

An Overview of Lung Cancer & Advances in Treatment



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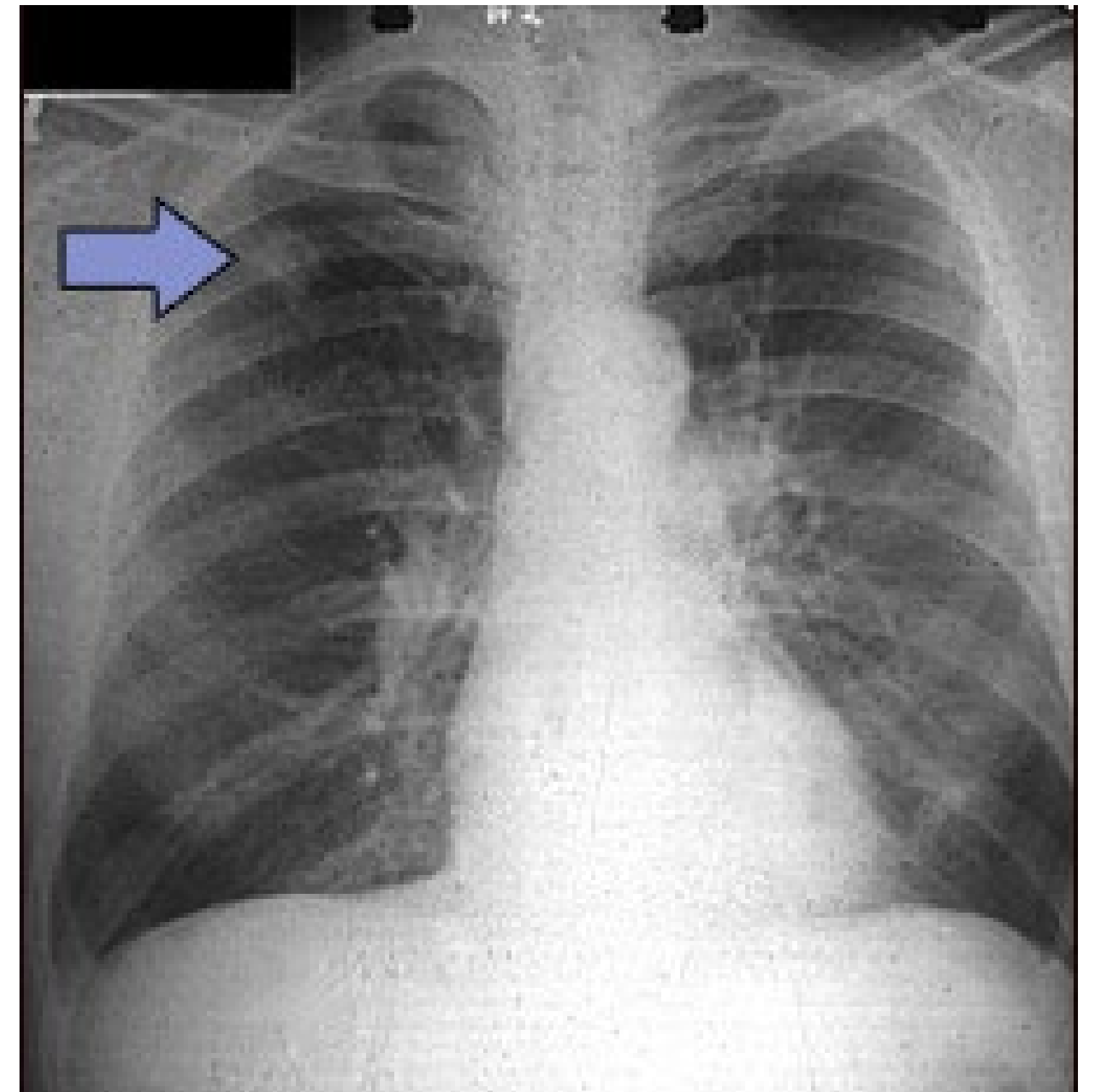
Today's talk:

Cancer statistics

Diagnosis/staging

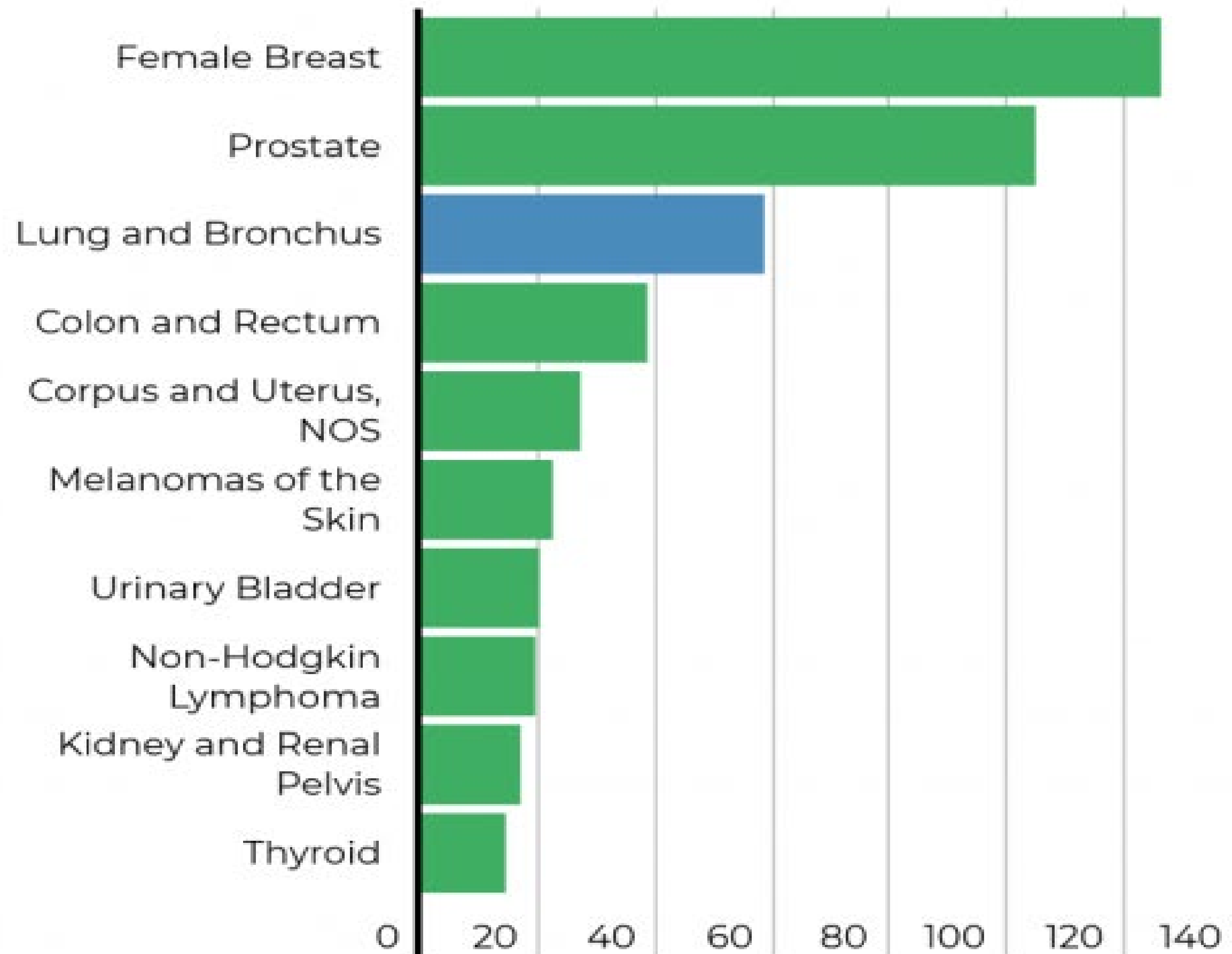
New treatment options

Technological advances

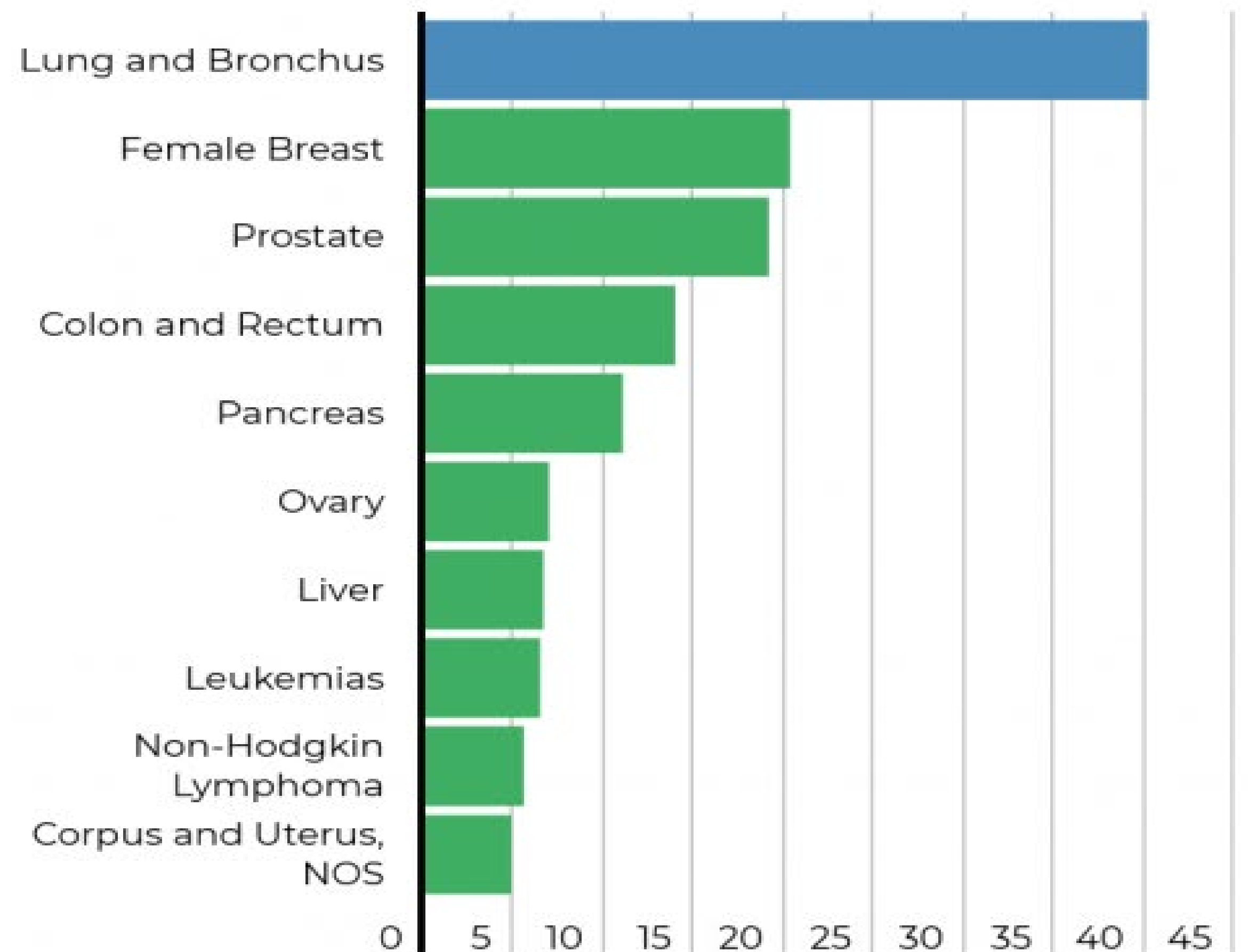


Lung cancer is the #1 cause of cancer death

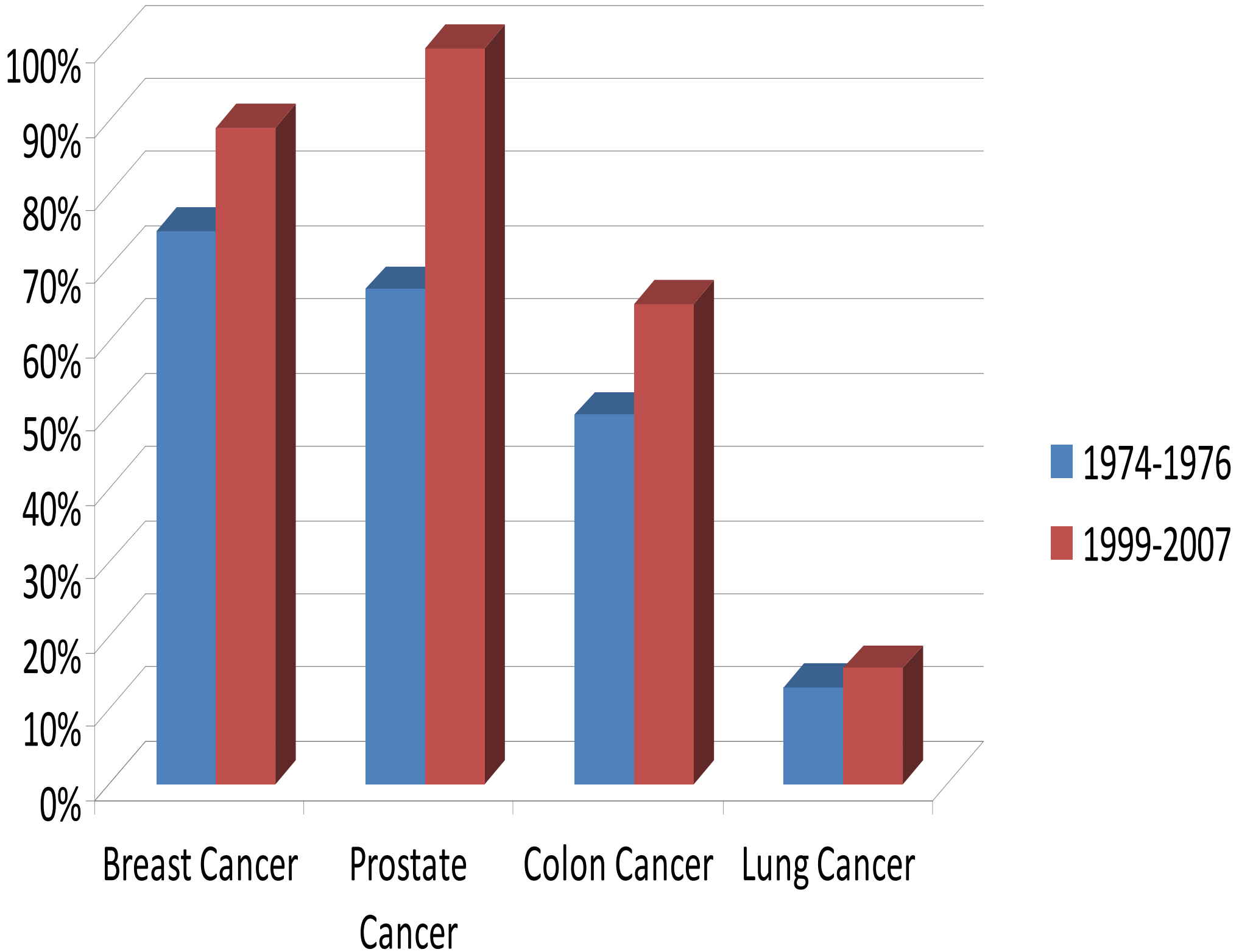
Age-adjusted rate of new cancers (per 100k).



