



Lung Cancer Staging

This brochure tells you about Lung Cancer Staging, including what Imaging tests you may need to have.

What is Lung Cancer?

Lung cancer is the growth of cancer cells in the tissues of the lung. There are two main types of lung cancer, small cell lung cancer and non-small cell lung cancer.

Staging of Lung Cancer

If you have been diagnosed with lung cancer your doctor will need to see if the cancer has spread (called "staging"). This helps the doctor plan your treatment. The Imaging tests your doctor requests will depend on your symptoms.

If you have lung cancer your doctor may request one or more of the following:

- Chest x-ray
- CT scan
- PET scan
- Bone scan
- MRI scan
- Endoscopic ultrasound guided biopsy of lymph nodes
- Percutaneous transthoracic biopsy

Results:

A radiology doctor will look at your scans and write a report for your doctor.

Further Information

For more detailed information, please see [InsideRadiology](#), a resource produced especially for consumers by the [Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists](#).

If you would like to look at other relevant brochures, please see

- [Chest X-ray](#)
- [CT Scan](#)
- [PET scan](#)
- [Nuclear Medicine Bone Scan](#)

- [MRI Scan](#)
- [Endoscopic Ultrasound guided biopsy](#)
- [Percutaneous Transthoracic biopsy](#)

Or log into the Diagnostic Imaging Pathways website - www.imagingpathways.health.wa.gov.au/includes/consumer.html

Or if you have questions or require any other information please contact your Doctor.

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- People with disabilities
- Seniors
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