## LUNG CANCER



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## **Lung Anatomy**





#### upper-lobe bronchus middle lobe bronchus Trachea (windpipe) distal bronchus

Right lobes ·

Lungs

Right bronchi

Secondary bronchi

Bronchioles.

Left lobes

Left bronchi

Alveoli

Pleura -

Diaphragm

**Bronchial mucosa** is formed by a pseudostratified columnar ciliated epithelium, with a large number of goblet cells and nerve endings.



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## **Cilia of bronchial epithelium**



Lung cancer is a tumor of epithelial origin that develops in the mucosa of bronchi, and bronchioles as well as in the alveolus and bronchial glands.

## **General Information**

Lung cancer is the most frequent cause of major cancer incidence and mortality worldwide .

1.8 million new lung cancer cases occurred in 2012

In 2012 the tracheal, bronchus, and lung cancer was the leading cause for cancer death in men and women, with 1.6 million deaths.

The lung cancer incidence rates is several times higher in more developed countries compared with less developed countries (44,7 vs 3,3 in 100,000 people).

Lung cancer has a poor prognosis, which means incidence closely matches mortality. The five-year relative survival rate of lung cancer is 10 - 20 % in worldwide.

## Most Common Cancers Worldwide in 2012





Source: GLOBOCAN 2012

## Most Common Causes of Cancer Death Worldwide in 2012



Lung cancer 🖬 Liver cancer Stomach cancer Colorectal cancer Breast cancer Esophagus cancer Pancreatic cancer Other

Source: GLOBOCAN 2012

53.5 Central and Eastern Europe Eastern Asia Southern Europe Northern America Western Europe Micronesia/Polynesia Western Asia Northern Europe Australia/New Zealand South-Eastern Asia Southern Africa Caribbean South America Northern Africa **Melanesia** South-Central Asia **Central America** Eastern Africa Middle Africa Western Africa





In men, the highest lung cancer incidence rates were in Europe, Eastern Asia, and Northern America, and the lowest rates were in sub-Saharan Africa.

Among women, the highest lung cancer rates were in Northern America, Northern and Western Europe, Australia/New Zealand, and Eastern Asia.

### Incidence rates and mortality from lung cancer in the world (2012 г.)

Lung cancer with standardized incidence rate (ASIR) and standardized mortality rate (ASMR), equal to 23.1 and 19.7 (in 100,000 people).

Incidence rate of lung cancer		Mortality rate
USA	42,1	30,4
Canada	35,9	29,9
Russian Federation	25,5	22,7
China	36,1	32,3
India	6,6	5,9
(in 100,000 people).		

## The etiology of lung cancer Risk factors

### 89% (91% in males and 87% in females) of lung cancer cases are linked to major lifestyle and other risk factors. Main risk factors

Smoking is the single most important risk factor for lung cancer, which can cause all types of lung cancer but is more strongly linked with Small-cell lung carcinoma (SCLC) and squamous-cell carcinoma. Environmental exposure and occupational exposures Precursor lesions of lung Genetics

## Smoking

- **Cigarettes contain more than 60 carcinogens.** The most dangerous:
- **Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons**. For example, benzo[a]pyrene produce mutations in the p53 gene. **N-nitroso compounds**, that are potent animal carcinogens.
- **Nicotine:** causes addiction to cigarette smoking and is also a promoter for carcinogenesis. Nicotine inhibits apoptosis, promotes cells proliferation and cause angiogenesis in lung tumours.

## Smoking

The probability of occurrence of lung cancer in smokers depends on: smoking duration the number of smoked cigarettes quality cigarette (tar in cigarettes) social status The presence of comorbidities and occupational exposures

## Smoking

# The greatest risk of developing lung cancer is observed in the persons:

who began smoking in childhood and adolescence

smoking cigarettes. Cigar and pipe tobacco smoking produces relatively large particles that only reach the upper airways. The cigarette smoking produces fine particles that reaches the distal airways.

smoked more than 25 cigarettes a day

### **Important!**

Smoking cessation: smokers at all ages can benefit from the cessation of smoking.

