TRANSFORMING STIGMA



CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

If you or someone you love has lung cancer, you've probably dealt with stigma at some point along your journey. You can transform this stigma into an opportunity to educate people about lung cancer.

IF SOMEONE ASKS, DID YOU/THEY SMOKE? TRY RESPONDING,

"I can understand why you would ask that. Many people who are diagnosed with lung cancer have smoked. I did/didn't smoke, but most importantly, I'm working to ensure that everyone diagnosed with lung cancer has effective treatment. Join me by..."

"It's true that many people diagnosed with lung cancer smoked, but many people who are diagnosed never smoked or already quit smoking years ago. I was one of those people and I'm passionate about finding better treatments for everyone facing this disease, regardless of their smoking history. Please join my efforts by..."

"We all make mistakes and smoking was a mistake I made (when I was young/in the military/before I knew how dangerous it was/etc.). Did you know that nicotine is just as addictive as heroin and it takes most people many tries before they can quit for good?. But no one deserves lung cancer and I'm ready to find a cure for everyone diagnosed with lung cancer, whether they smoked or not. I hope you'll help me by..."

ANTI-STIGMA STATS

Exposure to radon gas is the second leading risk factor of lung cancer1

Other risk factors include exposure to:1

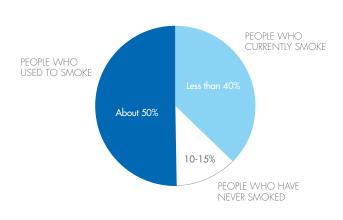
secondhand smoke
diesel exhaust

air pollution

- asbestos
- radiation
- certain metals (arsenic, chromium)
- certain organic chemicals
- Family history and genetic factors may also play a role in the development of lung cancer.1

People who have never smoked account for between 20,000 and 30,000 lung cancer diagnoses every year.²

NEW CASES OF LUNG CANCER 2-5 (All numbers approximate)



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