Challenges to the Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening

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Steps in the Screening Process

- Identification and recruitment of eligible individuals
- Screening test delivery
- Communication of test results
- Follow-up of abnormal test results
- Diagnosis and treatment

Smoking Cessation

- Screening has been described as a CASCADE of EVENTS
- Screening works best when it is ORGANIZED
- Organized screening means a SYSTEM is in place
- A SYSTEM means RULES, ROLES, AND RELATIONSHIPS
- The absence of organized screening in the U.S. means we are challenged to impose “elements of organization” where possible
• **Lessons Learned From Other Screening Tests**
  
  • Years after implementation, each of these steps (EVENTS) has enduring, important shortcomings, and disparities
  
  • They are well understood, *but they persist*, with no central authority charged with improving all steps in the CASCADE
  
  • The challenge that remains is to collectively identify problems, collectively identify solutions, advocate for change and implementation
  
  • Identifying needs and challenges is something we do well ...not doing anything about them is unacceptable
National Lung Cancer Screening Roundtable

• The CMS Coverage Decision provides a unique opportunity to accelerate progress in reducing lung cancer mortality—linking quality to reimbursement

• ACS has taken the initial steps to bring key national organizations together to address the challenges we’ve discussed at this workshop through a National Lung Cancer Screening Roundtable (NLCSR).

• The ultimate goal of the National Lung Cancer Screening Roundtable is to reduce lung cancer mortality by insuring that adults at significant risk have access to high quality screening.
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National Lung Cancer Screening Roundtable Membership

- American Association for Thoracic Surgery
- American Cancer Society
- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
- American College of Chest Physicians (or “Chest”)
- American College of Physicians
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American College of Radiology
- American College of Surgeons’ Commission on Cancer
- American Lung Association
- American Roentgen Ray Society
- American Society of Clinical Oncology
- American Thoracic Society
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Consumer Organizations (to be identified)
- Health Plan Organizations (to be identified)
- International Early Lung Cancer Action Program
- Lung Cancer Alliance
- National Alliance of Community Health Centers
- National Cancer Institute
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- National Medical Association
- Prevent Cancer Foundation
- Radiological Society of North America
- Society of Chairs of Academic Radiology Departments
- Society of Thoracic Radiology
- The American Association of Physicists in Medicine
- The Fleischner Society
- The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- Others
Core Roundtable Operating Principles

**Don’ts**

- Duplicate member organization roles
- Compete with member organizations
- Take on positions or projects that are in conflict with member organizations
- *Keeping key groups at the table is the higher priority*

**Do’s**

- Provide the “Big Tent”
- Serve as a Forum
- Be the “Go To” organization
- Challenge the membership to be participatory
- Identify unmet needs (GAPS)
- Identify unforeseen challenges
- Stimulate collaborations to address those needs
- Support projects best conducted by the Roundtable
What can... primary care doctors, hospitals, insurers, employers, community organizations, gastroenterologists and endoscopists, women’s health providers, and survivors and families... do to achieve 80% colorectal cancer screening by 2018?

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