

# ATTENTION GRANDE PRAIRIE ALBERTA LUNG CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM

## Patient Information:

The Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program (ALCSP) is expanding access to more Albertans by offering a self-referral option to anyone who meets all screening eligibility criteria. Previously, a referral to the program was required through your physician.

Eligibility criteria includes:

- Albertans aged 50 to 74.
- Individual currently smokes cigarettes or quit after smoking for many years.
- Individual has a family physician (or other primary care provider such as a Nurse Practitioner). NOTE: Albertans who do not currently have a family doctor can visit [albertafindadoctor.ca](http://albertafindadoctor.ca) to help find one.

**Residents in Grande Prairie can now contact the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program directly at 1-866-727-3926 to discuss your participation.**

An ALCSP Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner will review the risks and walk you through the next steps in the screening process, which may include a low dose CT scan.

The ALCSP Nurse Practitioner will follow-up directly with you for any abnormal findings from your CT scan. You and your physician will also receive a copy of the results and recommended next steps. For example, depending on your result, you may be asked to come back within three, six or 12 months for a follow-up scan.

Your family physician is a partner in this pilot project. If selected for participation, your physician will be contacted by the ALCSP to help you monitor results.

The Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program is a pilot project with 3,000 total spaces available, therefore, participation is offered on a 'first eligible, first accepted' basis.

By detecting cancers earlier, treatment is more likely to be effective. For asymptomatic Albertans at high risk, getting screened regularly can lower the risk of dying from lung cancer by approximately 25%.

To learn more about this and other screening programs, visit [screeningforlife.ca](http://screeningforlife.ca).