



Science and technology in diagnosis

- It is hard to treat lung cancer because by the time it is detected it is advanced & hard to treat.
- Patients mistake their symptoms for other diseases.
- There is no national screening programme for lung cancer.
- The tests for lung cancer can be quite harmful, for example exposure to radiation during x-rays.
- Diagnosis is difficult but there has been advances in technology.
- Before new technology doctors would use an x-ray to look for tumours, sometimes abscesses were mistaken for tumours and sometimes the cancer was mistaken for something less harmful.