Risk lung cancer in smokers still remains elevated compared to never smokers.

The secondhand smoke also causes lung cancer.

# Environmental exposure and occupational exposures

#### **Occupational exposures:**

- Tar and soot

- Production of arsenic, chromium, nickel, aluminum, iron and steel
- Asbestos and Beryllium
- Production of coal/coke and Coal-tar pitch
- Diesel engine exhaust
- Hematite mining

#### **Air pollution**

Lung cancer death risk is higher in people living near major roads

**Household coal combustion emissions** 

- Lung cancer risk is around doubled in people who use coal in the home for cooking or heating

**Presence in air the radioactive gas Radon-222** 

**Smoking potentiates the effect of lung carcinogens** 

### **Precursor lesions of lung**

Squamous dysplasia - precursor lesion for squamous-cell carcinoma.

Adenomatous hyperplasia - precursor lesion for bronchioalveolar carcinoma, a form of adenocarcinoma.
Idiopathic pulmonary neuroendocrine cell hyperplasia - precursor for pulmonary carcinoids.

### These lesions can be caused by:

Chronic bronchitis Chronic pneumonia Bronchiectasis Pulmonary tuberculosis Asbestosis Silicosis Pneumoconiosis

### Genetics

Lung cancer risk is 82% higher in people whose sibling has/had lung cancer, and 25-37% higher in people whose parent has/had the disease.

This association is independent of smoking.

**Small-cell lung carcinoma (**SCLC) often has mutations in MYC, BCL2, c-KIT, p53, and RB

**Non-small-cell lung carcinoma (**NSCLC) often has mutations in EGFR, KRAS, CD44, and p16.

#### **Other factors increases lung cancer incidence**

Lung cancer risk is higher in patients who had in anamnesis **previous cancer**: Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, breast cancer, testicular cancer; uterine sarcomas; head and neck cancers; lip, oesophagus, bladder cancers and other.

Beta-carotene supplementation in current smokers

#### Radiation

## Pathogenesis of lung cancer

Pathogenesis of lung cancer is a multistep process

Cigarette smoke is both the initiator and promotor of carcinogenesis..

Smoking leads to the development of chronic bronchitis of the smoker and metaplasia of the bronchial epithelium to squamous type.

- Metaplasia ciliated epithelium to squamous epithelium leads to loss of cilia, nerve endings, violation drainage function of the lungs.
  - The contact with carcinogens of tobacco smoke causes to genetic mutations in bronchial epithelium.
    - Continued smoke exposure causes additional mutations that increases risk lung cancer.

### **Pathogenesis of lung cancer**

Normal epithelium

epithelium hyperplasia

epithelium metaplasia

> epithelium dysplasia

Invasive cancer <

Carcinoma in situ

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## **Prevention of lung cancer**

tobacco control

reduction of tar in cigarettes

improvement of ecology and purity of air

eliminate or reduce of the occupational hazards

screening in the groups of high risk for lung cancer

treatment of persons with chronic diseases of bronchial tubes and lungs

## Who refer to high-risk group?

the heavy smokers older than 40 years

- persons with chronic obstructive diseases of the bronchi and lungs
- who had previous cancer of the upper respiratory tract and lungs
- persons who are often ill with influenza and other acute respiratory viral infections
- who having a family history of cancer pathology
- persons, who worked long time with asbestos, arsenic, nickel and chromium

## **Screening for lung cancer**

Low-dose helical computed tomography reduces lung cancer mortality by 20% in persons aged 55 to 74 years who have cigarette smoking histories of 30 or more pack-years. 98% of all positive low-dose helical computed tomography screening exams do not result in a lung

cancer diagnosis.

