November is National Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Lung cancer – the leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States – will claim the lives of more than 150,000 men and women this year.

You may have an increased risk for lung cancer if you have been exposed to radon, asbestos or other cancer-causing agents or if you have a personal or family history of the disease. Smoking is a leading cause of lung cancer, yet not everyone who smokes gets cancer nor does everyone who gets lung cancer smoke.

Lung cancer deaths are on the decline, thanks to advances in prevention, treatment, and early detection. Early detection is important, because lung cancer symptoms usually don’t appear until the disease is advanced. C-T screening has been found to lower the risk of death in certain high risk persons based on their age, general health and smoking history.

Talk to your doctor about whether lung cancer screening is right for you.

For more information, visit RadiologyInfo.org.

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