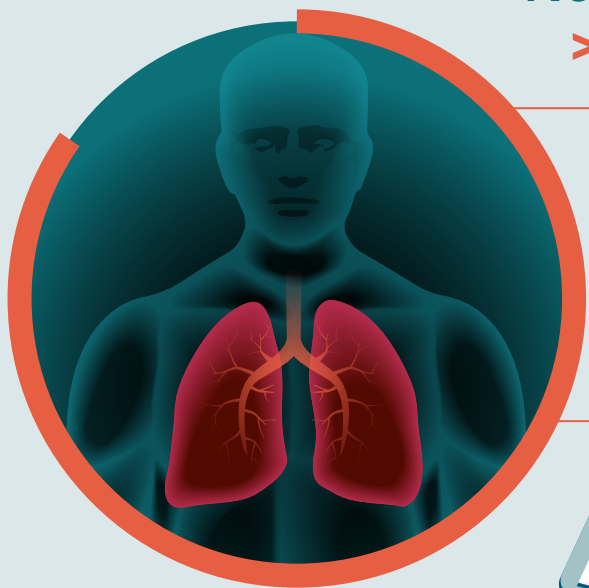


Evidence-Based Recommendations for the High-Quality Care of Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) accounts for **>84%** of all lung cancer diagnoses in the US



Poor prognosis



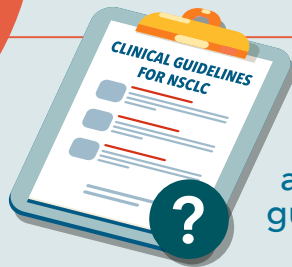
High mortality rate



Inconsistent patient access to care



Complexity of treatment



Existing clinical guidelines for NSCLC recommend a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach, but guidance on the complete care pathway is lacking



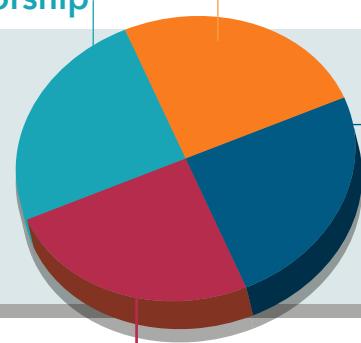
Can a new benchmark be established for high quality of care for patients with NSCLC?

The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) developed a new benchmark for ideal NSCLC care through the national quality care initiative for patients with advanced (stage III/IV) NSCLC

Expert committee of multidisciplinary specialists and representatives for patient advocacy



Quality criteria for key care areas of management



Care coordination and patient education

Diagnosis and biomarker testing

Staging and treatment planning



32 total recommendations targeting key phases of NSCLC care were framed, of which 9 were key:

Diagnosis and biomarker testing



Use of a broader range of molecular tests



Repeat biopsy/plasma testing when needed

Staging and treatment planning



Invasive staging procedures



Optimal timing of biomarker testing

Survivorship



Implementation of standardized protocols for surveillance



Provision of survivorship care plans

Care coordination and patient education



Involvement of MDT care navigator



Patient participation in shared decision-making



Patient education



These recommendations can lead to high-quality NSCLC care and serve as a useful resource for practitioners to guide multidisciplinary practice and quality improvement

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