# YOUR LUNG CANCER TEAM

PREPARING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

Whether you're meeting with one doctor or several, always prepare for your appointment.

- Ask about how your lung cancer team will work together for your care
- Bring a family member or friend for added support and to help you remember details
- Write down your questions and never be afraid to ask them
- Make a list of your symptoms
- Provide smoking history, if applicable
- Share your work history
- Provide a list of all medications, supplements and vitamins you take
- Obtain medical records, old X-rays and other items that will round out your medical history
- Find out if anyone in your family has had lung cancer or breathing problems

If you or a loved one is diagnosed with lung cancer, it's important to have several specialists from different disciplines on your side. Together, they will help you receive the best cancer care.



# PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

Provides main health-care services in non-emergency situations.



### **PULMONOLOGIST**

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary (lung) conditions and diseases.



### **PATHOLOGIST**

Examines tissues, blood and fluids to assist in diagnosis and treatment decisions.



# MEDICAL ONCOLOGIST

Treats cancer with chemotherapy and other medications that kill cancer cells.



### RADIATION ONCOLOGIST

Treats cancer with radiation therapy (such as X-rays) to kill cancer cells.



# THORACIC SURGEON

Performs operations on the lungs, heart, esophagus, and other chest organs.

#### YOUR SUPPORT NETWORK

Few things hit harder than a diagnosis of cancer. Along with being stunned and upset, you may feel angry, sad, alone, frightened or overwhelmed. Talk to your medical team about other options for help. As an informed patient, you can become your own best advocate for quality care.



### LungCancerTeam.com

With support from Genentech, a member of the Roche Group, the CHEST Foundation launched this campaign to raise awareness about lung cancer and the importance of medical specialists working together to provide comprehensive care.



### chestnet.org/foundation

Our mission is to develop resources to champion the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of chest diseases through education, communication and research.