



## *A Breath of Hope Fact Sheet...*

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### **Lung Cancer in the US**

- Lung cancer is devastating: it takes more lives than breast, colon and prostate cancers COMBINED.
- Lung cancer is unrelenting: In the US, 1 in every 14 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer; just 15% will live five years past diagnosis.
- About 50% of all lung cancers occur in people who have already quit smoking.
- 10-15% of all lung cancers occur in people who have never smoked.
- Lung cancer takes the lives of almost twice as many American women as breast cancer and three times as many men as prostate cancer each year.
- There is hope; more new treatments have been approved in the last decade than in the previous 30 years.
- **ANYONE can get lung cancer** – and no one deserves it!

### **Research Funding (see chart on reverse side)**

- Research funding for lung cancer pales in comparison with private and public funding for other major cancers, which claim fewer lives each year. This lack of research funding has dramatically slowed the progress for developing new treatments and saving lives.
- Research, awareness and advocacy have brought about improvements in screening, diagnostics and treatments for other cancers that have led to longer and better lives for patients. Together we need to do the same for lung cancer. Research investment saves lives.
- Increasing funding for lung cancer research is key to developing better treatments and earlier detection methods that can help patients live longer and better lives.
- There are many promising areas of research that could lead to drastic improvements for lung cancer patients, but more funding is needed to support these efforts.
- In partnership with other national lung cancer organizations, *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* funds research focused on the most promising areas of lung cancer research, such as early detection and targeted treatments.

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## About A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation

- Our mission is to fund innovative lung cancer research and promote community awareness and participation in our mission to defeat lung cancer.
- *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* has donated more than \$500,000 to research and \$50,000 toward family support (January 2013).
- *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* was founded in 2008 after a very successful first annual *Twin Cities Lung Run/Walk*, created and managed by a group of lung cancer patients, survivors, their caregivers and their families.
- *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* is the only lung cancer foundation in Minnesota and is supported by doctors, researchers, survivors and the families and friends of those affected by the disease. Together we raise awareness about the gap in research dollars directed at lung cancer research and we raise revenue to fund vital research.
- *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* events include our annual *Twin Cities Lung Run/Walk*, *Beards of Hope*, awareness events such as our *Women's Wellness Tea*, family and patient support events, golf tournaments and other fundraisers created by our organization and our supporters. Visit [www.abreathofhope.org/events](http://www.abreathofhope.org/events).
- Through our events, communities come together to impart hope, raise awareness and create change for the hundred of thousands of people affected by lung cancer.
- *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* provides awareness materials provided by partners to help people understand lung cancer risk factors and symptoms.
- *A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation* provides financial and in kind support to local support groups in the Twin Cities.
- To learn more, register for an event, join our mailing list, donate, sponsor or volunteer, visit:

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## US Cancer Deaths vs. Federal Research Funding per Death

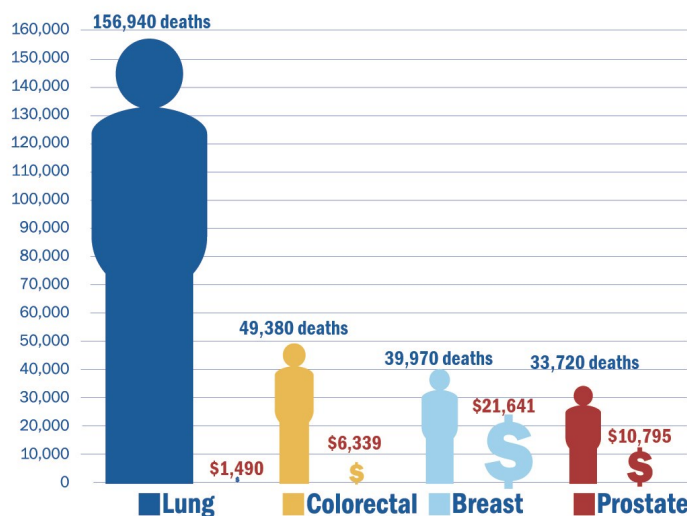


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Estimated deaths by cancer type in the U.S. for 2011 are from the American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2011: <http://www.cancer.org/Research/CancerFactsFigures/CancerFactsFigures/cancer-facts-figures-2011>.

Annual funding figures represent the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Defense estimated 2011 spending\*: NIH: NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool. Available at <http://report.nih.gov/rdoc/categories/>. Department of Defense Lung, Breast, and Prostate Research Program descriptions available at <http://cdmp.army.mil/researchprograms.shtml>

\*While the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) also funds cancer research, a breakdown of spending between research and public health interventions is not currently available.