Age-adjusted rate of cancer deaths (per 100k).

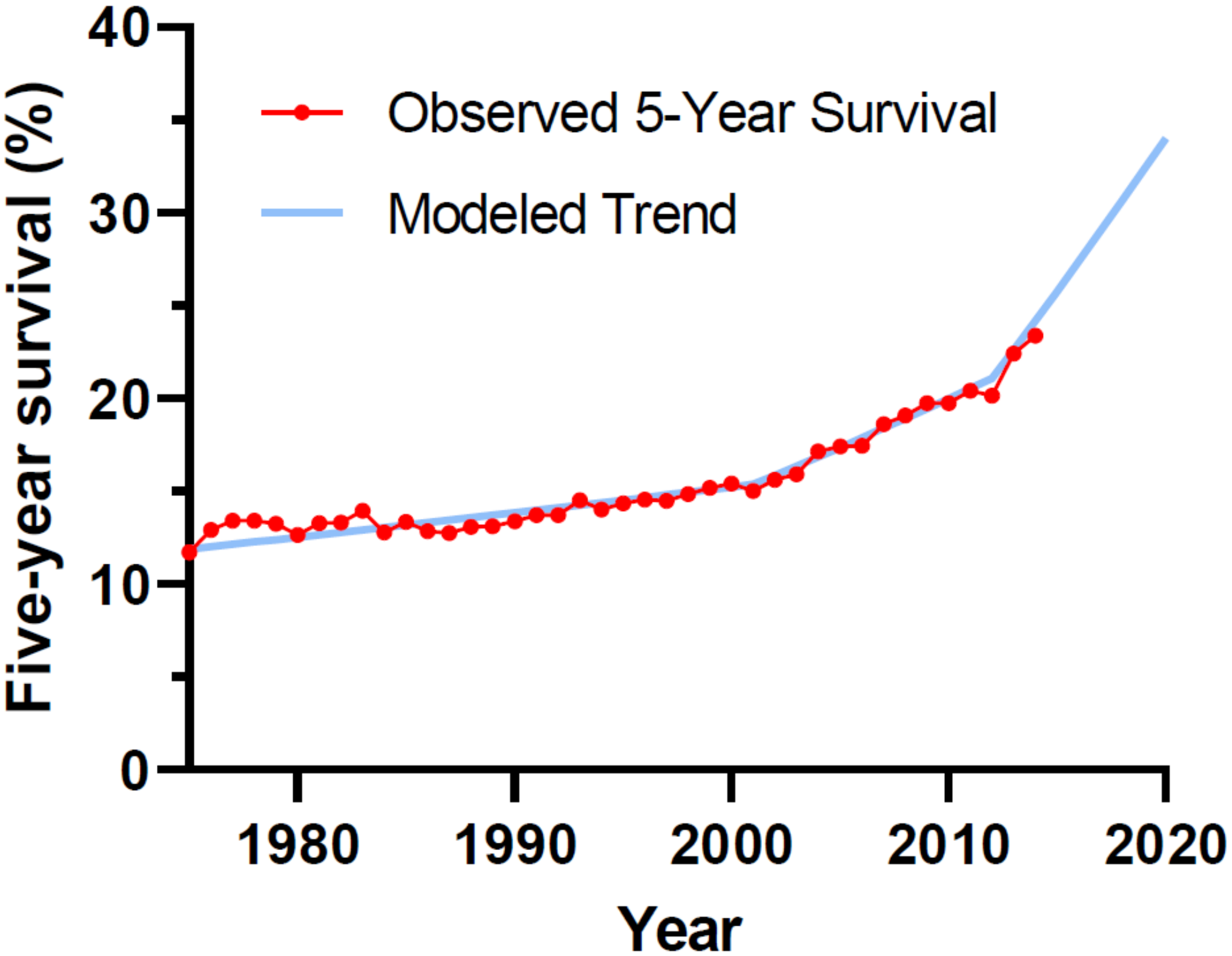


Survival rates for lung cancer have not changed from 1974-2007

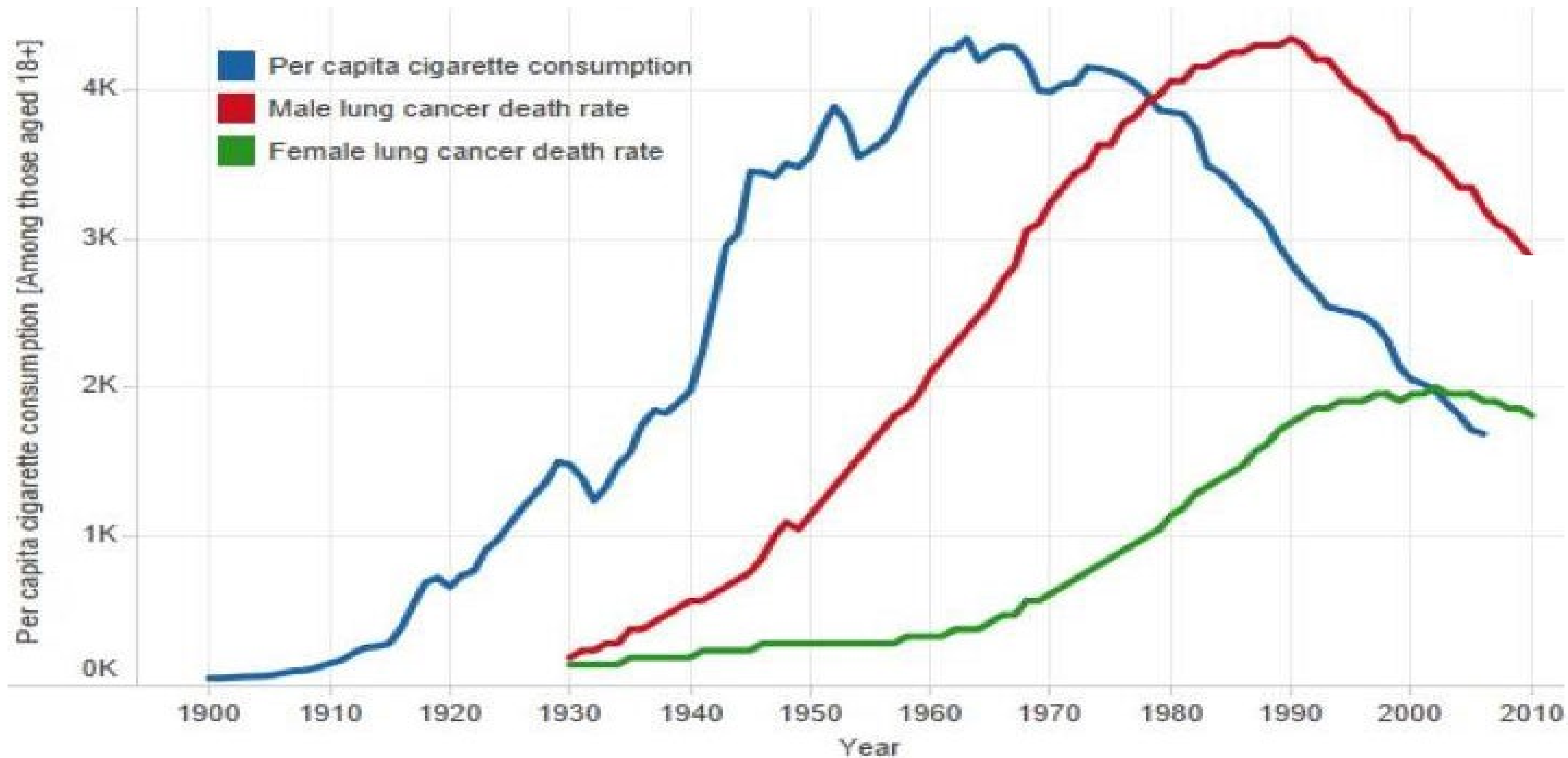


5-Year Survival Rate

However, there has been significant improvement in the past 15 years



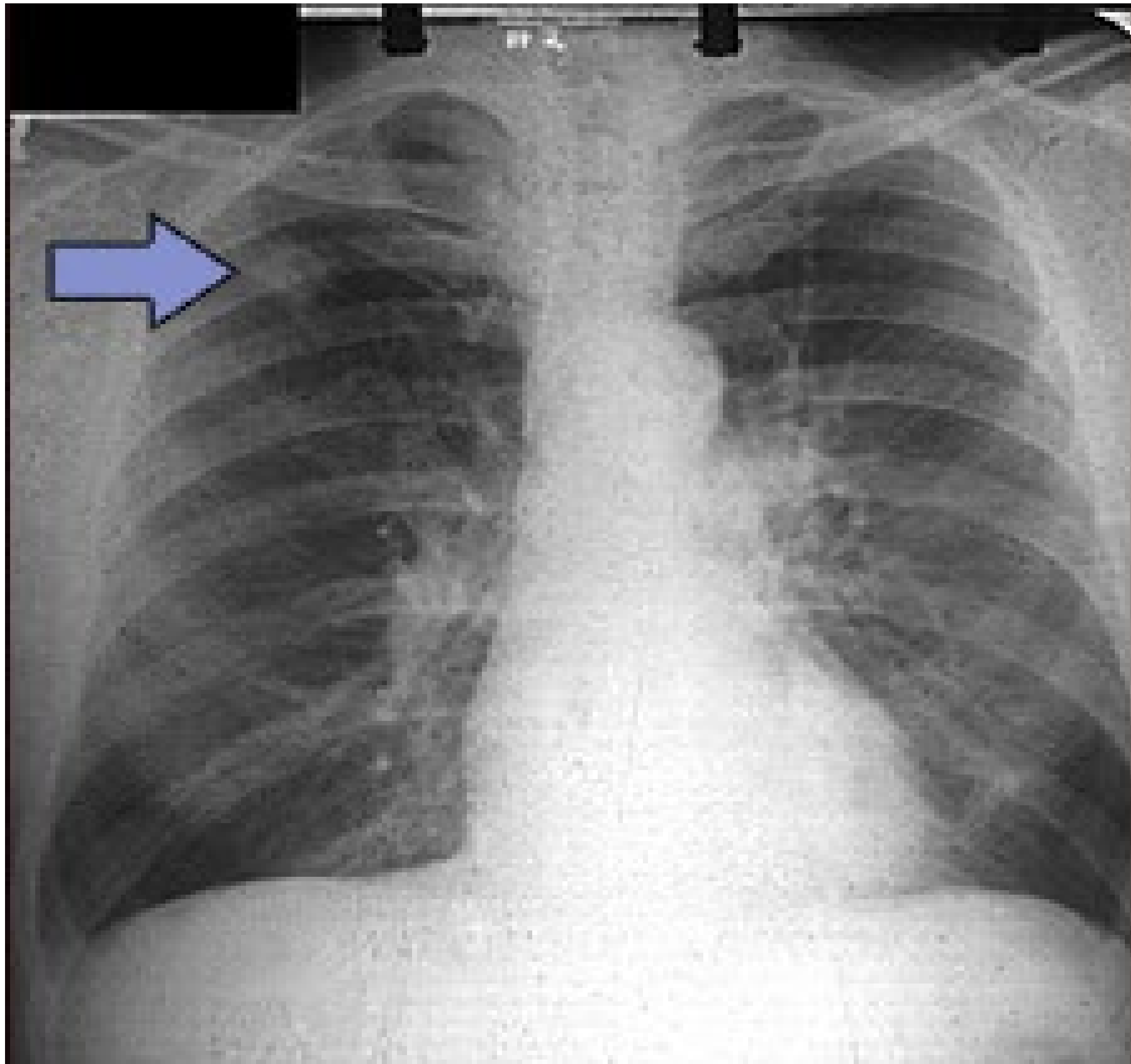
Smoking is responsible for 80-90% of lung cancer



