719 608.833.7905 http://www.freetobreathe.org/
http://www.lungcancer.org/	Like any other organization but It also has a page where it tells peoples story and there situation with Lung Cancer. It also has facts.	275 Seventh Avenue (between 25th & 26th Streets) 22nd Floor New York, NY 10001 212-712-8495 http://www.lungcancer.org/
Lung Cancer Alliance	Like any other organization but It also has a page just like a survey and it tells you if you have a high,low or moderate chance of Lung Cancer. It also has facts.	800-298-2436 info@lungcanceralliance.org http://www.lungcanceralliance.org/
LCFA	Like any other organization but It also has a page where it tells stories of people life or there time trying to survive it.	507.354.1361 15 S. Franklin Street New Ulm, MN 56073 http://www.lcfamerica.org/

I think in the future I will join walks to raise awareness. Also I think I will send my Executive report out to people that can help me raise awareness and make change. I will also use some of my money that I get for a holiday, allowance ect. and I will donate it to these organization. I know that if I start by myself I know that many more people will join me to make a change.

Conclusion

My report tells you about our need to pay close attention to Lung Cancer. My executive report does not only have facts in it but it also has ways that you can help in this issue. I encourage all of you to take action and help. You can help by joining organization or you can start your own. If we want to make a change we can we just have to work together

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