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U.S. Lung Cancer Fact Sheet - 2009

In 2009

- An estimated 219,440 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer. (116,090 men and 103,350 women) and;
- An estimated 159,390 men and women will die from lung cancer.

Important Facts

- Based on rates from 2004-2006, 1 in 14 men and women will be diagnosed with lung cancer in their lifetime.
- Lung cancer accounts for 29% of all cancer deaths in the United States.
- Lung cancer has been the #1 cancer killer in the U.S. since 1987, when it surpassed breast cancer.
- Approximately 27,922 Nonsmokers will die from lung cancer this year.
- Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the #2 cause of lung cancer overall.
- Radon is responsible for 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year; with 2,900 of those deaths happening to nonsmokers.
- Secondhand smoke is the 3rd leading cause of lung cancer and is responsible for an estimated 3000 lung cancer deaths each year.
- Only 20% of lung cancer patients are current smokers. Approximately 10-20% are nonsmokers and the remaining are former smokers who quit decades ago.

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