Other causes include radon exposure, second-hand smoking and genetics

Diagnosis of lung cancer

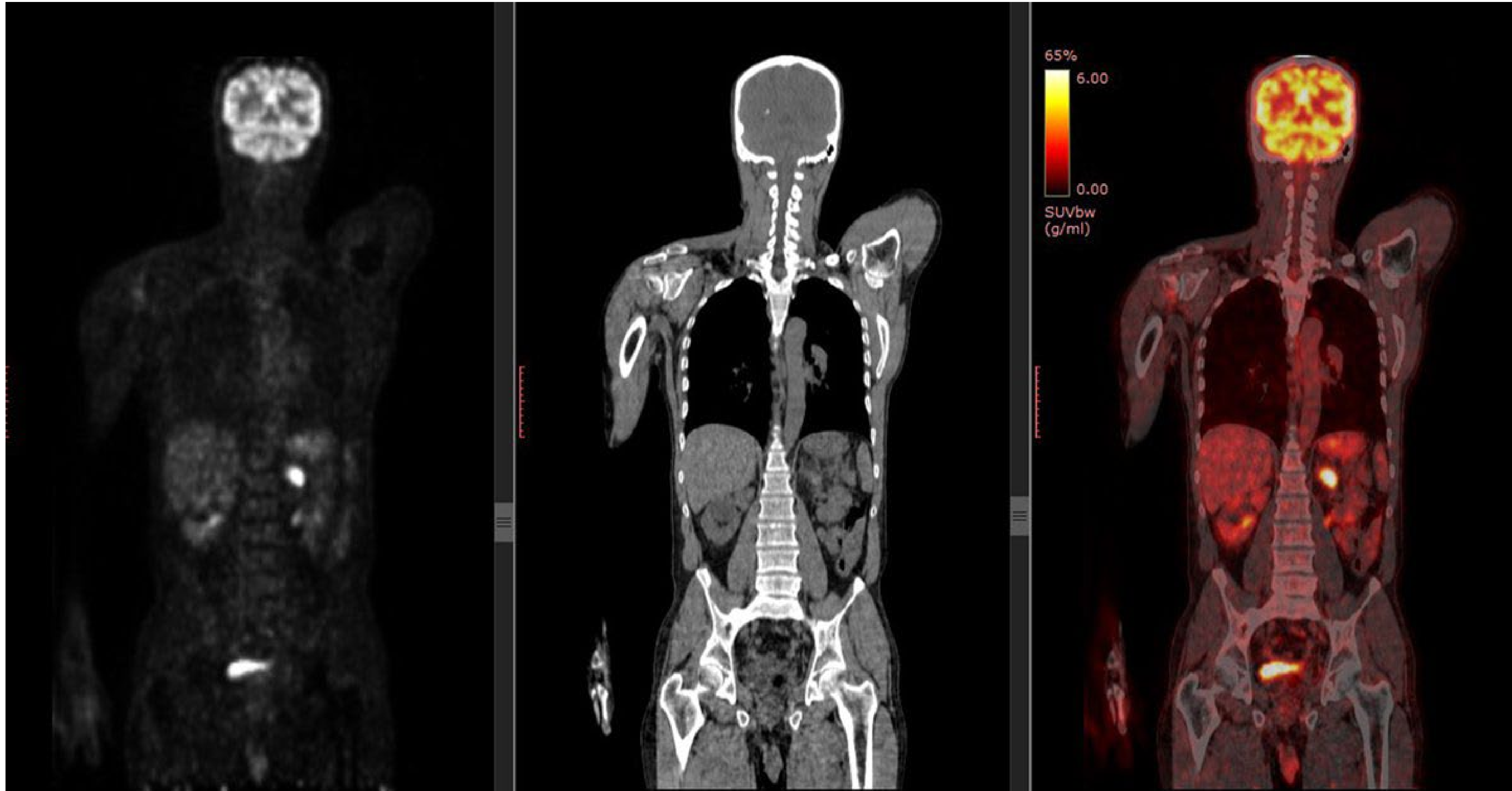
Chest x-ray



CT scan



A PET scan is a full body cancer scan



Robotic bronchoscopy

Can biopsy small spots in the lung accurately

In the future, we will be able to treat lung cancer via this platform



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofq1en7T_oo

Time stamps:
0:51- 1:00 : Robotic bronchoscope is deployed
2:10-2:17 : Robotic controller
2:20-2:30: Bronchoscope is maneuvered
4:24-4:35 : Target lesion biopsy

Staging System

TNM system:

T: size of tumor

N: lymph node involvement

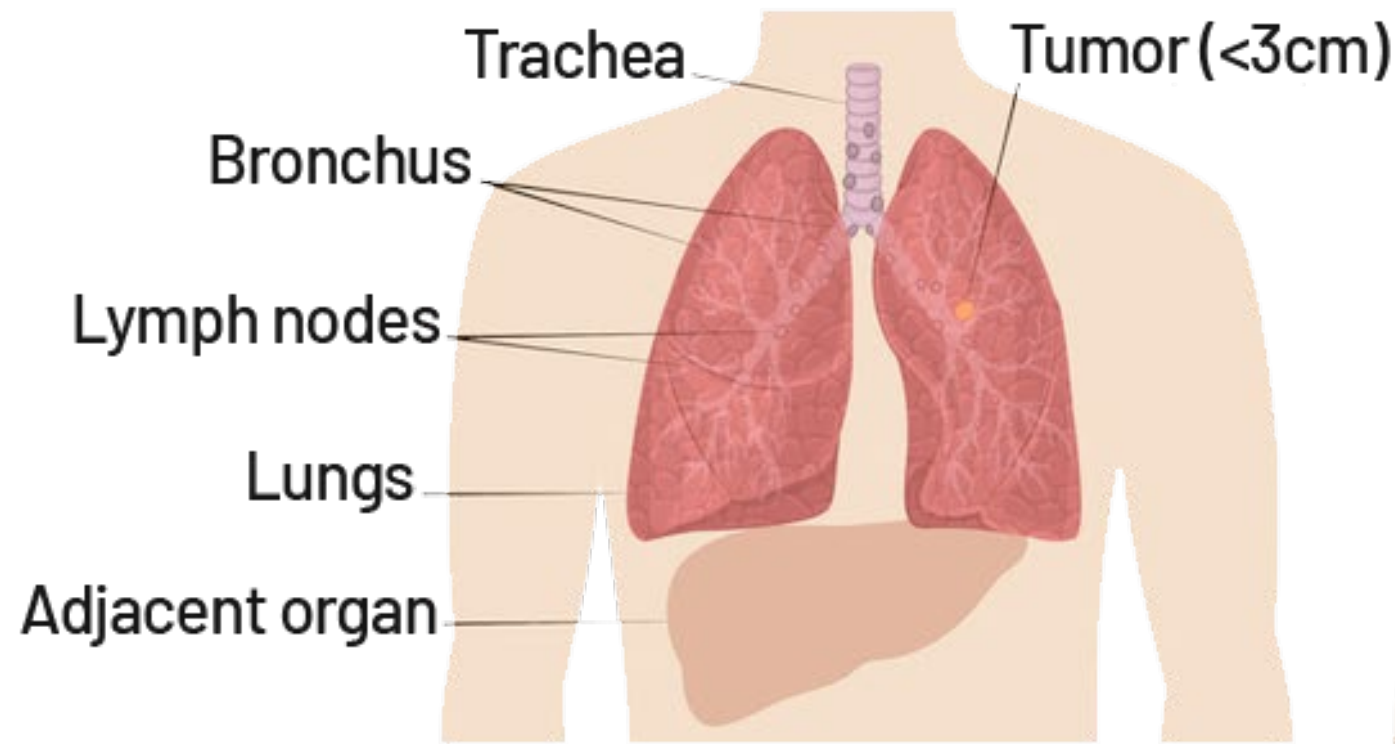
M: metastasis

| Supraclavicular | Scalene | | Mediastinal | | Subcarinal | Hilar | | Peribronchial (ipsilateral) | Lymph Node (N) | Stage | Primary Tumor (T) | | | | | |
|---|---------|-------|-------------|-------|------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|--|---|--|---|------|-----|----------------------------|
| | Contra- | Ipsi- | Contra- | Ipsi- | | Contra- | Ipsi- | | | | | | | | | |
| Stage IV (Metastatic: M1a or M1b, any T, any N) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| + | + | + | | | | + | | | N3 | Stage IIIB | | | | | | |
| - | - | - | + &/ + | | | - | | | N2 | Stage IIIA | | | | | | |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + &/ + | | N1 | Stage IIA | Stage IIB | | | | | |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | N0 | Stage IA | Stage IB | Stage IIA | Stage IIB | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | T1a | T1b | T2a | T2b | T3 | T4 | Primary Tumor (T) |
| | | | | | | | | | | ≤2cm | >2cm but ≤3cm | >3cm but ≤5cm | >5cm but ≤7cm | >7cm | Any | a. Size |
| | | | | | | | | | | No invasion proximal to lobar bronchus | Main bronchus (≥2cm distal to the carina) | Main bronchus (<2cm distal to the carina) | | | - | b. Endo-bronchial location |
| | | | | | | | | | | Surrounded by lung or visceral pleura | Visceral pleura | Chest wall/diaphragm/mediastinal pleura/parietal pericardium | Mediastinum/trachea/heart/great vessels/esophagus/vertebral body/carina | | | c. Local Invasion |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Atelectasis/obstructive pneumonitis that extends to the hilar region but does not involve the entire lung | Atelectasis/obstructive pneumonitis of entire lung; separate tumor nodule(s) in ipsilateral primary tumor lobe | Separate tumor nodule(s) within the ipsilateral lung but different lobe as the primary mass | | | d. Other |

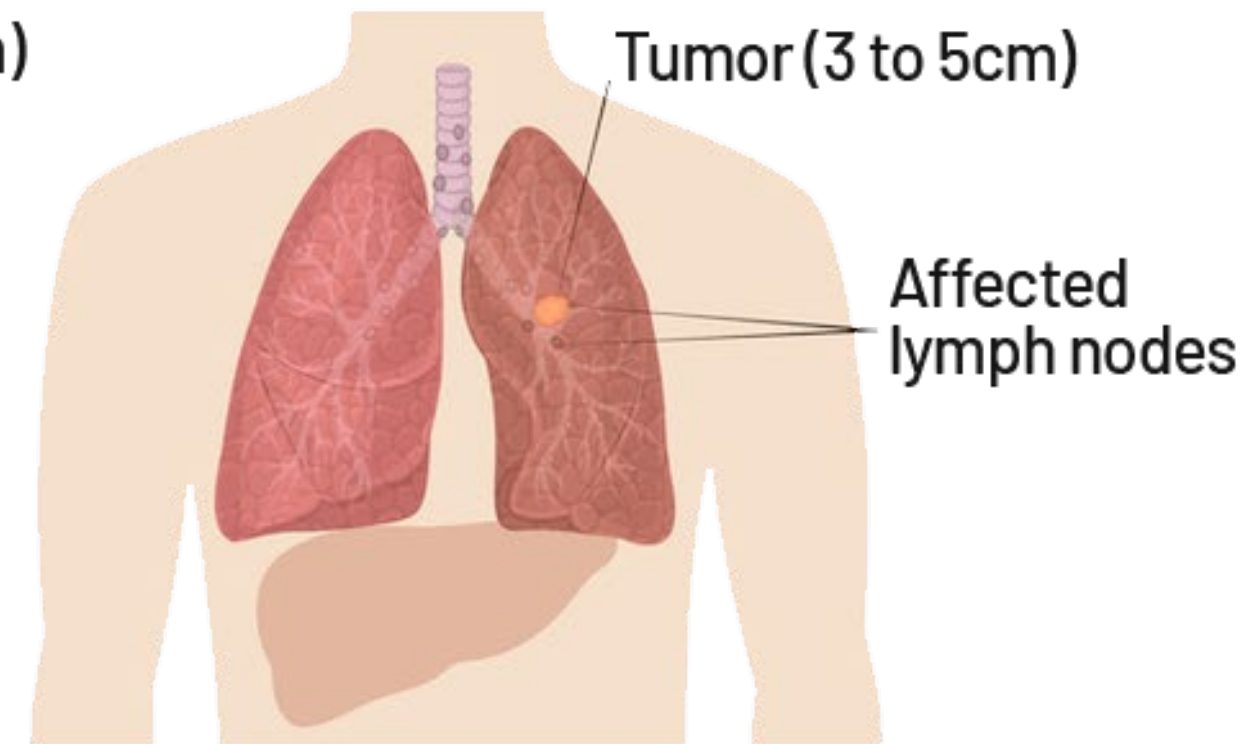
Metastatic (M):
M1a:
Local intrathoracic spread:
 • Malignant pleural/pericardial effusion
 • Separate tumor nodule(s) in the contralateral lung
M1b:
Disseminated (extrathoracic) disease:
 Liver, bone, brain, adrenal gland, etc.

Stages of Lung Cancer

Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage I:

Small size

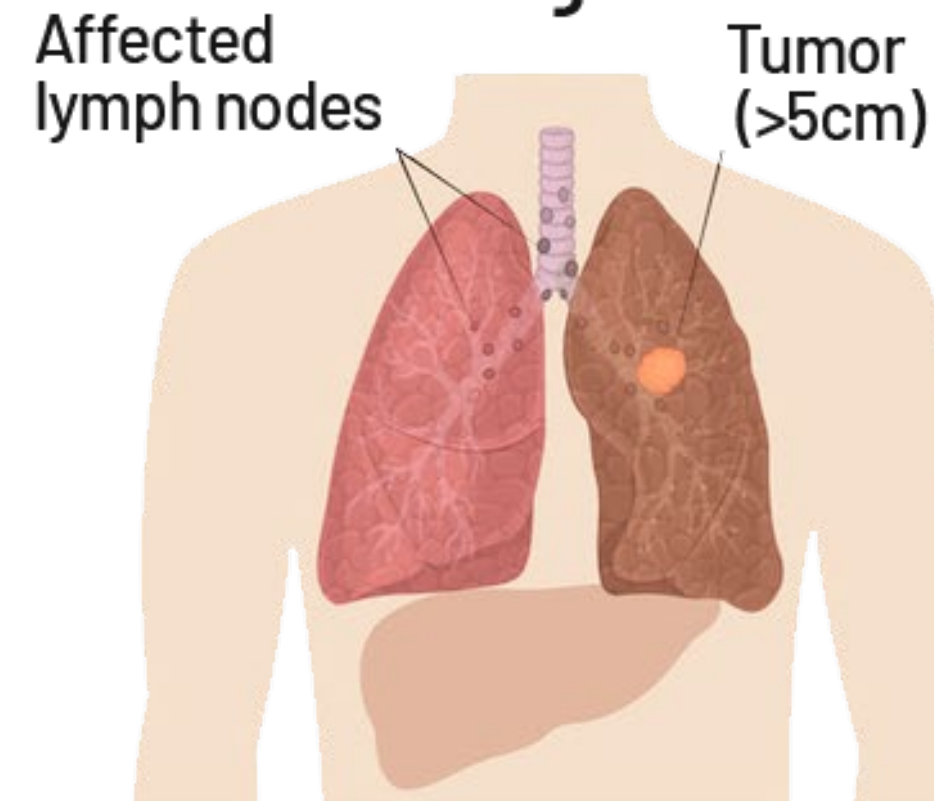
Stage II:

