LUNG CANCER IN CANADA IN 2020

LUNG CANCER is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in males and females combined.

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EVERY DAY about 81 Canadians are diagnosed with lung cancer.

MORE CANADIANS will die from lung cancer this year than from colorectal, pancreatic and breast cancers combined.

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SURVIVAL is 71% when lung cancer is diagnosed at stage 1 but decreases to 5% when it is diagnosed at stage 4.

PEOPLE WITH LOWER INCOMES often have poorer survival outcomes, even when they are diagnosed at the same stage as people with higher incomes.

To address the burden of lung cancer in Canada, the cancer control community needs to:

- enhance lung cancer prevention efforts
- implement organized screening
- improve treatment
- increase equitable access to support and treatment
- reduce lung cancer stigma