

**LCA Encourages the
Entire Lung Cancer Community
to Get Involved in
Supporting These Goals**

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Grass Roots Movement**

National Headquarters: LCA maintains its headquarters in Washington, DC to speak out on behalf of the lung cancer community, to meet with key policy makers, to build support within other national health advocacy organizations and to propose policy changes that bring more immediate and appropriate resources to reducing lung cancer mortality. LCA initiated a new web link (<http://capwiz.com/lungcanceralliance/home/>) so concerned people can directly contact their representatives.

State Chapters: LCA will continue to expand and provide the support and scaffolding for patients, their families and caregivers, and friends to become strategic parts of the growing movement by building state chapters. State cancer plans across the nation, although publicly funded, have ignored lung cancer. Dedicated advocates have organized in key states to take the message to their state representatives and local media. Several state organizations are now issuing their own annual report cards and have introduced first ever legislation to authorize funding for lung cancer research.



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Subject	Grade	Comments
Number of Deaths	F	Unacceptable. Lung Cancer remains the #1 cause of cancer death. 13,550 more people in New York will be diagnosed and 8,780 will die—more than the combined total deaths from breast cancer (2,550), prostate cancer (1,470), colon cancer (3,110) and leukemia (1,380).
5-Year Survival Rate	F	No Improvement. The 5-year survival rate remains 15% for all diagnosed with lung cancer, still far behind the 5-year survival rates for those diagnosed with breast cancer (89%) prostate cancer (99%), and colon cancer (65%).
Number of Late-Stage Diagnosis	F	No progress. Only 16% of lung cancer is diagnosed at an early curable stage. By contrast 61% of breast cancers, 91% of prostate cancers, 39% of colon cancers are now diagnosed at early stage not surprising since screening for these cancers is strongly encouraged – and has significantly contributed to improved survival. We must shift intervention to earlier stages.
Number of Newly Addicted Youth	F	Discouraging. Over 20,000 new “daily” smokers under the age of 18 are addicted each year in New York State. Some 35.5 million packs of cigarettes are bought or smoked by New York youth each year. Over 13% of New York’s high school students smoke cigarettes. Big Tobacco continues its multi-billion dollar campaign targeted at young adults.
State Supported Research	D	Some progress. Outreach to State Assembly members to support lung cancer research has begun. Yet no legislation has been enacted nor does a lung cancer program exist in the Governor’s budget. Support for federal legislation, The Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act, is growing. Senators Gillibrand and Schumer along with Congressmen Rangel, Tonko and Meeks and Congresswoman Maloney have cosponsored, but we need the entire delegation’s endorsement.
State Cancer Plan Commitment	D	Not Comprehensive. New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan for 2003-2010 includes important and strong support for tobacco cessation programs and sets a timeline for achieving cessation goals, but fails to include strategies to support increased education and awareness about what to do if you are high risk and to fund research for earlier intervention and improved treatment options.

LCA-NY’s Commitment: Raise These Grades

LCA-NY’s mission is to lead the movement to reverse decades of stigma and neglect in New York by **empowering those with or at risk for the disease, elevating awareness and changing public health policy.**

Empowering Patients

LCA-NY will continue to link together lung cancer patients, families, caregivers, and advocates into a national movement that will end the stigma and underfunding of lung cancer research. LCA-NY will expand its outreach to research institutions and community cancer centers to provide the NY lung cancer community with the most up to date information on treatments, clinical trials and support programs.

Elevating Awareness

LCA-NY will continue to lead efforts to challenge the public’s perception of lung cancer. LCA-NY will continue to release its annual State Report Card on Lung Cancer, observe November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and expand Shine a Light on Lung Cancer Candlelight Vigils throughout the state to raise awareness.

Changing Health Policy

LCA-NY will continue to engage and educate key policy makers at the state and federal levels on the public health impact of lung cancer and the need for more research funding and public health infrastructure to better manage prevention, earlier detection and treatment of lung cancer. LCA-NY will continue to build coalition partners with the New York State Department of Health and other public health organizations who share our mission. LCA-NY will continue to work with the state legislature to build more support for the enactment of lung cancer research and early detection programs. LCA-NY will continue to obtain support from the entire New York congressional delegation for the Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act, federal legislation declaring lung cancer a national public health priority and requiring a comprehensive plan to address all areas of lung cancer.