



# Louisiana Lung Cancer Study Newsletter

## How are we all doing with COVID-19?

Dear All,

Like all of you, we are continuing to stay positive and practicing the guidelines set in place by the expert scientists.

In the beginning of March 2020, we were taken aback by the sudden outbreak of an unprecedented virus. Although the campus at LSUHSC-New Orleans remained open, our study team was instructed to begin working from home to help flatten the curve. We were limited to some tasks we could perform at home due to HIPAA restrictions and had reduced access to the equipment we needed to complete certain tasks. However, our team pulled through and stayed on top of the study. While we are back in the office, we still

maintain a safe six feet distance from others and perform our weekly study meetings via Zoom. Despite the major adaptations to the daily work routine, we have managed to do everything in our power to further progress our lung cancer study. We continued reaching out to our participants, families, clinicians, hospitals, and we are immensely thankful for everyone's response and cooperation with us.

As we have learned, those diagnosed with cancer should be especially careful, since cancer treatments may weaken the immune system and cause an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Smoking history is another factor that may affect the severity.

Please check the following website for more information on cancer and COVID-19:

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/coronavirus/coronavirus-cancer-patient-information>.

The lung cancer study team hopes each and every one of you are healthy both mentally and physically. We are thinking about you and continue to reach out to you to hear about how you and your family are doing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to help in any way we can!

We are sending our very best wishes for your continued safety and wellbeing.

## Lung Cancer Study Updates

The information you donated on family health helps us to make very important strides and discoveries. We are continuing to incorporate

knowledge and technologies in the advancement of our understanding on familial lung cancer and how it is inherited in certain families. This type

of research needs long-term collaboration. Thank you for your continued support!



If you know someone who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, please share our study information with them. And if you would like to get in touch with us, please give us a call at our toll-free number **1-888-720-7757**, email us at [LungCaStudy@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:LungCaStudy@lsuhsc.edu), or visit our website at <http://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/lungcancer> for more information and to fill out our **Study Participation Form**.



# Louisiana Lung Cancer Study

The Lung Cancer Study is part of the Genetic Epidemiology of Lung Cancer Consortium (GELCC), which includes the following members:

- Baylor College of Medicine
- Harvard School of Public Health
- Karmanos Cancer Center
- Mayo Clinic and Foundation
- National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Toledo Medical Center
- **LSU Health Sciences Center—New Orleans**

\* Our local network of collaborators:

- Abbeville General Hospital
- Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital
- Acadia—St. Landry Hospital
- Acadian Medical Center
- Acadian General Hospital
- Bunkie General Hospital
- Dauterive Hospital
- Franklin Foundation Hospital
- Iberia Medical Center
- Lady of the Sea General Hospital
- Lafayette General Medical Center
- LSU Lallie Kemp Hospital
- Mercy Regional Medical Center
- Opelousas General Hospital
- Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center
- Pointe Coupe General Hospital
- Prevost Memorial Hospital
- Regional Medical Center of Acadiana
- ReliaPath, LLC
- St. Charles Parish Hospital
- St. Helena Parish Hospital
- St. James Parish Hospital
- St. Landry Extended Care
- St. Martin Hospital
- St. Tammany Parish Hospital
- Savoy Medical Center
- Southpark Community Hospital
- Teche Regional Medical Center
- Thibodaux Cancer Care Hospital
- University Hospital & Clinics—Lafayette
- University Medical Center—New Orleans



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