



**Cancer Center
of Acadiana**

Lung Mass Clinic
at Lafayette General

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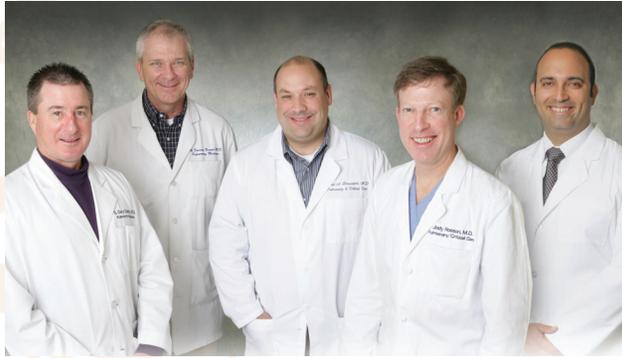
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Oftentimes, while conducting chest X-rays or CT scans for other ailments, lung nodules, less than 3 cm in diameter, are discovered. If the growth is larger than that, it is known as a pulmonary mass. While most nodules are benign, cancerous nodules can grow quickly and require immediate attention and follow up. Early detection is critical, and that is why Cancer Center of Acadiana (CCA) at Lafayette General has created the Lung Mass Clinic – **the only dedicated lung cancer center in Southwest Louisiana.** The Clinic is intended to give patients with suspected lung cancer a faster diagnosis and treatment.

Advanced Diagnostics

Patients are diagnosed and treated with not only the best imaging equipment available, but by the largest pulmonologist group in Lafayette with the most combined experience in the area.



(l-r) Pulmonologists Gary Guidry, M.D., Dwayne Brown, M.D., Brad Broussard, M.D., Jody Rosson, M.D., and Javier Dieguez, M.D.

While lung cancer screenings can be performed using a low-dose CT scan, the most advanced diagnostic technology is available, enabling faster, safer and more accurate diagnoses. The sharper images of the 64-slice CT help radiologists determine whether or not a nodule or mass is cancerous.

One of the Lung Mass Clinic's premier diagnostic tools is the **SuperDimension Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy (ENB)** that uses minimally invasive technology, including GPS (Global Positioning System), to guide the physician through patients' airways and take lung tissue samples in regions previously unreachable. This leading-edge technology, **available nowhere else in Lafayette**, provides for a more accurate diagnosis.

The **Olympus Endobronchial Ultrasound**, also minimally invasive, allows physicians to see beyond the bronchial wall to diseased tissue, lymph nodes or lesions outside of the bronchial airway. Radial ultrasound provides a 360-degree image of the airway wall and surrounding structures. Curvilinear ultrasound provides a 60-degree image of the airway wall and surrounding structures.

Candidates for Lung Mass Screenings

If a mass is detected in the lung, no matter what the size, patients should be referred to the Lung Mass Clinic.

Others who would benefit most from lung mass screenings would be those at high risk: heavy smokers, those with a history of lung cancer or those who work in environments that might contribute to lung cancer.

Fast Assessments/ Treatment

The referring physician will receive a follow-up from the Clinic with an update of their patient's diagnosis and treatment plan.

The Lung Mass Clinic has comprehensive specialists on its main campus to treat the patient. A skilled team of pathologists, radiologists, pulmonologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and others formulate an individualized treatment plan.

Patients will not have to leave the area or travel to multiple facilities to get the care needed. Lafayette General Medical Center has all the resources available on campus.

Cancer Center of Acadiana at Lafayette General is recognized as an Accredited Cancer Program by The American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. CCA houses the largest infusion center in Louisiana.

Patients are seen as soon as possible; one call, (337) 704-2050, will quickly get an appointment. The waiting time from diagnosis to treatment is reduced, thereby increasing the chances for a more positive outcome and decreasing patient anxiety.

If you have a patient with a suspicious X-ray, call
(337) 704-2050.

Physician referrals are recommended, but not necessary.

Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(answering service available after hours)

Monday/Tuesday – Office Visits

Wednesday/Thursday – Diagnostic Procedures