## DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

## Low-Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening

Diagnostic services are a critical component in the continuum of care. That's why our diagnostic imaging and laboratory services utilize the latest technologies to provide you with the highest quality testing and most efficient results reporting possible.

Multiple locations across Northeast Connecticut offer convenient access to a full range of the most advanced testing possible, while our electronic medical records system ensures that your results are instantly shared with your care team as soon as they're available.

Our certified and dedicated diagnostics professionals, accredited facilities, and integrated network ensure that you'll receive the highest quality, most efficient and reliable testing available, in a convenient and comfortable environment.

Day Kimball Healthcare offers integrated, comprehensive care close to home. To learn more about all of our services visit daykimball.org.



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#### Day Kimball Hospital 320 Pomfret Street Putnam, CT 06260

# Diagnostic Imaging Scheduling (860) 963-6320

If you have a referral for a Low-Dose CT Lung Cancer Screening, please call this number to schedule your appointment.

**Cancer Care - Patient Navigation** (860) 963-3848 Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Lung cancer is the third most common cancer and the leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. More than 207,000 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year and 155,000 will die; that's more than breast, colon and prostate cancers combined.

If you're at risk for lung cancer, a low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) lung cancer screening could save your life. It is the only recommended screening test for lung cancer and has been proven to significantly reduce deaths from the disease. It can help identify early stage lung cancers when they are most treatable, resulting in better outcomes for patients. As an American College of Radiology Designated Lung Cancer Screening Center, we are proud to offer this early intervention screening test at Day Kimball Hospital.

### **Criteria for Screening**

Patients who meet the following criteria should have an annual low-dose CT lung cancer screening:

- current smoker or former smoker who has quit within the last 15 years
- age 55 77
- healthy enough to undergo treatment
- have no history of lung cancer
- have a smoking history of at least 30 pack-years (1 pack a day for 30 years, 2 packs a day for 15 years, etc.)

#### How to Access Screening

Talk with your doctor about your smoking history. If you meet the criteria for screening, he or she will provide you with a referral for a low-dose CT scan. This referral is required to receive the test. Once your provider has made the referral, you can make an appointment for the test, which is performed at Day Kimball Hospital. Simply call our Diagnostic Imaging scheduling department at (860) 963-6320.

#### What to Expect After Screening

The results of your scan will be read by our board-certified radiologists, who will contact the ordering physician with the results and make any necessary recommendations for follow-up based on the guidelines of the American College of Radiology. If your results are normal, annual follow-up screening is generally recommended. If a possible abnormality is detected your provider will talk with you about recommended next steps. If you are a current smoker, it is recommended that you enroll in a smoking cessation program as well; these programs are offered periodically by Day Kimball Healthcare. Visit daykimball.org/quit for a listing of upcoming classes and other resources to help you quit smoking.

#### **Billing and Payment Information**

Low-dose CT lung cancer screening is covered by Medicaid, Medicare and most private insurance plans for individuals who meet the screening criteria. Please check with your insurance carrier for details about your specific coverage, copays, deductibles and any prior authorization requirements.

You will receive a bill from Day Kimball Hospital for the testing portion of your service, and a bill from Jefferson Radiology for the radiologist's test interpretation services. If you have questions about your Day Kimball Hospital bill or need help paying for care, please contact our team of financial counselors at (860) 963-6337 (at the prompt, enter option 2). For more information visit daykimball.org/billing.