

STR Public Statement of Support of the USPSTF Recommendation for CT Lung Cancer Screening



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The Society of Thoracic Radiology (STR) supports the recently published United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendation (Grade B) for low-dose computed tomography (CT) lung cancer screening of adults aged 55 to 80 years who have a 30 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. Many STR members participated in the National Lung Cancer Screening Trial (NLST) that showed that lung cancer screening using low dose CT caused a significant reduction in deaths attributable to lung cancer. The STR is working with the American College of Radiology (ACR) to provide programs to radiologists so that they may provide this service to their patients including an ACR-STR Practice Guideline for the Performance and Reporting of Lung Cancer Screening Thoracic Computed Tomography (CT) and targeted educational programs.

The Affordable Care Act requires that Medicare and private insurers provide coverage of all medical exams or procedures that receive a grade of “B” or higher from the USPSTF. The STR is looking forward to working with the ACR and other organizations to provide radiologists throughout the United States with the necessary education and tools to enact this life saving procedure.

To arrange an interview with an STR spokesperson, please contact Barbara McLeod at 507-288-5620 or barbara@matrixmeetings.com

The mission of the STR is to promote excellence in cardiothoracic imaging and improve patient care through research and education. To learn more about the STR, please visit <http://thoracicrad.org>

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