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Lung Cancer E-chart: Full Illustrated

Lung cancer

Lung cancer is the most common cause of cancer death in industrialized countries. It generally affects those in the age of 40 and 70 years, with a higher incidence among the white female of the. Men are more likely to be affected.

In developing regions, however, the age at diagnosis and the incidence among women is increasing, owing to the fact that there is higher cigarette consumption among them. It occurs in central or peripheral areas of the lung, depending on the type of cancer.

Classification

There are two main types of lung cancer, which are classified according to the microscopic appearance of cancer cells. **Small cell lung cancer** and **non-small cell lung cancer**. Each of these groups, in turn, are further subdivided.

1. Non-small cell lung cancer (the one that will be this chart)

- It is the most common type of cancer accounting for 85% of all lung cancers, where growth and spread is slow. There are three subtypes:
 - Adenocarcinoma
 - Squamous cell carcinoma or epidermoid carcinoma
 - Large cell carcinoma

2. Small cell lung cancer


- It occurs in the remaining 15% of cases. The growth is faster and it is an old type, mainly spread to other parts of the body. It occurs in the leading part of the type of cancer. There are three subtypes:
 - Small cell carcinoma
 - Neuroendocrine carcinoma
 - Must spread into lymph nodes

Causes

- Cancer-causing agents
- Smoking or pipe
- Environmental exposure to such substances as asbestos, arsenic, chromium, nickel, radon gas, and second-hand smoke
- Radon
- Genetic factors
- Environmental pollution resulting from the combustion of fossil fuel-air fuels
- History of lung disease, tuberculosis. Lung cancer tends to develop in these areas of the lung that have healed.


Squamous cell carcinoma or epidermoid carcinoma

It is the most common type of lung cancer. It occurs in central bronchi, where it is a through channel in fibrous connective tissue. It usually does not spread to lymph nodes or to other parts of the body. It tends to spread to a local tumor and metastasize through lymph nodes to the other parts of lung cancer.




Adenocarcinoma

It is the most common type of lung cancer, arising within the bronchi, where it is a through channel in fibrous connective tissue. It usually does not spread to lymph nodes or to other parts of the body. It tends to spread to a local tumor and metastasize through lymph nodes to the other parts of lung cancer.



Large-cell carcinoma

It is the most common type of lung cancer. It occurs in central bronchi, where it is a through channel in fibrous connective tissue. It usually does not spread to lymph nodes or to other parts of the body. It tends to spread to a local tumor and metastasize through lymph nodes to the other parts of lung cancer.



Clinical features

Signs and symptoms of lung cancer typically occur only when the disease is at advanced stages. Hence, early identification of lung cancer significantly improves the prognosis. Signs and symptoms may result from the primary tumor, the location of the tumor in general, metastasis, and the occurrence of paraneoplastic syndromes.

Signs and symptoms related to primary tumors

- Asymptomatic** and/or cancer progression might first give away over time. Hemoptysis, respiratory distress, hoarseness, chest pain, and weight loss.
- Intermittent** chest pain, fatigue, hoarseness, cough, weight loss.

Signs and symptoms related to metastasizing carcinomas

- Hoarseness**
- Weight loss**
- Intermittent** chest pain, fatigue, hoarseness, cough, weight loss.
- Paraneoplastic syndromes**

Paraneoplastic syndromes

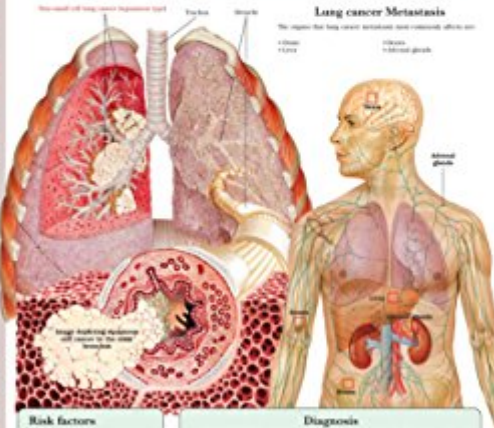
Paraneoplastic syndromes refer to the clinical signs and symptoms that occur in patients with lung cancer, but are not directly caused by the tumor itself. These syndromes are caused by the release of substances from the tumor, which can affect other parts of the body. These syndromes can include:

- Weight loss, fatigue, and weakness
- Hoarseness
- Intermittent chest pain, fatigue, hoarseness, cough, weight loss
- Paraneoplastic syndromes

Lung cancer Metastasis

The regions that lung cancer metastasizes most commonly affect are:

- Brain
- Liver
- Bones
- Adrenal glands



Risk factors

- Smoking or pipe
- Environmental exposure to such substances as asbestos, arsenic, chromium, nickel, radon gas, and second-hand smoke
- Radon
- Genetic factors
- Environmental pollution resulting from the combustion of fossil fuel-air fuels
- History of lung disease, tuberculosis. Lung cancer tends to develop in these areas of the lung that have healed.

Diagnosis

In order to reach a definite cause of the disease, you should consult with a doctor. There are several ways to diagnose lung cancer:

- Physical examination
- Chest X-ray
- Computed tomography (CT)
- Ultrasound
- Biopsy
- Genetic testing
- Other methods




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