Dear Colleague:

The Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center recently expanded services for people with lung cancer. Within the new Lung Cancer Clinic, patients have access to specialized services for the evaluation and management of lung cancer and lung nodules, as well as second opinions, and cancer pain treatment.

Through a team-based assessment and management approach, we can offer the latest therapies, reduce treatment complications and enhance overall quality of life.

Same-day assessments are provided by physicians from a range of disciplines, including Medical Oncology, Pulmonary Medicine, Thoracic Surgery, Radiation Oncology, Pain Management, Palliative Medicine, Radiology and Pathology. Following an assessment, a meeting is held with the patient and family, and a copy of the recommendations is sent to the referring physician.

To refer a patient to the Lung Cancer Clinic, please call Ruth Fritskey or Josette Snyder at 866.223.8100. We value our relationship and want you to know that, together, we can provide the leading-edge care that all patients deserve.

Sincerely,

Derek Raghavan, M.D., Ph.D.
Chairman and Director
Taussig Cancer Center

P.S. Our referring physicians now have online access to their patient’s medical record through Dr.Connect. Through this secure online tool, you can track your patient’s care in real-time. Establish an eCleveland Clinic Dr.Connect account by calling 877.224.7367, by sending an e-mail to drconnect@ccf.org, or by visiting eclevelandclinic.org.
Cleveland Clinic Taussig Cancer Center introduces expanded services for people with lung cancer including:

Lung Cancer Management Clinic
Second Opinion Clinic
Lung Nodule Clinic
Cancer Pain Clinic

At the Taussig Cancer Center’s Lung Cancer Clinic, our goal is to provide a comprehensive assessment, management recommendations and support for people with lung cancer. Together, our services are designed to offer the latest therapies, reduce treatment complications and improve overall quality of life.

Lung Cancer Management Clinic

• Same-day evaluations, provided by specialists from medical oncology, radiation oncology, thoracic surgery and pulmonary medicine
• Imaging review
• Pathology review
• Treatment plan design using leading-edge therapy and research protocols

In addition to advanced surgical treatment and palliative procedures, patients may benefit from treatment with targeted agents or novel therapeutic modalities, such as immunotherapies. For patients with lung cancer metastatic to the brain, Gamma Knife radiosurgery may improve quality of life, offer extended control of even multiple tumors or increase survival in some patients. In 2005, Cleveland Clinic upgraded its Gamma Knife equipment to the latest 4C version. Lung cancer patients also have access to novel experimental drugs and innovative clinical trials.

Lung Nodule Clinic

• Assessment, diagnosis and treatment recommendations for patients with suspected lung nodules
• Advanced diagnostic techniques including PET-CT
• superDimension/Bronchus system, a GPS-like device used to diagnose lesions in the lung

Clinical Trials
Cleveland Clinic is a leader in multicenter and international clinical trials. Hundreds of studies are under way at any given time, as our staff works tirelessly to discover answers to long-standing medical puzzles. For details about current cancer trials, visit us at clevelandclinic.org/cancer or call the Cancer Answer Line toll-free at 866.223.8100.

Second Opinion Clinic
Offers lung cancer patients a second or confirmatory opinion
• Assessment includes pathology and radiology review
• Treatment plan is discussed with referring physician
Following a consult, patients can return to their primary care physician or oncologist for further recommendations.

Cancer Pain Clinic
Cancer pain that is refractory to oral medication often can be controlled through alternative pain management techniques.

Supportive Care Services

• Pain management
• Palliative medicine
• Pulmonary rehabilitation
• Nutrition
• Social work services
• Psychological/psychiatric services

For patients with early-stage lung cancer, surgical resection often offers the best chance of success. Patients with early-stage lung cancer who develop hematologic conditions via secondary suppression of the immune system may benefit from the use of combined FET-CT for staging lung cancer offers major clinical advantages, providing more accurate tumor detection and localization – even challenging the course of treatment.

Studies are under way at Cleveland Clinic to take advantage of several promising chemical sensing and identification devices with the hope of expanding our diagnostic and screening programs for lung cancer.

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Cancer Pain Clinic

• Comprehensive evaluation of cancer pain
• Medical management
• Interventional pain management

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