#### NB!

**Chest x-ray and/or sputum cytology** - No Benefit Associated With Screening

#### Low-dose helical computed tomography

allows detection of lesions in lung tissue 2-3 mm in size. the radiation dose is only 1.5 times greater than for fluoroscopy lesions in the lungs detected in 1-12% of patients at risk in 0.5-1.5% of patients, these lesions are bronchogenic cancer More than 80% of these tumors can not be seen on X-rays in 80-95% of patients CT can detect cancer in stage I

## **Classification of lung cancer**

## Clinical and anatomic classification of lung cancer

Russian classification of lung cancer is associated with the tumor localization, the type of tumor growth and the clinical and radiological characteristics of disease.

#### **Central lung cancer**

The tumor is located in the main, lobar, segmental and subsegmental bronchi.

#### **Peripheral lung cancer**

The tumor is located in the smaller bronchi, bronchioles and alveoli.

### Atypical forms of lung cancer.

## Types of lung cancer depending on the tumor growth

### **Central lung cancer**

endobronchial exobronchial peribronchial branched

### **Peripheral lung cancer**

nodal pneumonia-like cortico-pleural cavitary form cancer apex (Pancoast syndrome)

### **Atypical forms of lung cancer**

miliary form carcinomatosis lung mediastinal form

### Central lung cancer Endobronchial type of tumor growth

The tumor in the lumen of the bronchus Violation of ventilation Atelectasis and hypoventilation of the lung tissue Compensatory swelling of the adjacent parts of the lung





## Central lung cancer Exobronchial type of tumor growth

Tumor growth outside from bronchus When X-ray - the shade of tumor is visible in the root of the lung Long asymptomatic course




# Central lung cancer Peribronchial branched type of tumor growth

- The tumor grows diffusively under the mucous membrane along the bronchi
- At the X-ray and endoscopy the characteristic features of the tumor may be absent for a long time
- Most often it occurs in undifferentiated tumors
- Late diagnosis. The tumor is often detected in the presence of intrathoracic or distant metastases

- Most common form of peripheral lung cancer.
- Often located in the second segment of the upper lobe.
- Shape of the tumor is often round.
- The classic radiographic signs include the uneven surface and radiant contours.
- In 7% cases the surface of tumor nodules with smooth clear contours.
- Retraction of the visceral pleura is often observed.
- Path to the root of lung" is tipical.
- The ingrowth of the tumor in the lumen of the large bronchi or their compression is accompanied by the clinical symptoms of the central lung cancer (atelectasis, pneumonitis). This process is called - the centralization of peripheral lung cancer.







**Peripheral lung cancer. Pneumonia-like form** It is found only in the lung adenocarcinoma Histological form is most often the bronchioloalveolar carcinoma (in 60% cases) Often observed in the middle and lower lobes of the lung The X-ray pattern is similar to the inflammatory process.

Peripheral lung cancer. Pneumonia-like form



#### Peripheral lung cancer. Pneumonia-like form



#### Peripheral lung cancer. Cortico-pleural form

Located and growing along the pleura Often grows into the tissues of the chest wall; Usually it has an oval shape and a wide base; Inner contours are indistinct and radiant

#### **Peripheral lung cancer. Cortico-pleural form**



#### **Peripheral lung cancer. Cortico-pleural form**



- Observed predominantly in squamous cell lung cancer;
- Usually it presented unicameral, spherical cavity with air
- Bumpy external with indistinct contours.
- Internal contour of cavity is uneven
- Cavernous education is unevenly thickened wall
- Retraction of visceral pleura
- Asymptomatic course is observed in 60% of cases.
- Acute beginning with hectic rise of body temperature and hemoptysis is noted in 30% of cases







- For the first time the syndrom was described by H. Pancoast (1924., 1932.)
- Cancer apex of the lung with the involvement of the parietal pleura
- The defeat of the cervical plexus
- Compression of the subclavian vessels
- Destruction of the first rib
- Involvement of the lower cervical sympathetic ganglion (Horner's triad)
- Compression of the recurrent laryngeal nerve (hoarseness)
- The defeat of the spinal cord







#### **Mediastinal form of lung cancer**

- Enlarged lymph nodes are detected in the upper mediastinum.
- The primary tumor is not determined by X-ray and endoscopic methods of investigation

## **Mediastinal form of lung cancer**



# **Mediastinal form of lung cancer**

12 years later 800 def 85

# The histological classification of lung cancer

#### Non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC, 85%)

- squamous-cell carcinoma,
- adenocarcinoma,
- carcinoid
- bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma
- large-cell carcinoma.