Local lymph node spread

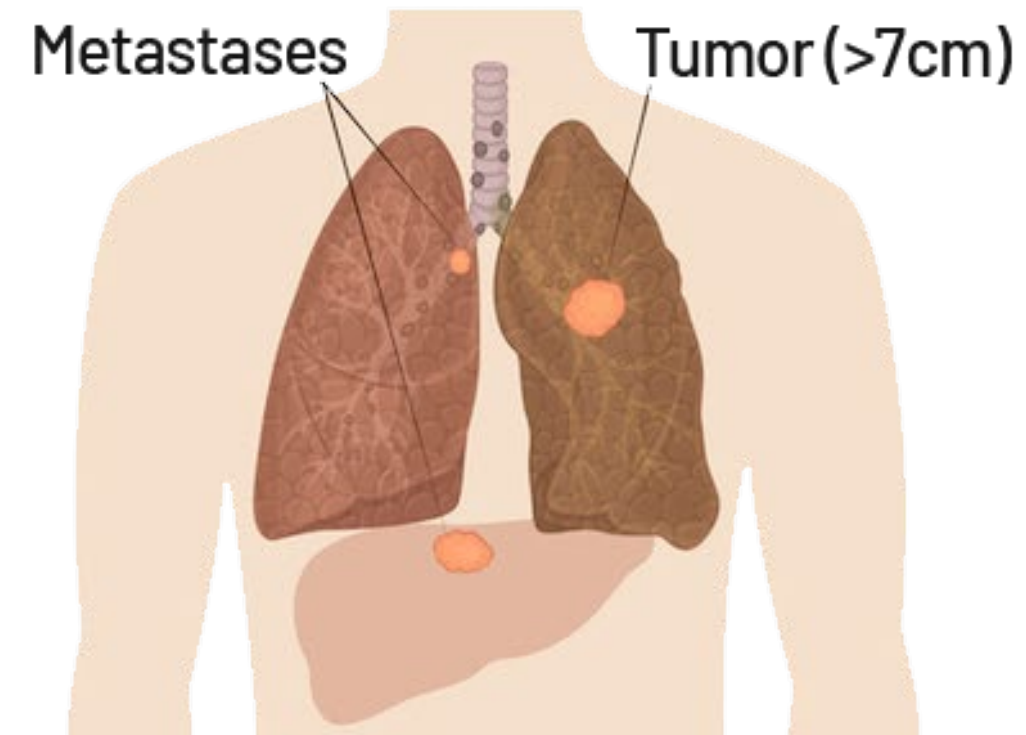
Stage III:

Distant lymph node spread

Stage 3



Stage 4



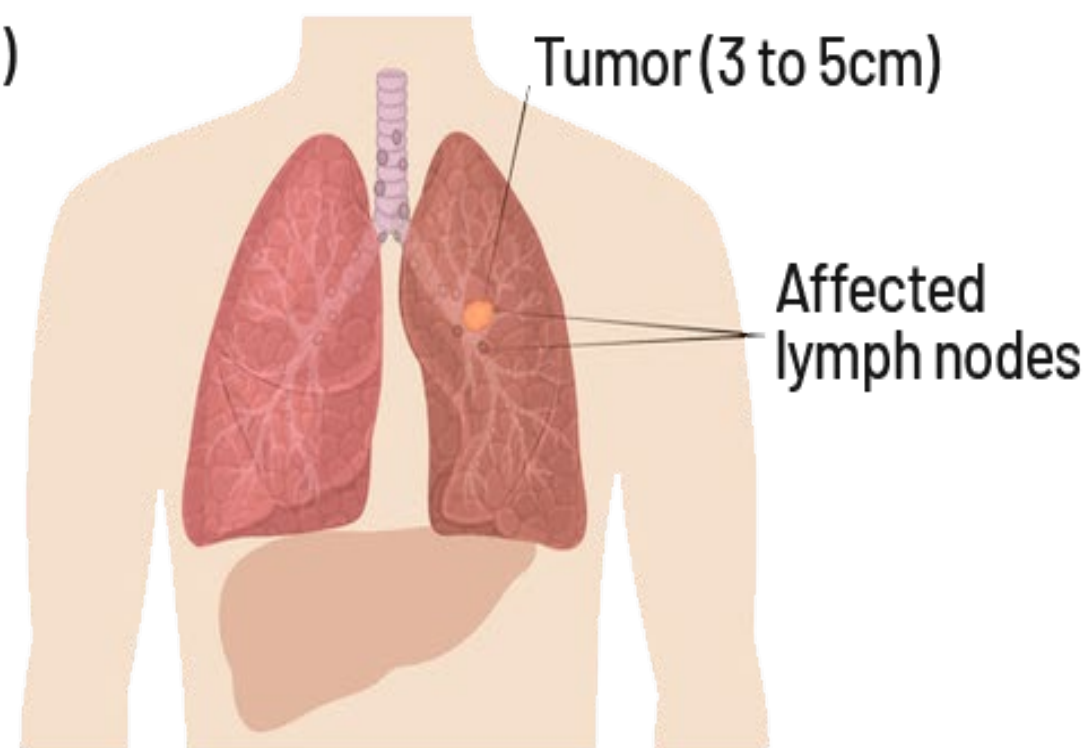
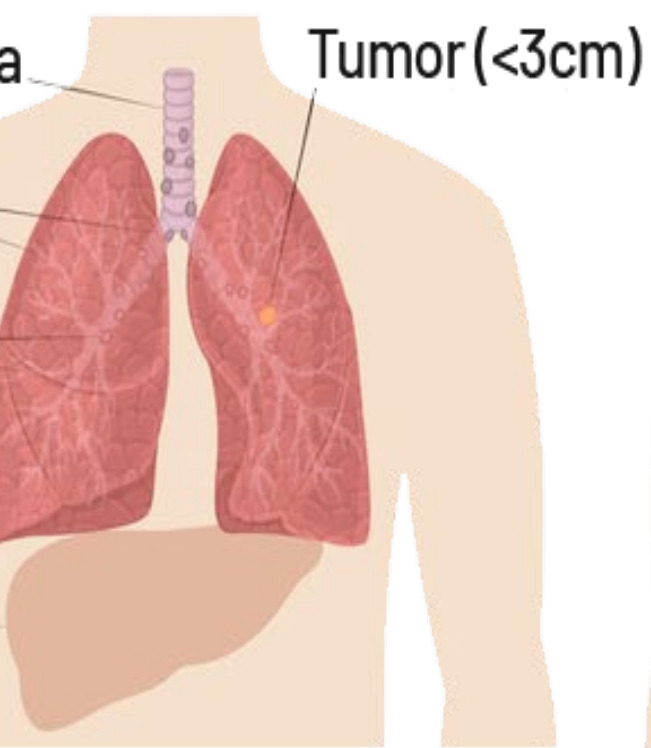
Stage IV:

Cancer has spread outside of the lungs

Treatment Options

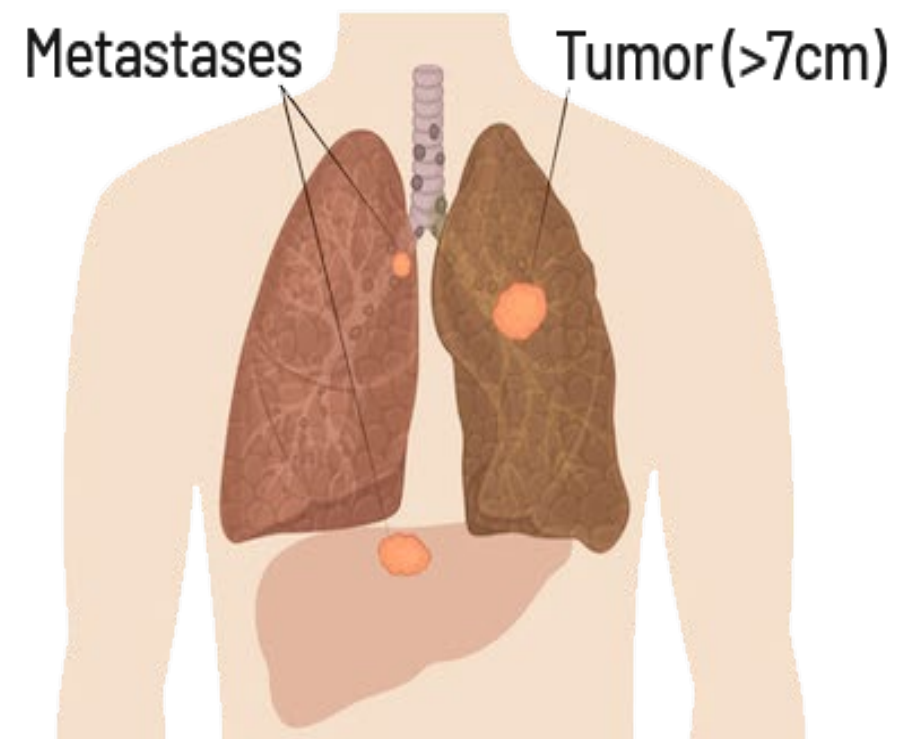
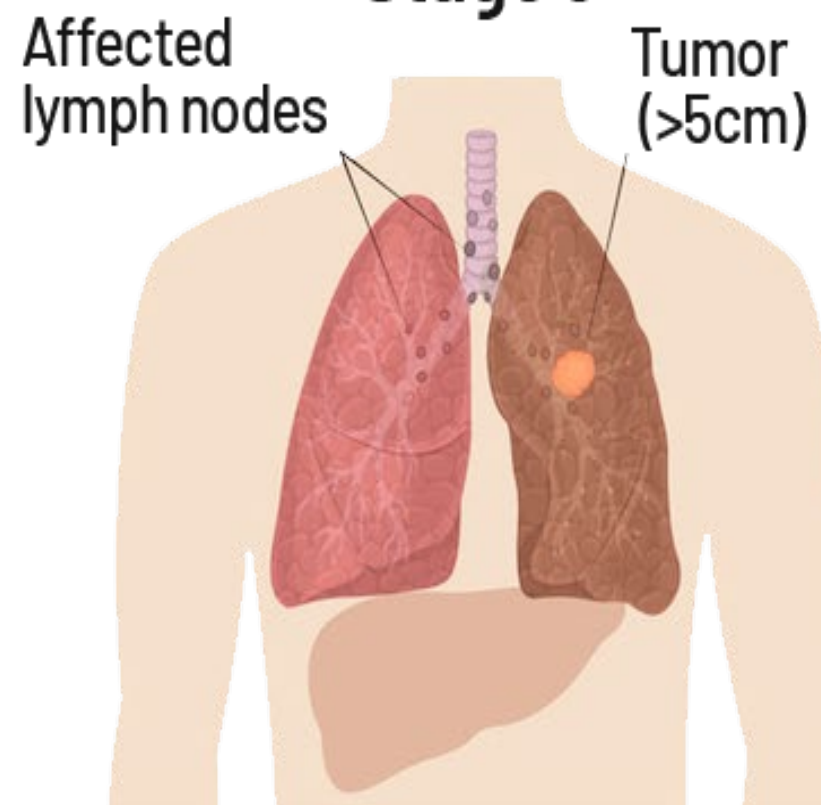
Stage 1

Stage 2



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Surgery

Radiation

Chemotherapy

Targeted drug therapy

Immunotherapy

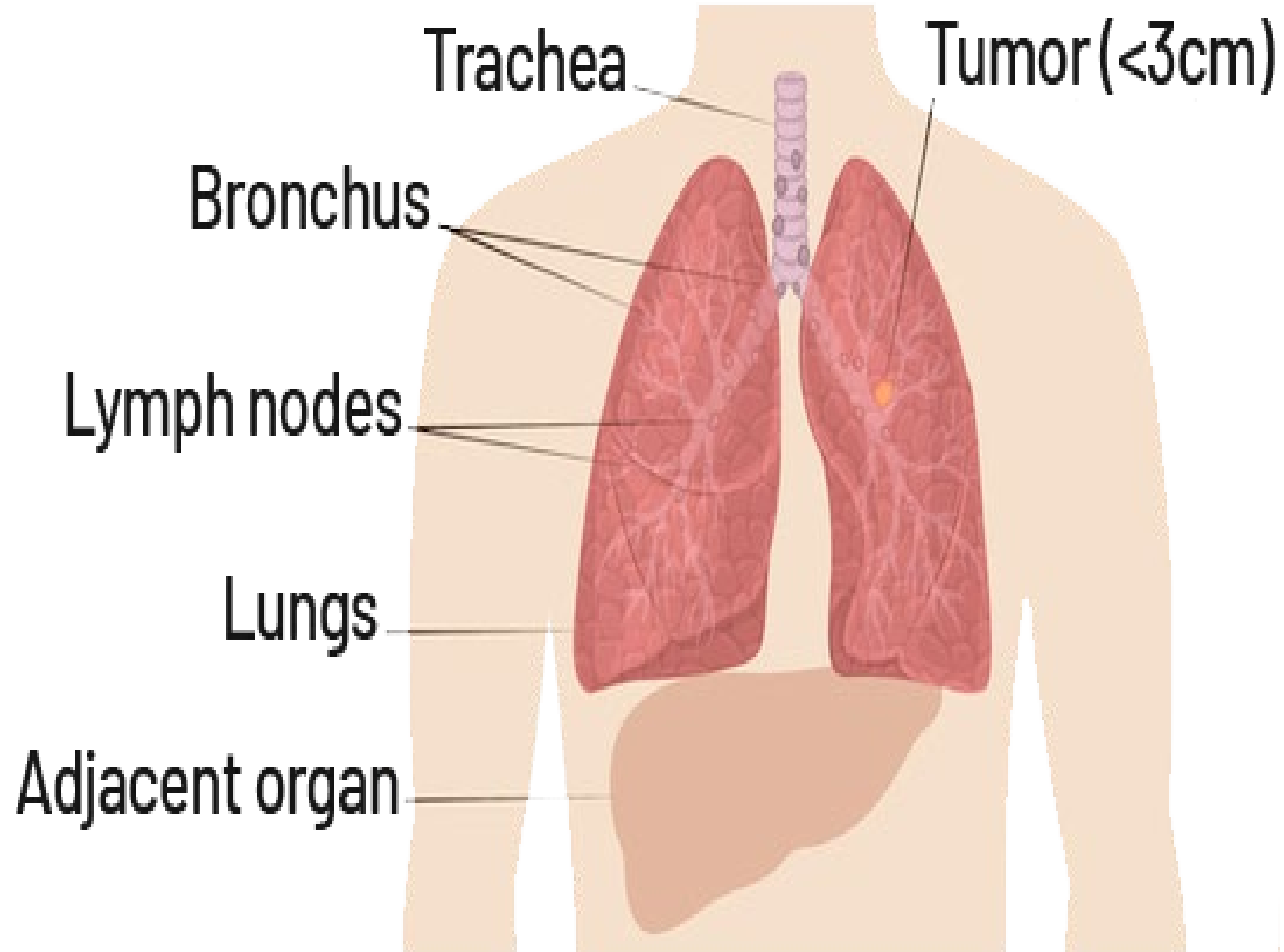


| | Old approach | Modern approach |
|------------|------------------|--|
| Stage I: | Surgery | Robotics, stereotactic radiation |
| Stage II: | Surgery, chemo | Robotics, chemo, targeted therapy |
| Stage III: | Chemo, radiation | Chemo, radiation, robotics, immunotherapy |
| Stage IV: | Chemo | Chemo, targeted therapy, immunotherapy |

