



Lung cancer in the 21st century

- Lung cancer is the 2nd most common cancer in the UK.
- Mainly affects those over 40, highest diagnosis age 70-74.
- Caused by external factors, such as chemicals or smoking.
- 85% cases are caused by smoking; some sufferers have never smoked.
- In the 19th Century only 1% of cancer deaths were lung cancer.
- In 1918 it was 10%, In 1927 it was 14%+, in 1973 26,000 deaths occurred.
- In 1950 the British Medical Research Council published a report linking smoking to lung cancer.
- After WW1 tobacco advertising increased