



LUNG CANCER

5 Multi-disciplinary Team Management in Lung Cancer

The Lung Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) is made up of health care people who are specialized in treating and supporting people with lung cancer. MDT-based discussion of cases will always make sure that you are receiving the best information and treatment options available for you.

Specialists involved in the Lung MDT include:

Chest Physician / Pulmonologist: A specialist who usually is the first to identify, detect and diagnose lung cancer. He also asks for chest x-rays and other tests like bronchoscopy and EBUS.

Radiologist: A specialist who performs imaging tests like CT scan, PET scan, MRI and bone scans.

Pathologist: A specialist who examines the biopsy tissue sample under the microscope and also checks for genetic alterations causing cancer, by doing molecular marker testing on the tissue samples.

Thoracic Surgeon: A surgical specialist who performs chest surgeries which include removal of part or whole lung, lymph node staging and removal.

Medical Oncologist (Cancer Specialist): A specialist who has expertise in chemotherapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy.

Radiation Oncologist: A cancer specialist who administers radiotherapy to the cancer in the lungs and to the metastasis in other organs.

Palliative Care Physician & Team: Specialists in managing the symptoms from the disease.

The other members of the MDT may also include – **Nutritionist & Dietician, Physiotherapist, Cancer Nurse specialist** and **Clinical Psychologist** for counselling during the entire cancer journey.

Reference: Lung Cancer e-book by JASCAP, Fighting Cancer-Living with It. May 2021 (available at <https://jascap.org/cancer-books-pdf/english-books/>) last accessed on 01/10/2021.

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