Small-cell lung carcinoma (SCLC, 15% of all lung cancer)

In total there are more than 60 different variants of lung cancer

#### Adenocarcinoma (20 - 38%)

- Always a peripheral cancer
- Most common type of lung cancer in nonsmokers and more common in women
- Arises from small airway epithelial and type II alveolar cells
- Should test for EGFR mutation for possible targeted therapy
- Sometimes appear at site of scarring
- Tend to form glands and secrete mucin

#### Squamous cell carcinoma (20% - 60%)

- 2/3 central and 1/3 peripheral lung cancer
- Strongly associated with cigarette smoking
- Arises from large (proximal) airway epithelial cells
- Tend to create obstruction of bronchi and cause distal atelectasis
- Intrathoracic lymphogenous spread rather than distant metastasis;
- Best prognosis

#### Small-cell lung carcinoma (SCLC) (14%)

- Central cancer (peribronchial)
- Strongest smoking association
- Arises from pulmonary neuroendocrine cells, which are responsible for making neurotransmitters, growth factors, and vasoactive substances
- Causes paraneoplastic syndrome: commonly secrete ADH (SIADH) or ACTH (ectopic Cushing syndrome)
- Rapid growth and early distant metastasis (brain, liver, bone)
- Worst prognosis





# International classification of lung cancer according to the TNM system







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#### **Stage Grouping**

Ia T1 N0 M0 **Ib T2 N0 M0 IIa T1 N1 M0** IIb T2 N1 M0; T3 N0 M0 IIIa T3 N1 M0; T1,2,3 N2 M0 IIIb Any T N3 M0; T4, Any N, M0 IV Any T Any N M1

# Clinical features of lung cancer

## **Central lung cancer**

#### **Clinical manifestations may be caused by:**

Obstruction of the bronchus

- **Tumor destruction**
- Compression of vascular and nervous structures as well as the hollow organs of mediastinum by the lymph node with metastasis

Distant tumor metastasis

Paraneoplastic syndromes

# **Primary lung lesion symptoms**

Cough (50-70%) Hemoptysis (25-50%) Dyspnea (25%) Chest pain (20%) Clinic obstructive pneumonitis (75% in central lung cancer) Weight loss (46%)
# Features of clinical picture of obstructive pneumonia

- Obstructive pneumonia develops within a segment or lobe of the lung. It has clearly defined anatomical boundaries.
- Obstructive pneumonia are often easily treatable, quickly are allowed.
- Obstructive pneumonia usually recurs

## Symptoms of mediastinal involvement

- Superior vena cava syndrome
- Pericardial effusion
- Pleural effusion (chest pain and dyspnea)
- Dysphagia
- Hoarseness (recurrent nerve)

## **Paraneoplastic syndromes**

## **Ectopic Cushing syndrome**

- ◆ Ectopic secretion of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) → adrenal cortisol secretion
- Most common form of ectopic secretion in lung cancer, especially SCLC
- weight gain
- hypertension
- hypokalemia
- muscle weakness

## **Paraneoplastic syndromes**

- **Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone production (SIADH)**
- Ectopic secretion of ADH
- Euvolemic hyponatremia and concentrated urine
- Associated with SCLC
- Cheadache and weakness,
- Altered mental status,
- Seizures,
- Respiratory depression
- Death

### **Paraneoplastic syndromes**

# Hypertrophic osteoarthropathy and digital clubbing

- Associated with NSCLC, especially the adenocarcinoma type
- Periosteal proliferation of the tubular bones
- Painful symmetrical arthritis of the ankles, knees, wrists and elbows
- Digital clubbing.

