DID YOU KNOW...

That an estimated quarter of a million Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2011? Over 150,000 will lose their lives to this devasting disease. In Florida alone, over 10,000 individuals will die this year from lung cancer. Lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer death in the country and the second leading cause of death from all causes.

The Thoracic Surgeons at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine are working to change these statistics. We know that early detection of lung cancer leads to increased survival, and that the reason for poor survival from lung cancer is a delay in diagnosis. Up until now, no method for lung cancer screening had proven to be effective. However, a study just released by the National Cancer Institute showed a 20% improvement in survival from lung cancer with screening by CT imaging.

WHO IS AT RISK?

- Individuals who are former or current smokers with pack year history greater than 15 years. How do I calculate my pack year history? Multiply the number of packs smoked per day times the number of years smoked. (1/2 pk = 0.5, 1 pk = 1, 1 ½ pks = 1.5, etc) If this number is greater than 15, you are at risk for lung cancer.
- Family history of lung cancer
- Asbestos exposure
- Radon exposure
- Significant second hand smoke exposure

If you are concerned about your risk of lung cancer and would like to consider screening, please call Ana at University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center at 305-243-5302 or 877-243-1056