

Lung Cancer touches all of us

By strengthening consensus, sharing proven strategies, and integrating the latest knowledge across prevention, early detection, and treatment, we aim to foster sustainable partnerships and investment. Together, we can confront – and ultimately dismantle – the stigma that continues to surround this disease.

Our focus is to elevate political leadership, promote coordinated financing mechanisms, and introduce actionable performance indicators – demonstrating how progress in lung cancer is directly tied to broader global health and sustainable development goals. This forms part of our strategic effort to position the Consensus Statement as a catalyst for international alignment and political commitment.

The Consensus Statement is grounded in 5 unifying principles designed to bring together stakeholders from across sectors – health professionals, policy-makers, ministries of health, finance, social services, and education, alongside patients and patient organizations – to shape and strengthen policies that improve outcomes for those at risk for and living with lung cancer.

The Lung Cancer Consensus Statement

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Bridging the Gap
in the
Diagnosis and Management of
Lung Cancer

Lung Cancer is not solely an issue of health

Lung Cancer is significant yet underprioritized challenge within global health. It lies at the intersection of diagnostic delay, deep-rooted health inequalities, demographic aging and environmental degradation. Addressing lung cancer effectively requires more than clinical intervention: it demands sustained political will, policy coherence, and institutional accountability.

The Lung Cancer Consensus Statement, developed in 2023 and supported by a growing coalition, provides a practical, nonpartisan framework to guide coordinated national and global action. It offers measurable, scalable strategies to strengthen awareness, expand equitable access, and embed accountability within health systems.

The current global policy landscape presents an opportunity to integrate lung cancer into broader commitments on health security, equity, sustainable development, and climate resilience. Advancing lung cancer within these multilateral priorities will test whether institutions are prepared to address noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) comprehensively and convert commitments into measurable action.

The Lung Cancer Consensus Statement marks a critical step toward building international collaboration and raising awareness to address the world's leading cause of cancer mortality.



The Consensus Statement

1. Improve and expand prevention

- ✓ Enact all commitments within WHO FCTC in all countries worldwide.
- ✓ Improve awareness of primary prevention and encourage healthy behaviors including elimination of tobacco products and reduction of environmental air pollution.

2. Focus on early detection

- ✓ Initiate national screening programs targeting at-risk populations where not already in place.
- ✓ Enhance outreach to underserved, hard-to-reach, and marginalized populations.
- ✓ Ensure awareness of lung cancer is improved and ensure that the needs of never-smokers are not overlooked.
- ✓ Improve exploration and understanding of unique genetic differences in lung cancer to ensure that opportunities for improved screening and early detection are equitably available, appropriately targeted, and used to improve detection and prognosis.

3. Ensure equitable and sustainable access to treatment

- ✓ Improve collaboration between stakeholders to ensure timely and financially sustainable access and availability of treatments.
- ✓ Reduce time between market authorization and access to therapies.
- ✓ Ensure lung cancer clinical guidelines are adopted and regularly updated to reflect the latest in care.
- ✓ Improve ease with which people can navigate their health systems.
- ✓ Integrate technological innovations to support needs of people living with cancer and health professionals.
- ✓ Promote digital literacy skills.
- ✓ Strengthen digital infrastructure to safeguard equitable access in the most remote areas at costs that are not prohibitive for either individuals or health systems.

4. Build partnerships and promote investment

- ✓ Build alliances to improve awareness, access, and action to ensure lung cancer is prioritized.
- ✓ Strengthen health system resilience to ensure screening, early detection, and treatments are available in an equitable, timely and financially sustainable way.

5. Combat stigma, recognizing it as a social determinant of public health

- ✓ Openly address unconscious bias throughout society and the health care community.
- ✓ Improve awareness that lung cancer is not a death sentence by improving knowledge.

**Lung cancer touches all of us.
There is neither time nor room for complacency.**

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