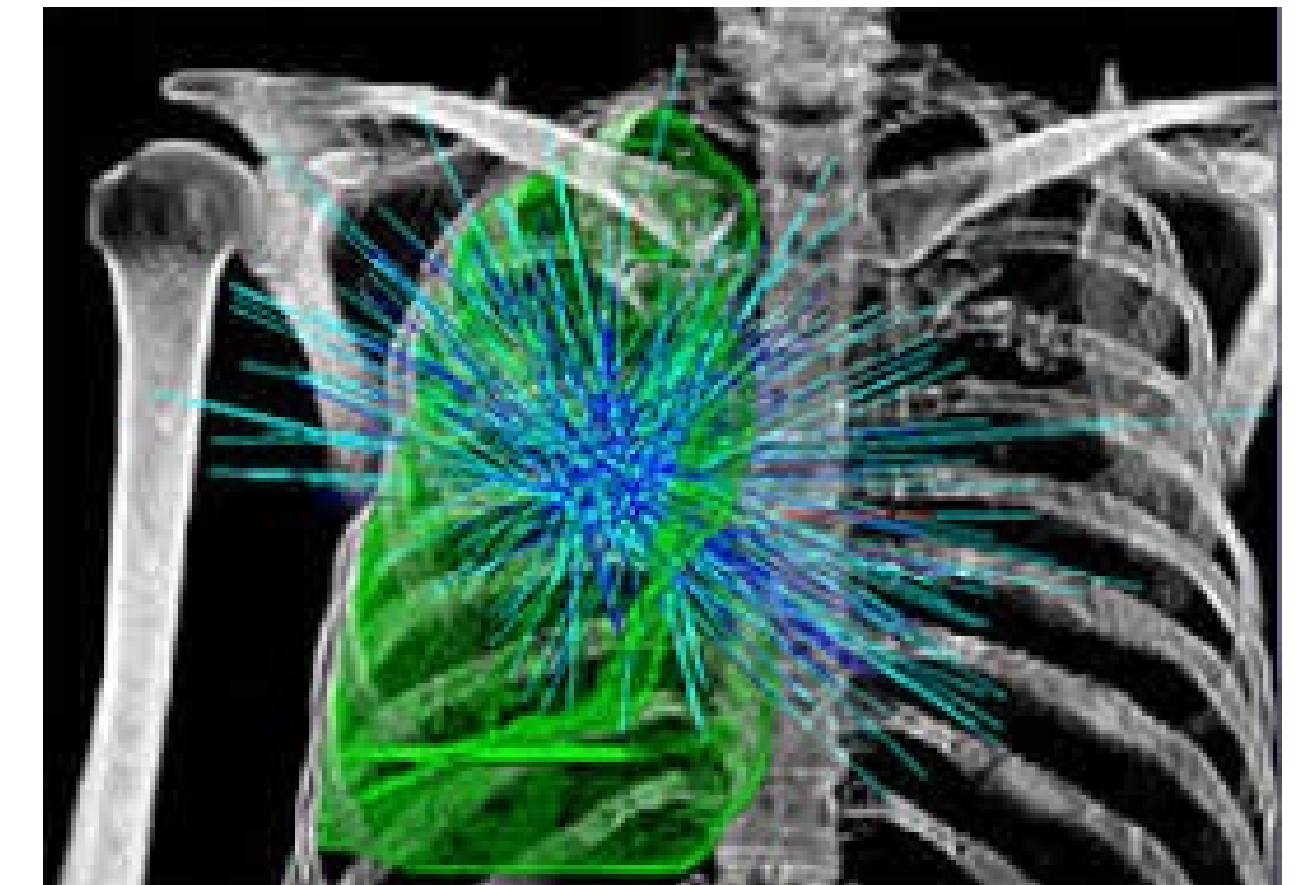


Stage I

Stage 1



Surgery: **Robotics**



Radiation: **Cyberknife**

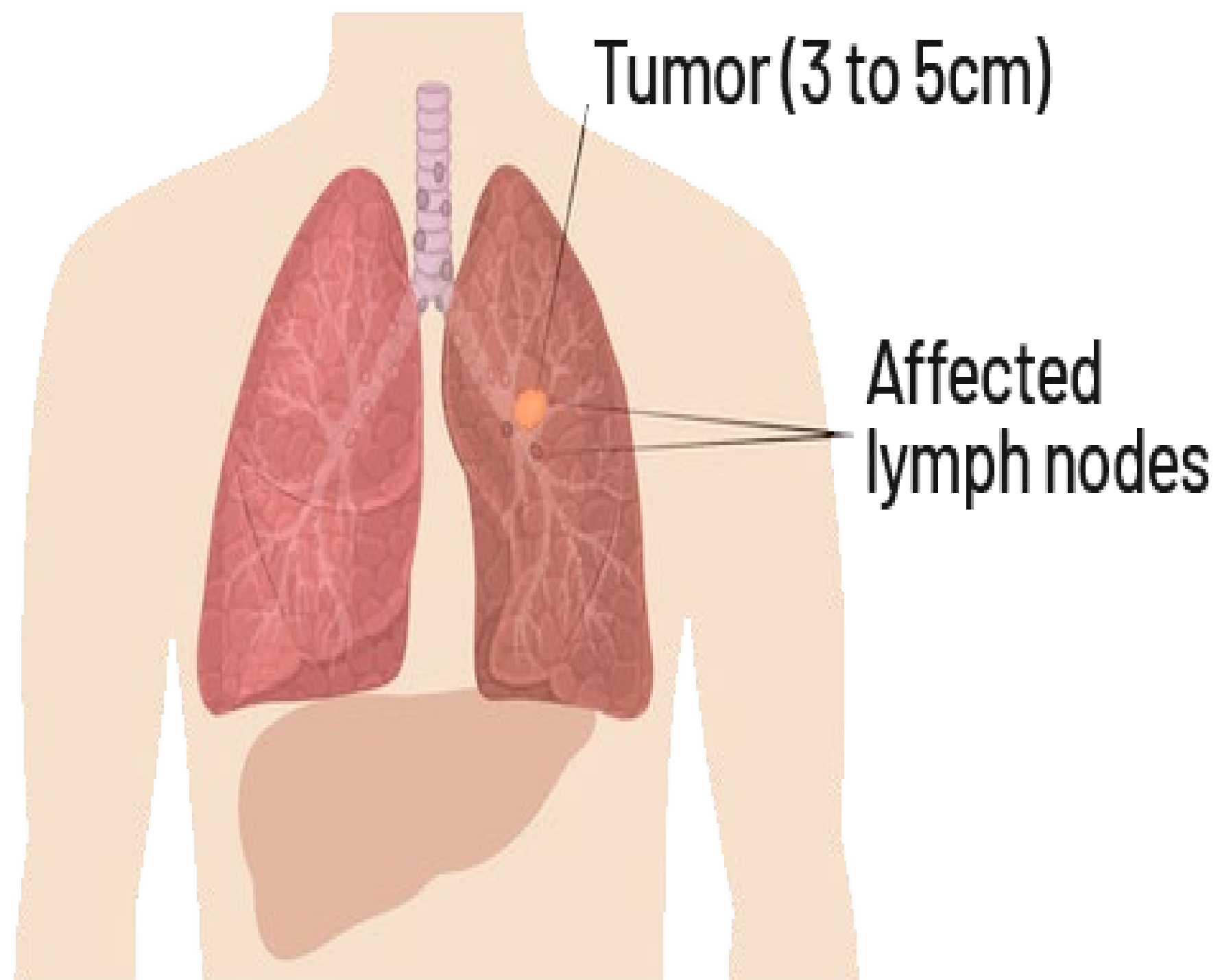


Stage II

Treatment:

Robotics and chemo, **targeted therapy**

Stage 2



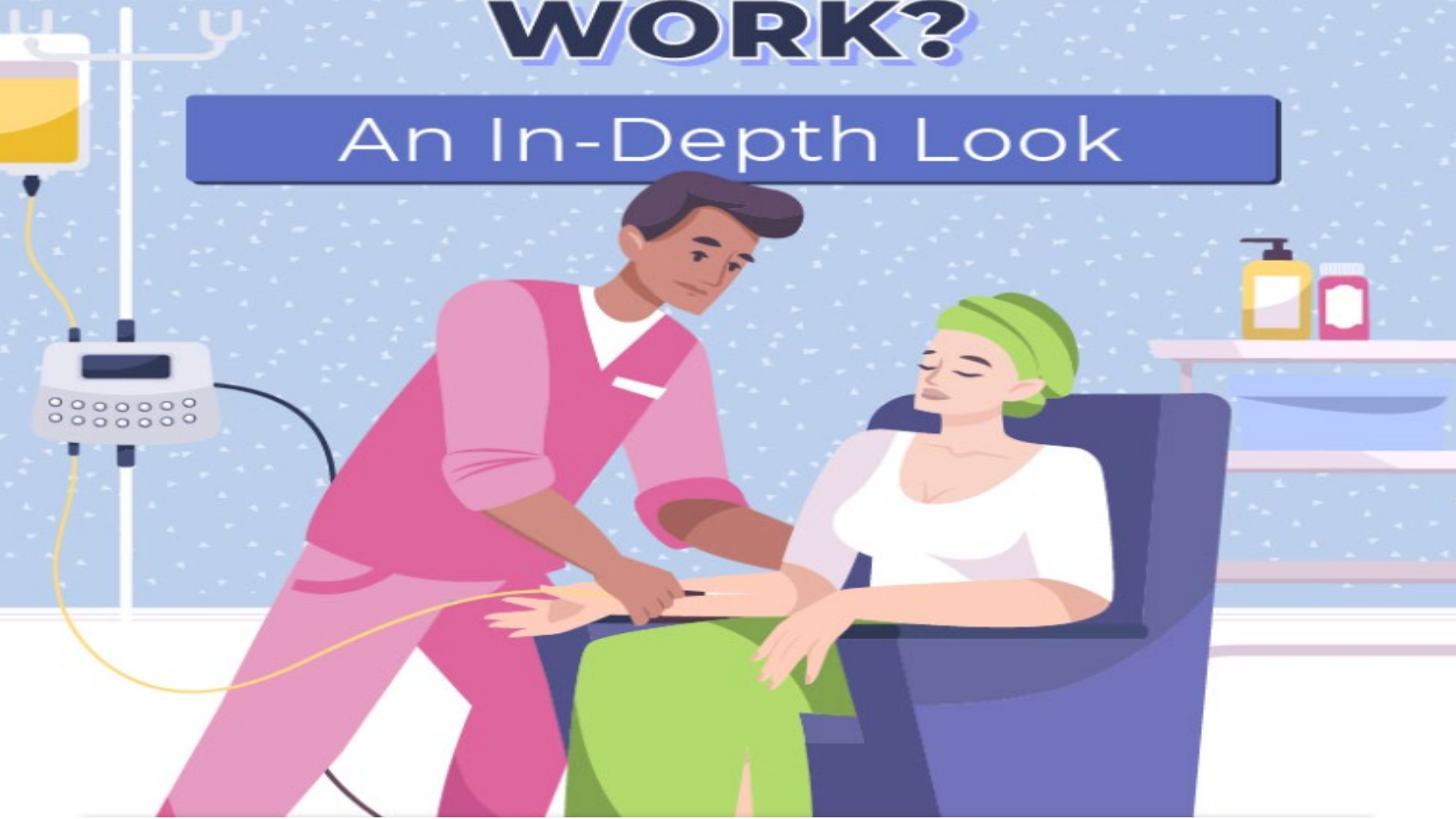
Targeted therapy:

Medications that target genetic changes specific to a patient's tumor.

Highly effective. Oral medications. Less side effects

HOW DOES CHEMOTHERAPY WORK?

An In-Depth Look



Chemotherapy

- IV medications
- Destroys rapidly growing cells
 - both normal and cancer
- Side effects

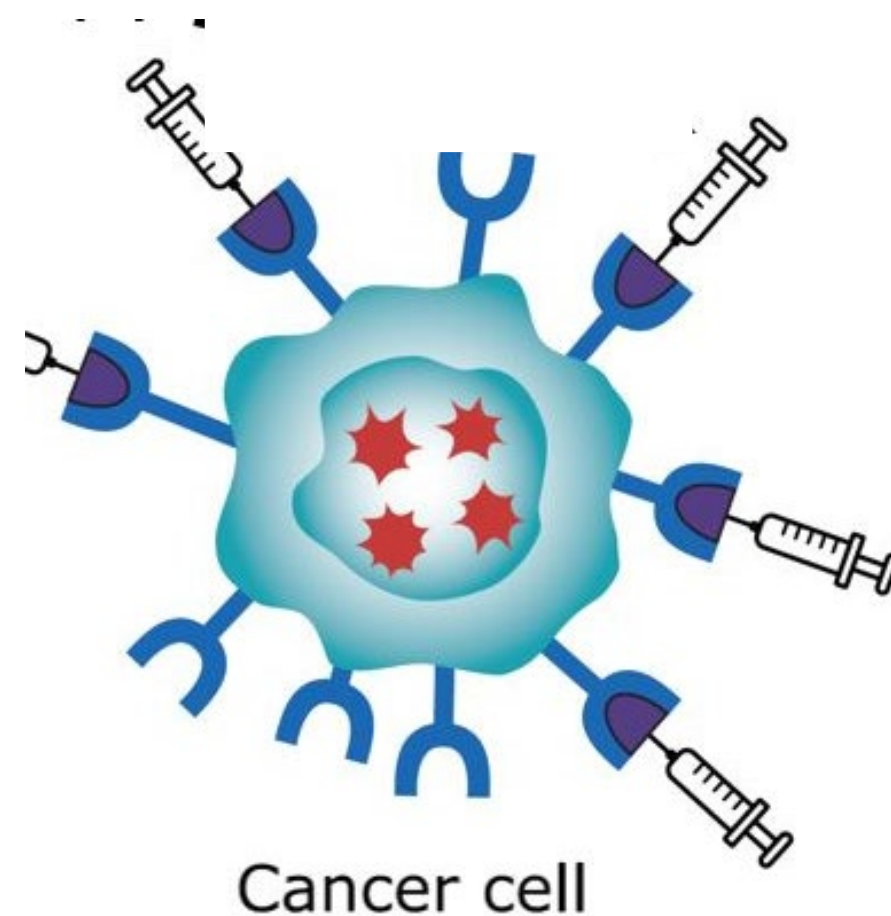
WHAT IS CHEMOTHERAPY?

