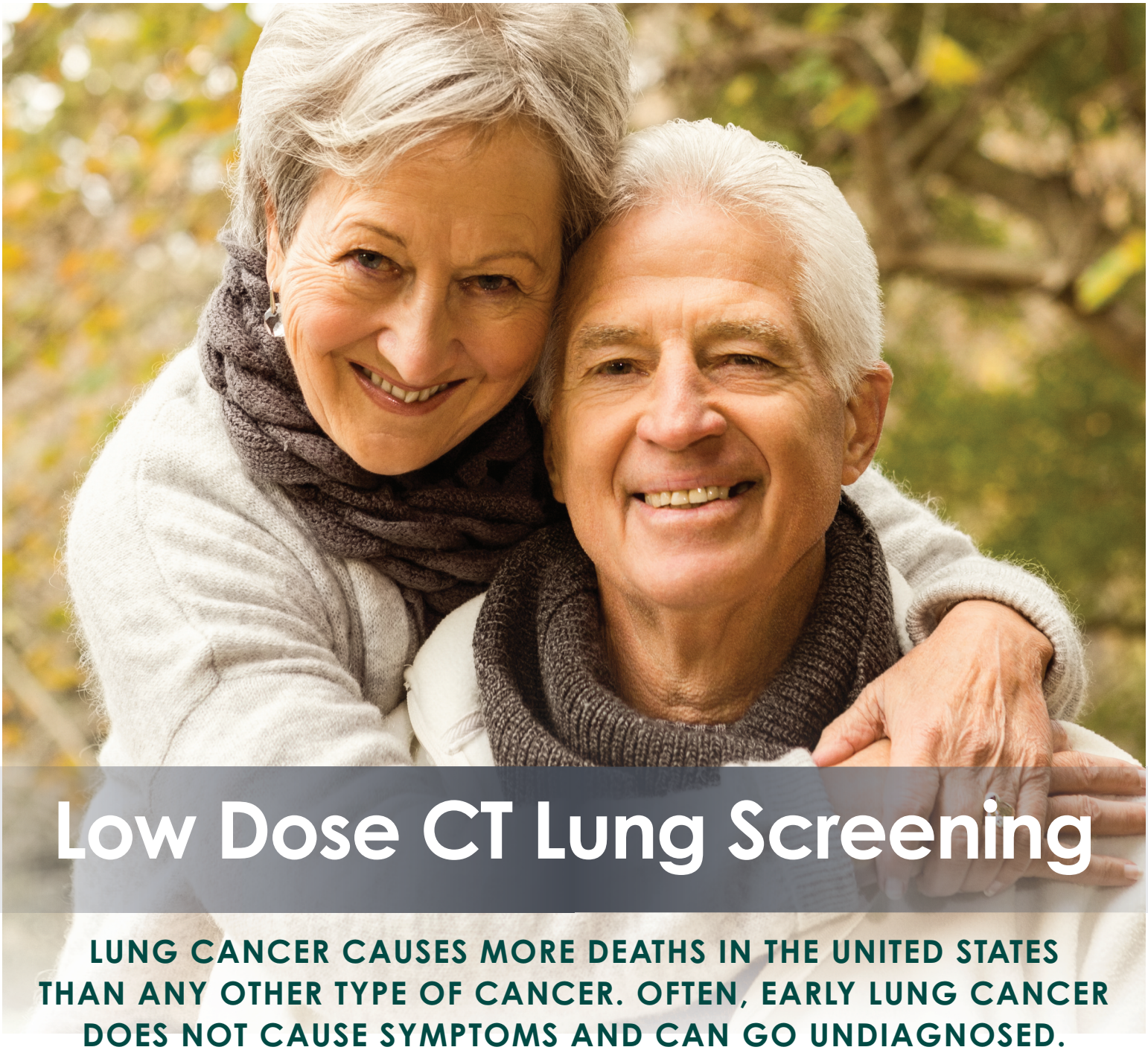

Low Dose CT Lung Screening

LUNG CANCER CAUSES MORE DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES THAN ANY OTHER TYPE OF CANCER. OFTEN, EARLY LUNG CANCER DOES NOT CAUSE SYMPTOMS AND CAN GO UNDIAGNOSED.

Recent federal guidelines recommend people at a higher risk of developing lung cancer receive an annual screening. These guidelines are based on results from a large study conducted by the National Cancer Institute. This trial showed a dramatic reduction (20%) in deaths among patients who were screened annually with low-dose CT scans. Having a screening may help detect the cancer at an earlier stage, when it is easier to treat.

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Who is eligible for Low Dose CT lung screening?

Lung cancer screening is now covered by several major insurance companies and Medicare once per year for patients who meet all of the following criteria.

- Individuals between the ages of 55 and 77 years old
- Current smokers or smokers who have quit within the past 15 years
- Smoked at least a pack of cigarettes a day for 30+ years
- Asymptomatic (without signs or symptoms of lung cancer)

How do I order a Low Dose CT lung screening?

- Payors require a face to face shared decision making visit between the provider and the patient where eligibility is discussed and documented. (This visit is billable using code G0296.)
- Fairfax Radiology requires that our CT Lung Screening form be completed, which documents the shared decision making.
- You may also use our general referral form or order through your EMR; however, please note we will still ask you to complete the CT Lung Screening form.

*Commercial insurance might have slightly different qualification criteria than Medicare. For more information regarding Medical requirements visit www.cms.gov.

For more information on shared decision making visit:

1. www.shouldiscreen.com
2. lungcancerscreeningsaveslives.org
3. www.thoracic.org/patients/patient-resources/resources/decision-aid-lcs.pdf
4. https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/tools-and-resources/patient-decision-aids/lung-cancer-screening/clinicians-checklist

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