

CT Lung Screening Order Reminders

Requirements for eligible patients (all requirements must be met):

- Age: 50-80 years old (50-77 for most insurances)
- Pack Years: 20 pack-year smoking history or more
(Number of years smoked x Average number of packs smoked per day)
- Smoking Status: Current smoker **OR** former smoker who has quit within the past 15 years
- Shared decision visit completed for baseline screenings
- No signs or symptoms of lung cancer

When placing an order for a CT Lung Screening or follow-up, only two orders should be used.

- 1) For Annual Screening (aka 12 month follow-up):
 - **Order: IMG1449 CT LUNG SCREENING (LOW DOSE) WITHOUT CONTRAST**
 - CPT: 71271
 - Primary ICD codes:
Cigarette smoker F17.210 (for current smokers)
OR
Former smoker Z87.891 (for former smokers)

This **screening** order must be scheduled over 1 year from the last IMG1449 CT LUNG SCREENING. Insurance will not cover 2 "screenings" that are less than 366 days apart. The importance of ordering a CT LUNG SCREENING is that it will most likely not require a prior-auth or co-pay.

- OR -

- 2) For any short-term follow-up (less than 12 months from last CT LUNG SCREENING (LOW DOSE) WITHOUT CONTRAST):
 - **Order: IMG1812 CT LUNG FOLLOWUP WITHOUT CONTRAST (LUNG SCREENING PROGRAM)**
 - CPT: 71250

Any other order (e.g., CT CHEST, CT CHEST LOW DOSE DIAGNOSTIC, etc) will not be tracked in the lung screening program. Moreover, if an exam is not ordered as one of the two correct lung screening program orders, the radiologists may not assign a Lung-Rad Assessment nor an appropriate recommendation for a high-risk patient.

**There are instances where the radiologist/clinician will recommend a diagnostic CT Chest (usually from a Lung-Rad 4B/4X result). In this case, a non-lung screening program order would be expected.*