



LUNG CANCER FACTS: WOMEN

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States.

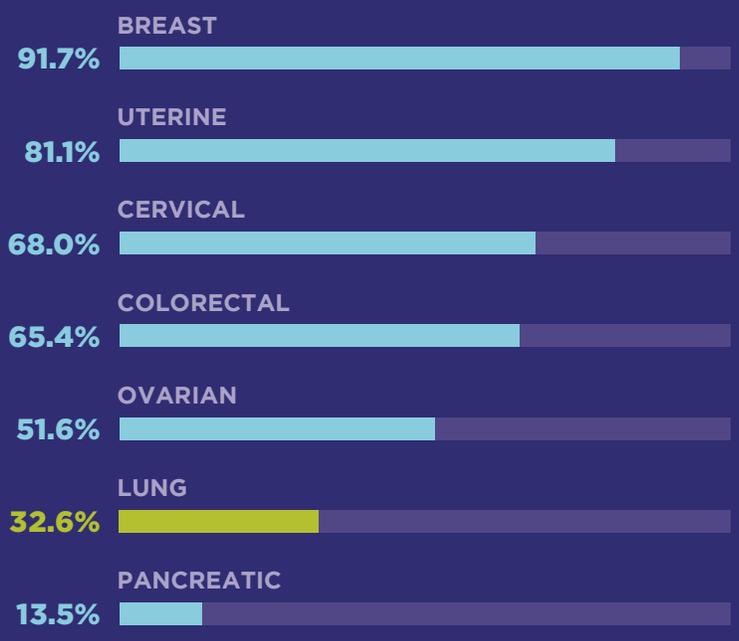
2026 ESTIMATED CANCER DEATHS¹



Every day almost 170 women die from the disease.

This "hidden" women's cancer 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.

FIVE YEAR SURVIVAL RATE² 2015-2021





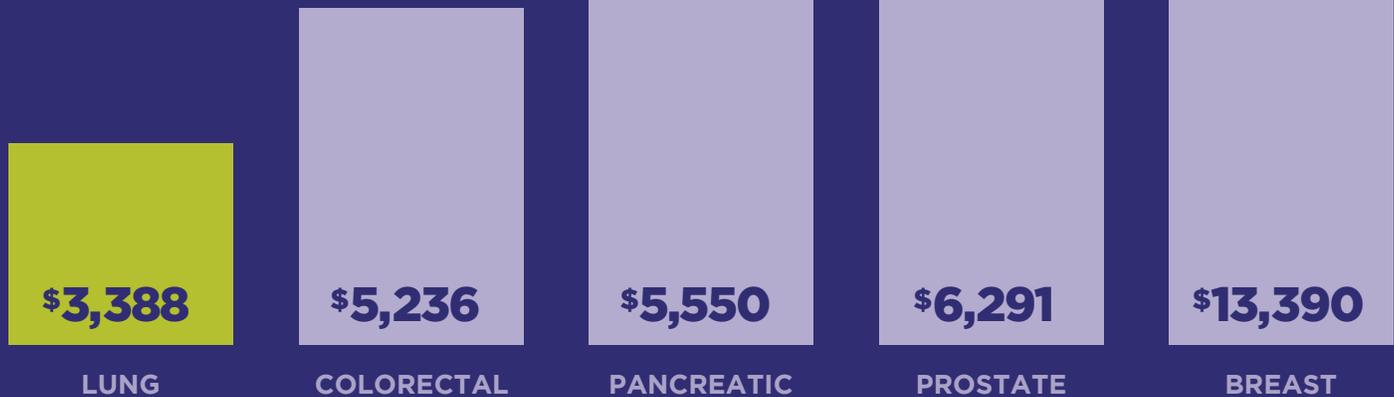
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More research is urgently needed!

Lung cancer receives the least amount of research funding of the major cancers affecting women, despite causing a higher number of annual deaths.

NIH RESEARCH DOLLARS PER DEATH

Of Top Five Cancer Killers (2024)⁴



Women who never smoked are more than

twice as likely to get lung cancer

as men who never smoked.³

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