# Hypertrophic osteoarthropathy and digital clubbing



# Symptoms caused by the distant metastasis

liver - 40% of patients brain - 25-40% bones - 15-20% adrenal glands - at 25-30% kidney - 15-20% lung - 12%

# **Diagnosis of lung cancer**

**Primary diagnosis (all patients) A. Physical findings** physical examination should be directed at determining of lymph node involvement **B. Instrumental methods 1. Radiographs** a. Chest radiograph. b. Computed tomography (CT). Mediastinal lymph nodes are generally considered abnormal when larger than 1.5 cm in diameter and normal when smaller than 1.0 cm; nodes between these two limits are indeterminate. CT scanning provides information about the extent of invasion of the primary tumor, the presence of pleural effusion, and lymph node status.

c) *Magnetic resonance imaging* (MRI) rarely adds additional information.

- **B. Instrumental methods**
- **2. Endoscopic methods**
- a. **Flexible fiberoptic bronchoscopy**. Two thirds of all cancers can be directly visualized.
- **C.** Obtaining pathologic proof of lung cancer.
- 1. Sputum cytology
- 2. **Biopsy of tumor** or transbronchial biopsy when flexible fiberoptic bronchoscopy
- 3. Biopsy of suspicious cutaneous nodules
- 4. **Biopsy of lymph nodes.** Enlarged, hard, peripheral lymph nodes represent another potential site for biopsy.

# Subsequent diagnosis to assess the prevalence of lung cancer

- 1. A bone scan
- 2. Bone radiograph
- 3. Spinal MRI
- 4. Brain CT or MRI
- 5. Positron emission tomography (PET).
- 6. Bone marrow aspiration and biopsy.
- 7. Mediastinoscopy
- 8. Videothoracoscopy

PET scanning is an emerging technology based on the differential uptake of radiolabeled glucose (fluorodeoxyglucose [FDG]) by neoplastic tissues compared with normal tissue.

# CT scan PET scan

#### Combined CT-PET scan

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# The current standard of treatment for patients with non-small cell lung cancer

# Treatment methods of patients with NSCLC

surgical radiotherapy (for radical and palliative programs) drug (neoadjuvant, adjuvant or palliative chemotherapy)

# Surgery is a main method in the treatment of patients with NSCLC

Radiotherapy and drug treatment is carried out to patients whom the surgical treatment is not indicated in connection with:

- prevalence of tumor process
- the presence of pronounced comorbidities
- the refusal of patient by surgery.

# Types of radical surgery for lung cancer

segmentectomy lobectomy lobectomy with sleeve resection and plasty of bronchus bilobektomiya upper and lower (right lung) pneumonectomy

## **Radiation therapy of NSCLC**

- when patients refuse by surgery
- in the presence of contraindications to surgery
- in locally advanced cancers for local control

#### **Modes:**

RT on a radical program RT palliative program Postoperative radiation therapy (after surgery)

## **Chemotherapy of NSCLC**

- treatment of patients with advanced process (IIIb-IV cent.)
- in combination with radiation therapy for inoperable forms
- as neoadjuvant (preoperative) treatment for the adjuvant (post-surgery) treatment
- Drugs: Taxanes
- platinum drugs Gemzar

## General principles of patients treatment with SCLC

- Operation is possible in cases of resectable tumors (T1-2 N0 M0) with followed postoperative combination chemotherapy (4 courses)
- In cases of inoperable tumors (localized form), the combination chemotherapy (4-6 cycles) and then radiation therapy of lung tumor and mediastinum are indicated
- In cases of the presence of distant metastases the combination chemotherapy is indicated. Radiation therapy is carried in the presence of special indications (brain metastases in the bone, in the adrenal glands)

# **Prevention of lung cancer**

Most lung cancers could be avoided by eliminating smoking initiation and increasing smoking cessation among current smokers.

#### **Tobacco control program includes:**

- raising the price of tobacco products through excise taxes,
- banning smoking in public places and tobacco sales to minors,
- restricting tobacco advertising and promotion,
- counteradvertising,
- providing treatment and counseling for tobacco dependence.

# Thank you for attention!