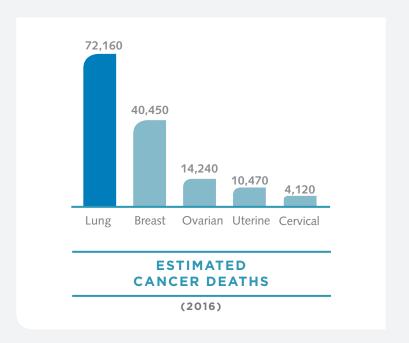
## WOMEN AND LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer kills more women than any other cancer—nearly 200 women each day. Yet lung cancer remains the "hidden" women's cancer—little known and rarely discussed. It is the least funded cancer in terms of research dollars per death of all the major cancers, and one of the only cancers where patients are routinely blamed as responsible for their condition.

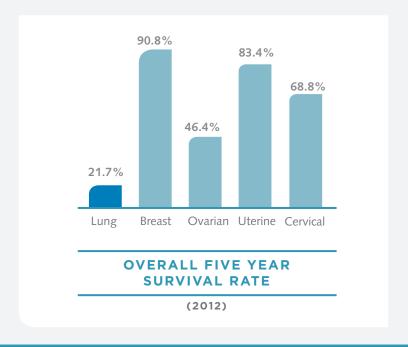


# LUNG CANCER OVERTOOK BREAST CANCER

as the leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States in 1987 and now claims the lives of more women each year than breast, ovarian and cervical cancers combined.



FIVE YEAR SURVIVAL
FOR WOMEN WITH LUNG
CANCER REMAINS WELL
BELOW OTHERS.



20.9% CURRENT SMOKERS 60% FORMER SMOKERS 17.9% NEVER SMOKED

### MORE RESEARCH URGENTLY NEEDED

#### NEVER SMOKING WOMEN & LUNG CANCER

1 in 5 women who get lung cancer never smoked.

Over 21,000 women who have **never smoked** will die of lung cancer this year.

Women who have **never smoked** are three times more likely to get lung cancer, than men who never smoked.



# RESEARCH FUNDING LEVELS FISCAL YEAR 2016

(ESTIMATED DOLLARS PER DEATH)

#### **ADDITIONAL FACTS**

- Women are being diagnosed with lung cancer at younger ages with fewer years of smoking history.
- Women metabolize nicotine more quickly than men.
- Women have higher survival rates across all ages compared with men.
- Sex hormones, particularly estrogen, influence risk, development and mortality.
- Black women have similar rates of lung cancer diagnosis as white women despite smoking less.

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