



CT LUNG CANCER SCREENING AT RMI: EARLY PATIENT SUCCESS, NATIONAL RECOGNITION

We have an exciting story to share about an early patient success with RMI's new CT lung cancer screening program. Although he quit smoking after heart surgery eight years ago, Terry Hosea was at high risk due to more than 30 pack years of lifetime smoking history. In early September, he came to RMI for screening. We found a 10mm nodule in the upper lobe of his right lung. It was confirmed cancerous after follow-up with contrast CT (which revealed an additional nodule) and a wedge biopsy.

Fortunately, lymph node tests indicated no further spread of disease. On October 7, Terry had surgery to remove the upper lobe. Now, although he continues to confer with physicians regarding long-term follow-up care and screening, he appears to be cancer-free with an excellent prognosis. His outcome is remarkably more positive than the typical lung cancer scenario—thanks to the outstanding early-detection capability of low-dose CT lung cancer screening.

I am also pleased to announce that RMI has earned a national designation further underscoring the new hope that CT lung cancer screening offers current or former heavy smokers. The American College of Radiology (ACR) has recognized RMI as a Designated Lung Cancer Screening Center (LCSC) that meets rigorous criteria addressing:

- The recommended population for screening
 - Age 55 to 80
 - Current smoker/quit smoking within 15 years
 - Smoking history of at least 30 pack years
 - No history of lung cancer or obvious lung problems
- Qualifications of radiologists, technologists, and medical physicists
- Procedures for communication, follow-up, and referral for patients with abnormal findings
- Referring patients to smoking cessation counseling or providing smoking cessation materials
- Technical standards for CT equipment
- Compliance with ACR CT quality control standards
- Imaging protocols for CT lung cancer screening exams

In clinical trials, CT lung screenings have reduced lung cancer mortality in heavy smokers by at least 20 percent by detecting smaller cancers at a much more treatable stage. The screening is now endorsed by numerous medical societies in the U.S. and abroad. We are pleased that the ACR has now officially recognized RMI's efforts to harness CT lung cancer screening to advance early detection and more-effective treatment.

Another source of confidence for you and your patients is that RMI's CT lung screening program is under the distinguished leadership of Ehab A. Youssef, M.D., FRCR, Ph.D. Dr. Youssef is a highly trained chest radiologist who came to RMI from the University of Michigan Health System, where he completed subspecialty fellowships in cardiothoracic imaging, nuclear medicine, molecular imaging, and abdominal imaging. He joined RMI to pursue his passion for advancing the early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer in Genesee County.

REMINDER: FREE CT LUNG SCREENINGS AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Finally, I'd like to remind you that RMI is offering free CT lung cancer screenings through the end of 2014 to residents of Genesee and Saginaw Counties if they have a physician's order and meet the above criteria. To schedule a patient or consult with a lung cancer screening expert, please contact RMI at (810) 732-1919.

Sincerely,

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