Chemotherapy is a drug treatment that uses strong anti-cancer drugs to kill rapidly growing cells in the body. This procedure is often used to treat cancer because cancer cells grow and multiply much quicker than most cells in the body.



Targeted therapy

- Oral medications
- Specifically target cancer cells
- Less side effects
- Can be very effective

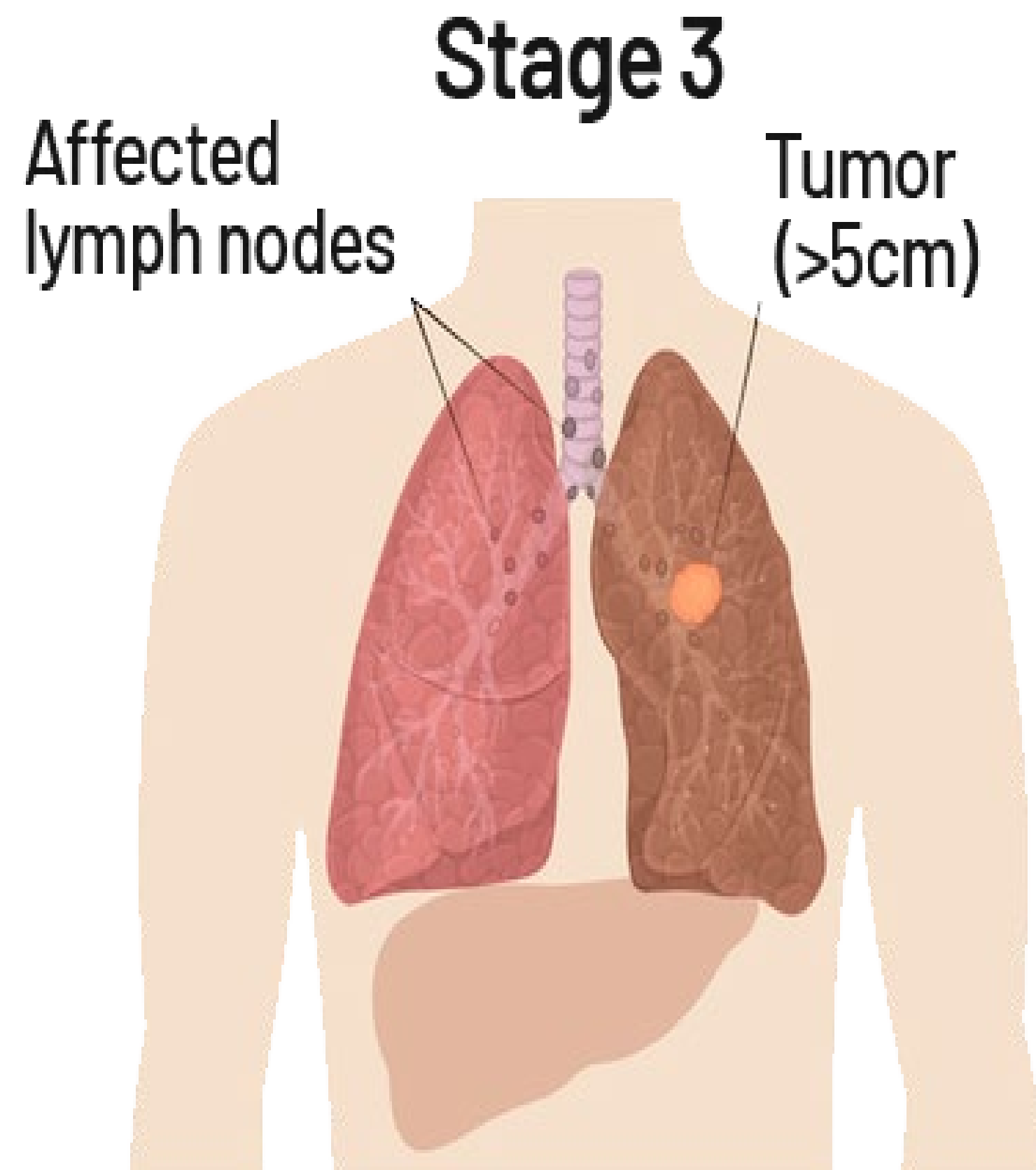


Drug designed to bind to targeted receptor will find and damage cells with largest number of receptors

| Inhibitors | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| EGFR | ALK | ROS | RET |
| Erlotinib* Gefitinib* Afatinib* Osimertinib* Rociletinib EGF816 ASP8273 HM61713 | Crizotinib* Ceritinib* Alectinib* Lorlatinib Brigatinib Ensartinib Entrectinib | Crizotinib* Ceritinib Lorlatinib Cabozantinib Foretinib Entrectinib DS-6051b | Alectinib Cabozantinib Vandetanib Lenvatinib Apatinib Ponatinib Sunitinib Dovitinib |
| MET | TRK1 | HER2 | BRAF/MEK |
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Stage III



Treatment:

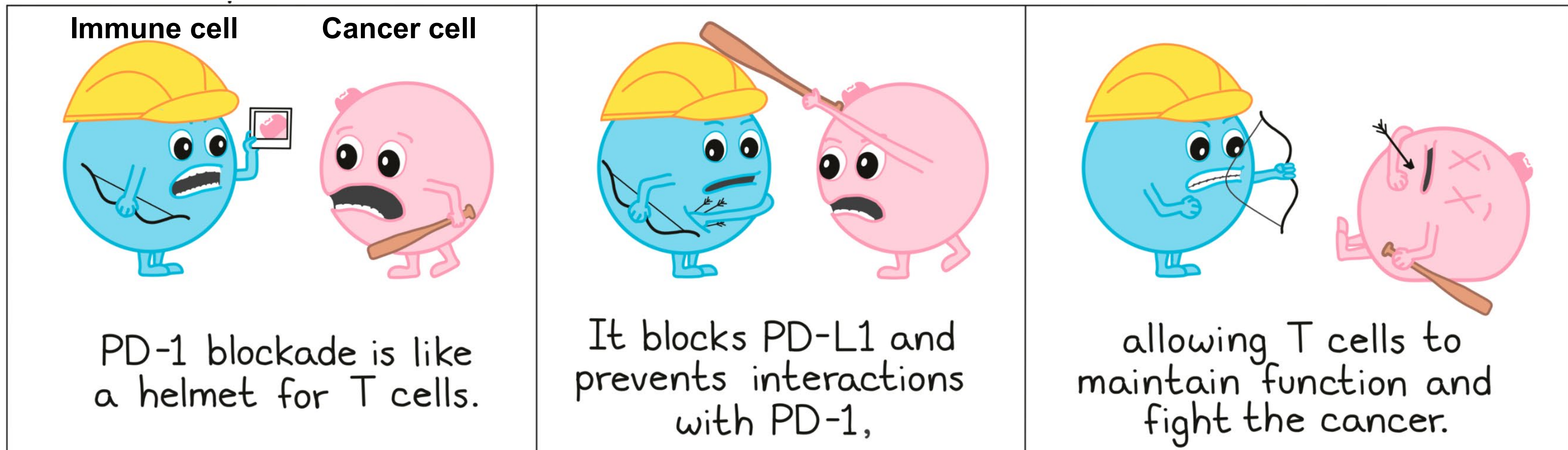
Chemo, **immunotherapy**, **robotics**

Immunotherapy:

Medications that boost your immune system to target cancer

Immunotherapy

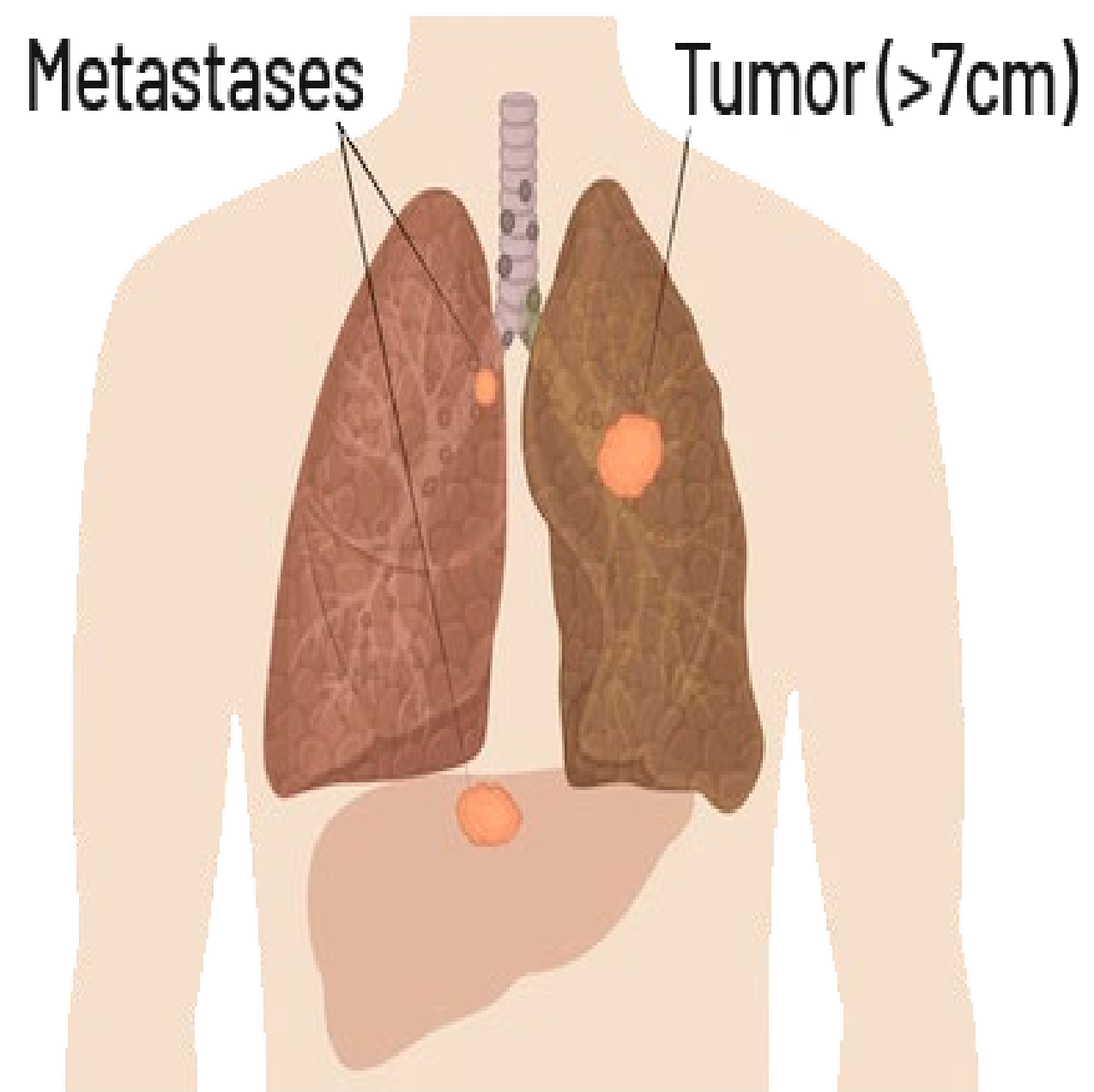
- IV medications
- Boosts the immune system to detect and kill cancer cells
- Less side effects
- Can be effective





Stage IV

Stage 4



Treatment:

Chemo

Targeted therapy

Immunotherapy

Multidisciplinary Approach

Lung cancer treatment is **complex**

A **multidisciplinary clinic** includes consultation with - a surgeon, medical oncologist and radiation oncologist

- also includes social workers, geneticists, nutritionists, psychologists, and palliative care specialists

An **optimal** treatment plan can be formulated efficiently.





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GOP Makeover / Drone Morality / The Marriage Test By Joel Stein

TIME HOW TO CURE CANCER*

*Yes, it's now possible—thanks to new cancer dream teams that are delivering better results faster

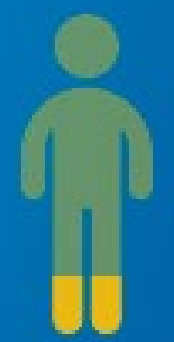
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Survival rates remain poor

