Women and Lung Cancer

Lung cancer kills more women than any other cancer in the United States—an average of 181 women each day, one every eight minutes. Yet lung cancer remains the “hidden” women’s cancer—little known and rarely discussed. It is the least funded cancer in terms of research dollars per death of all the major cancers, and one of the only cancers where patients are routinely blamed as responsible for their condition.

Lung Cancer is the Leading Cause of Cancer Death Among Women in the United States.

5 Year Survival Rate of Lung Cancer Remains Well Below Other Cancers.

## More Research Urgently Needed

### Never Smoking Women & Lung Cancer

Of the men and women with lung cancer, 17.9% are never smokers. 4

Approximately, two-thirds of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women. 6

Women who are never smokers are more than twice as likely to get lung cancer as men who are never smokers. 7

### RESEARCH FUNDING LEVELS

#### FISCAL YEAR 2019

(ESTIMATED DOLLARS PER DEATH MEN & WOMEN)

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<th>Cancer Type</th>
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Despite a higher number of annual deaths, lung cancer receives only $2,488 per death in research funding from the National Institutes of Health, the least funded of the major cancers affecting women. 9

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