5-Year Survival Rate



Lung Cancer

18%



Breast Cancer

89%



Colorectal Cancer

65%



Prostate Cancer

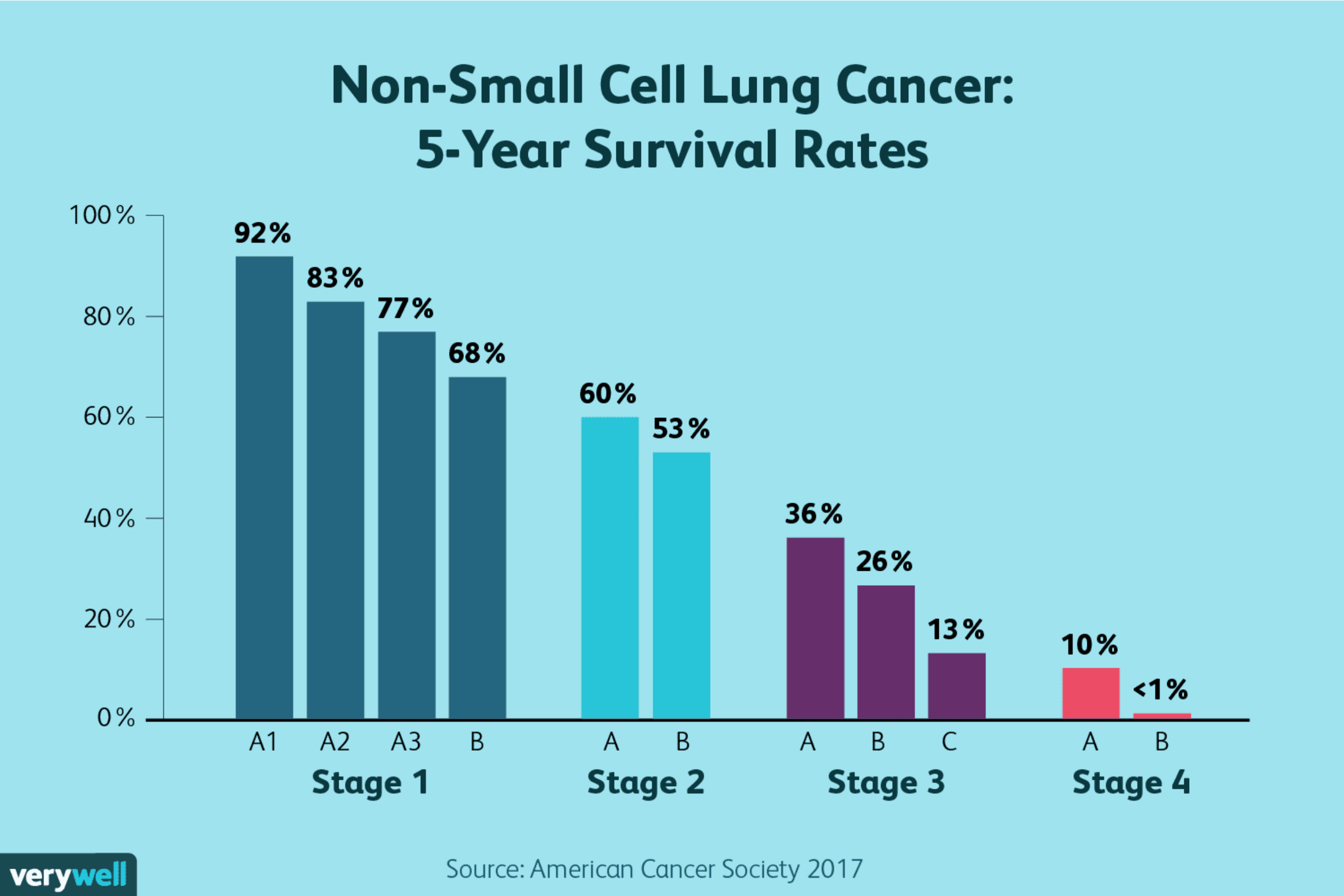
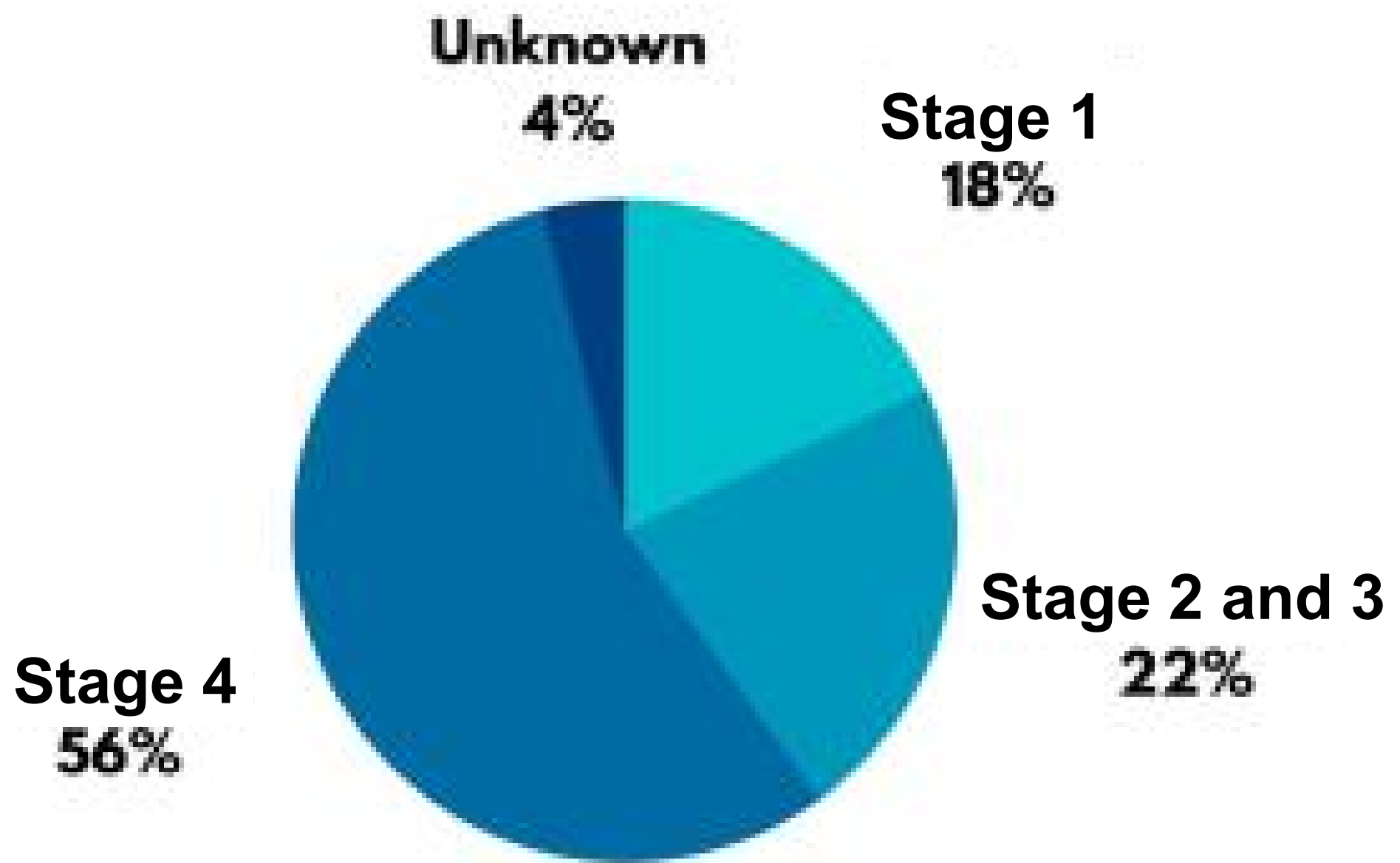
99%

Source: www.lungcancereurope.eu/lung-cancer

- Most patients are often found at stage IV
- Prognosis is much worse

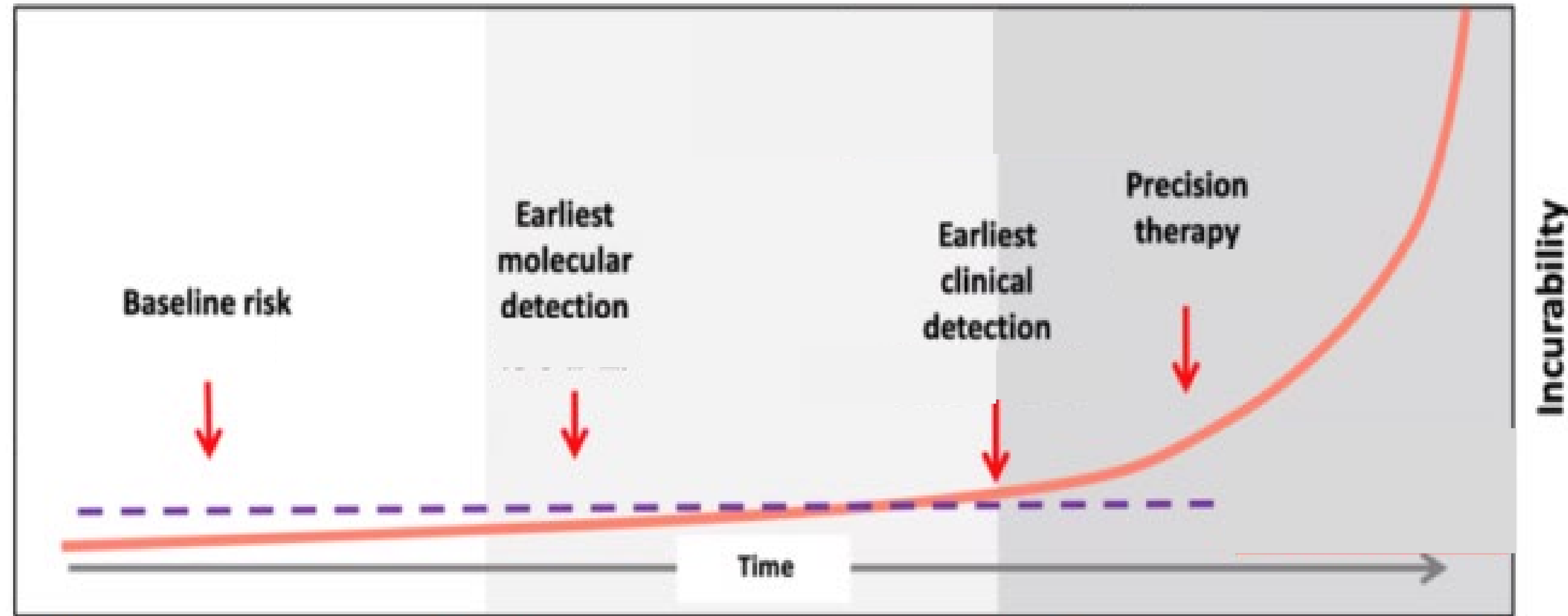
Early detection is key

Percent of Lung Cancer Cases by Stage at Diagnosis



How to Eliminate Lung Cancer

Disease Burden and Cost



Prevention



Smoking cessation

Early diagnosis



Lung cancer screening

Biomarkers

Radiomics

Precision Therapy



Targeted therapy

Immunotherapy

Lung cancer screening: Annual low-dose CT scan



Reduced Lung-Cancer Mortality with Low-Dose Computed Tomographic Screening

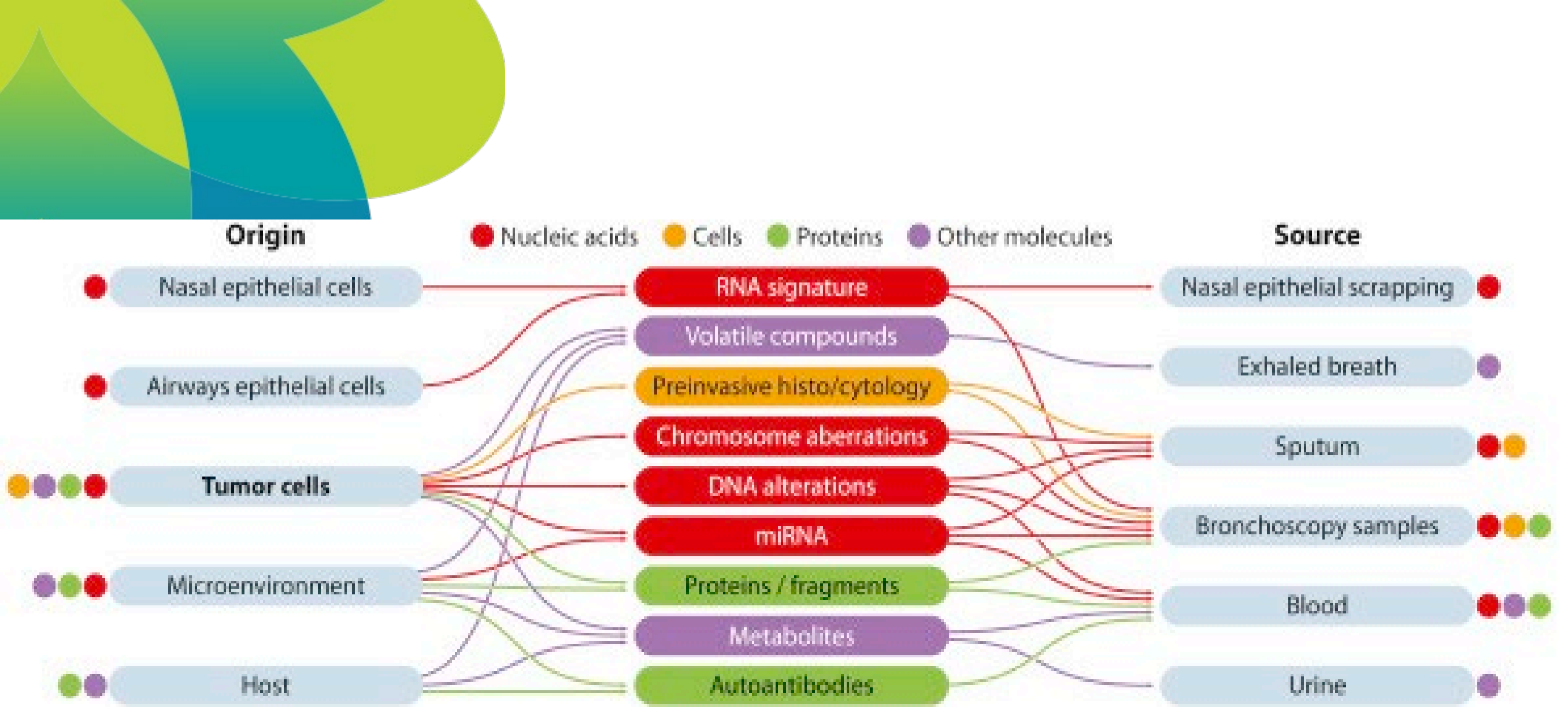
The National Lung Screening Trial Research Team*



Benefit: 20% reduction in lung cancer related deaths

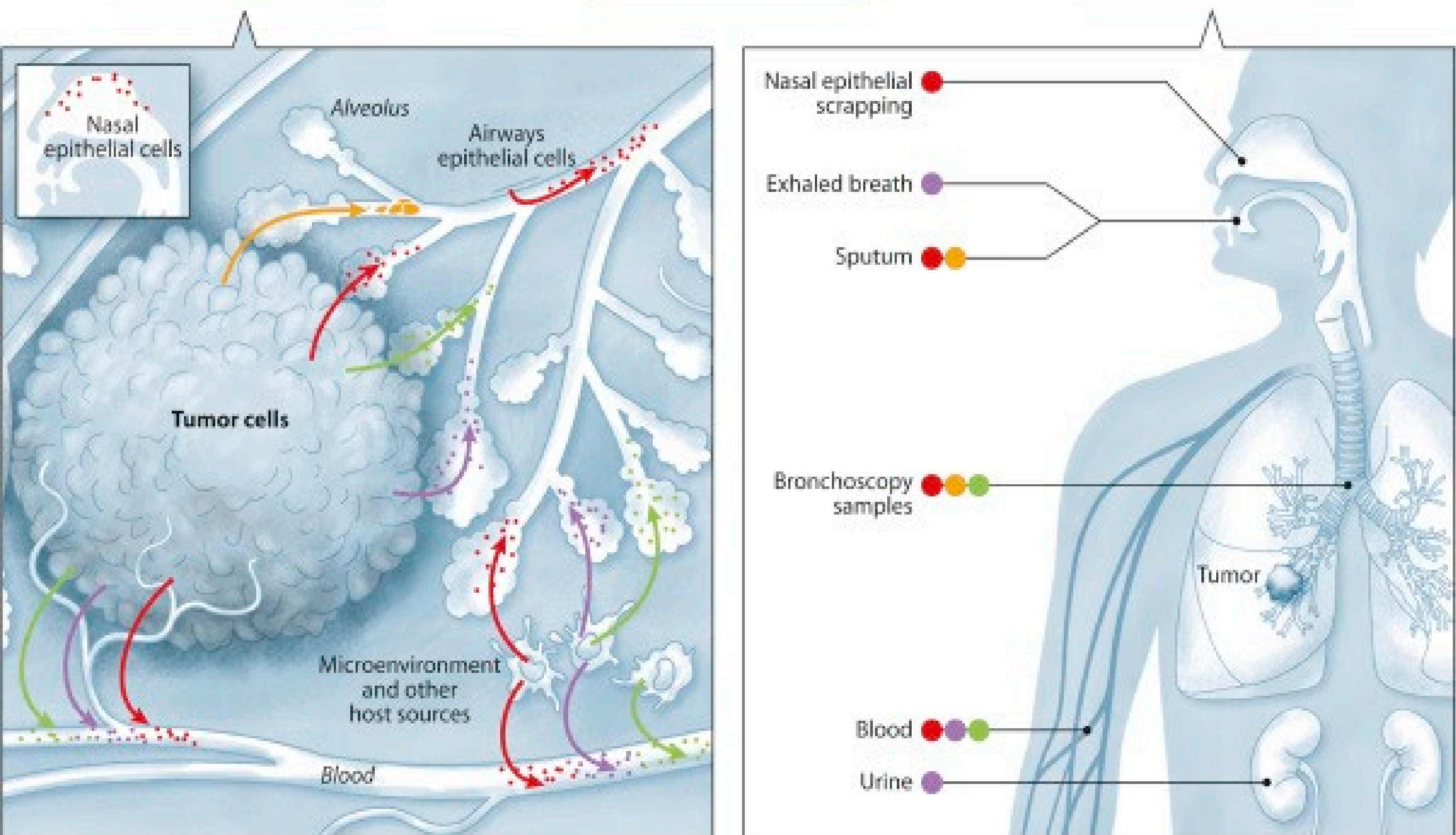
Eligibility: Age 50-80. 20 pack-year smoking history

Christianacare Lung Health Program



Biomarker

- a simple test that can identify patients with cancer



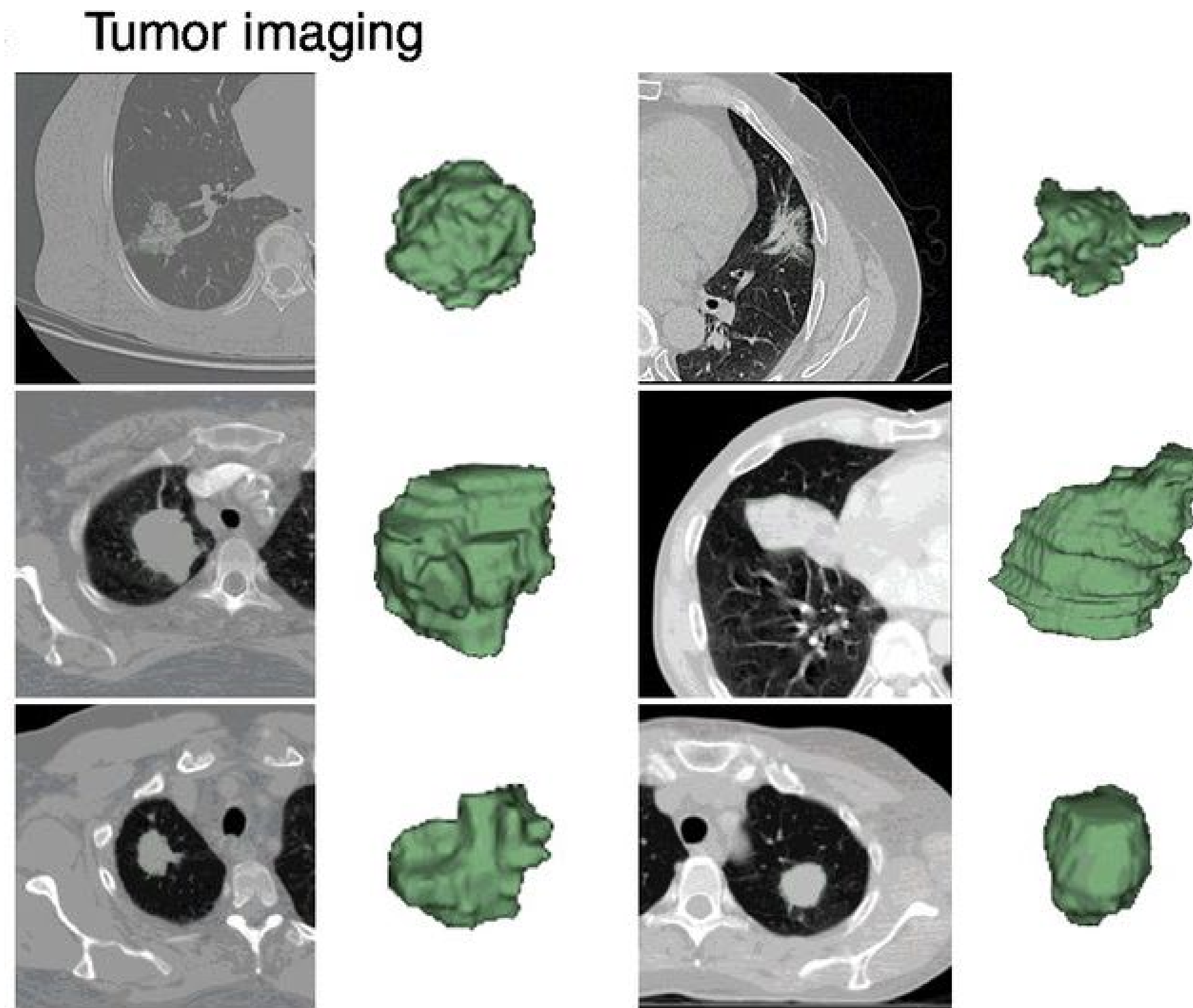
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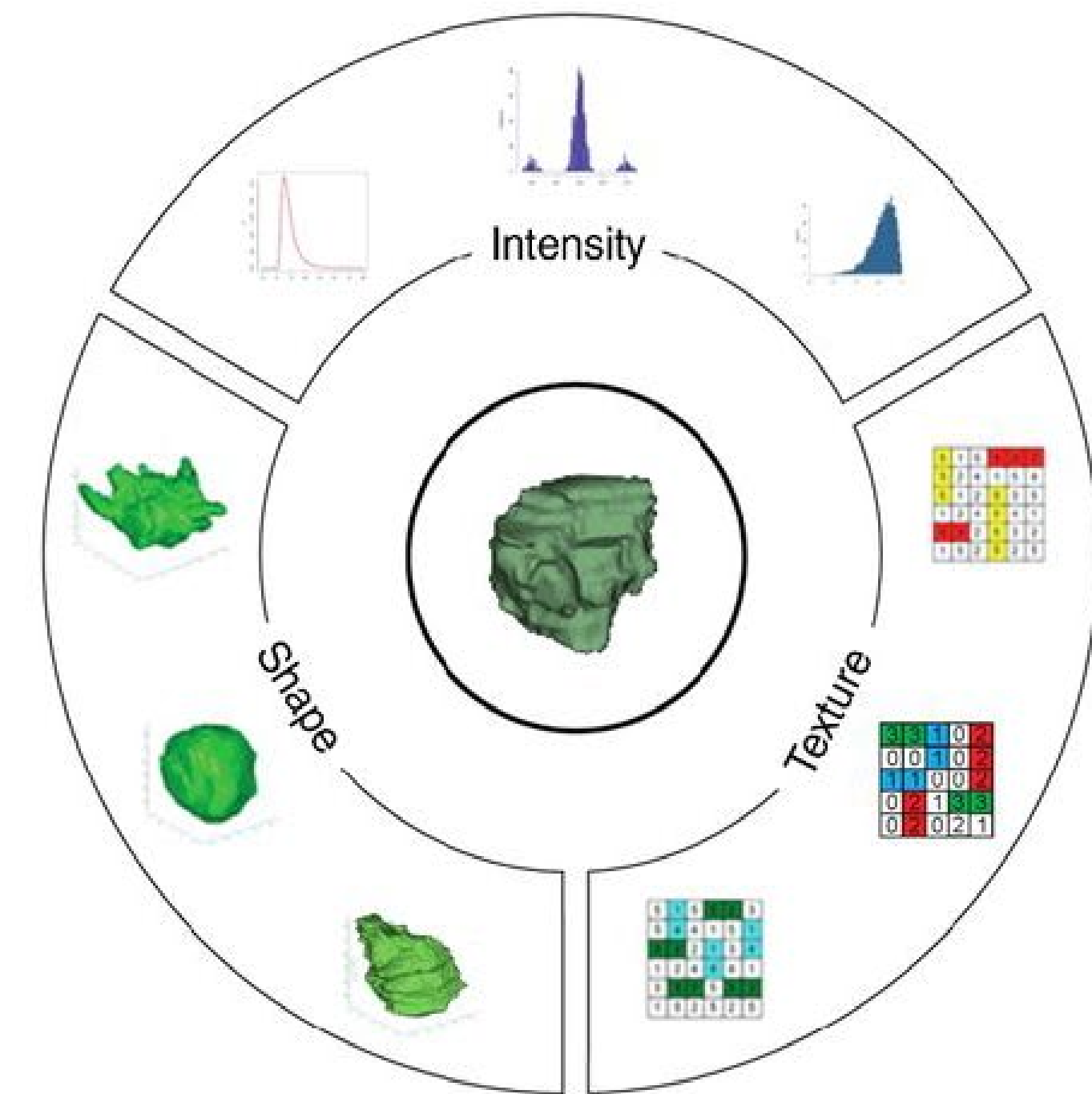
Radiomics

Use of machine learning to process CT scans

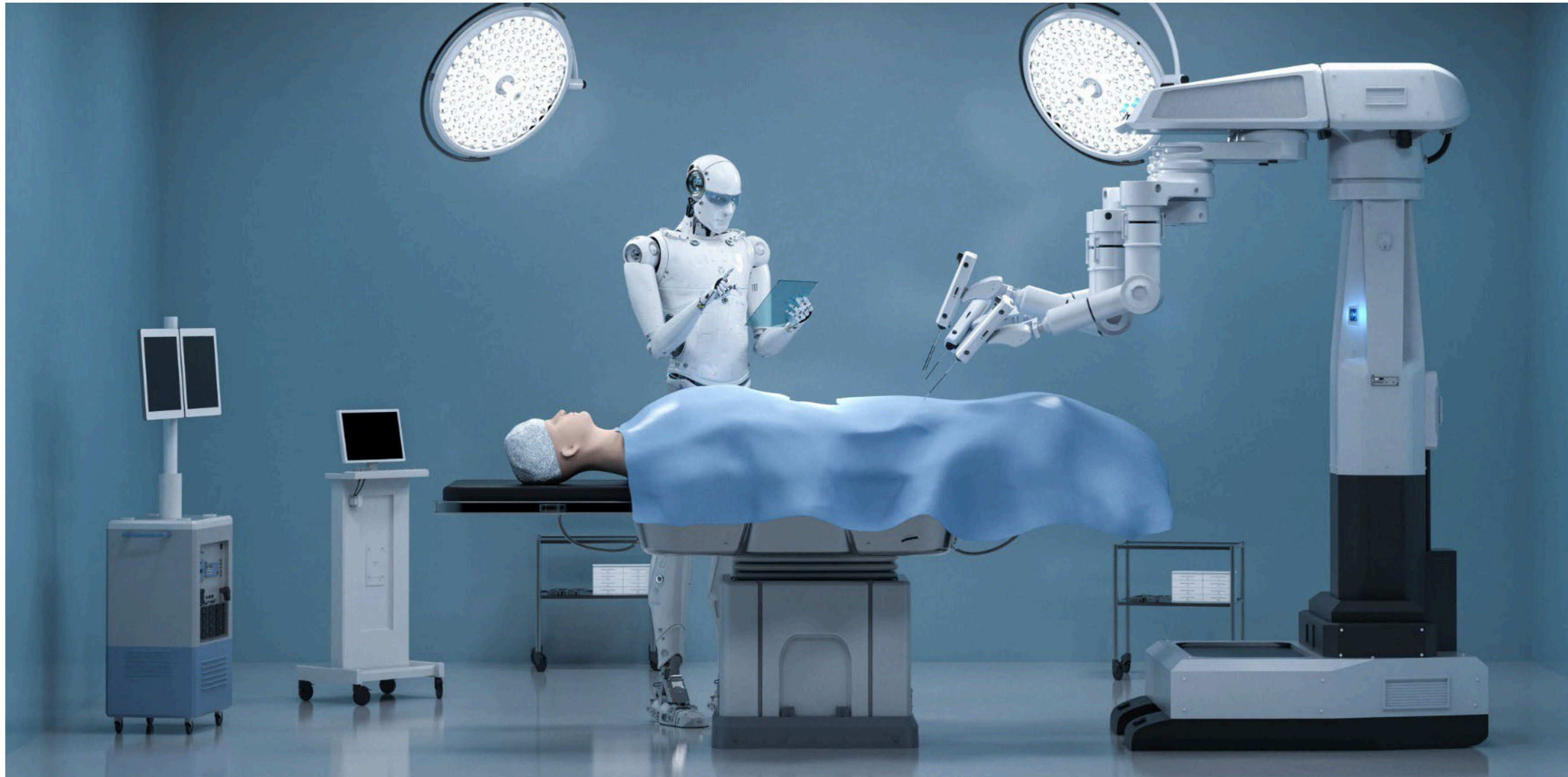
- Improves diagnosis
- Can predict prognosis and response to therapies



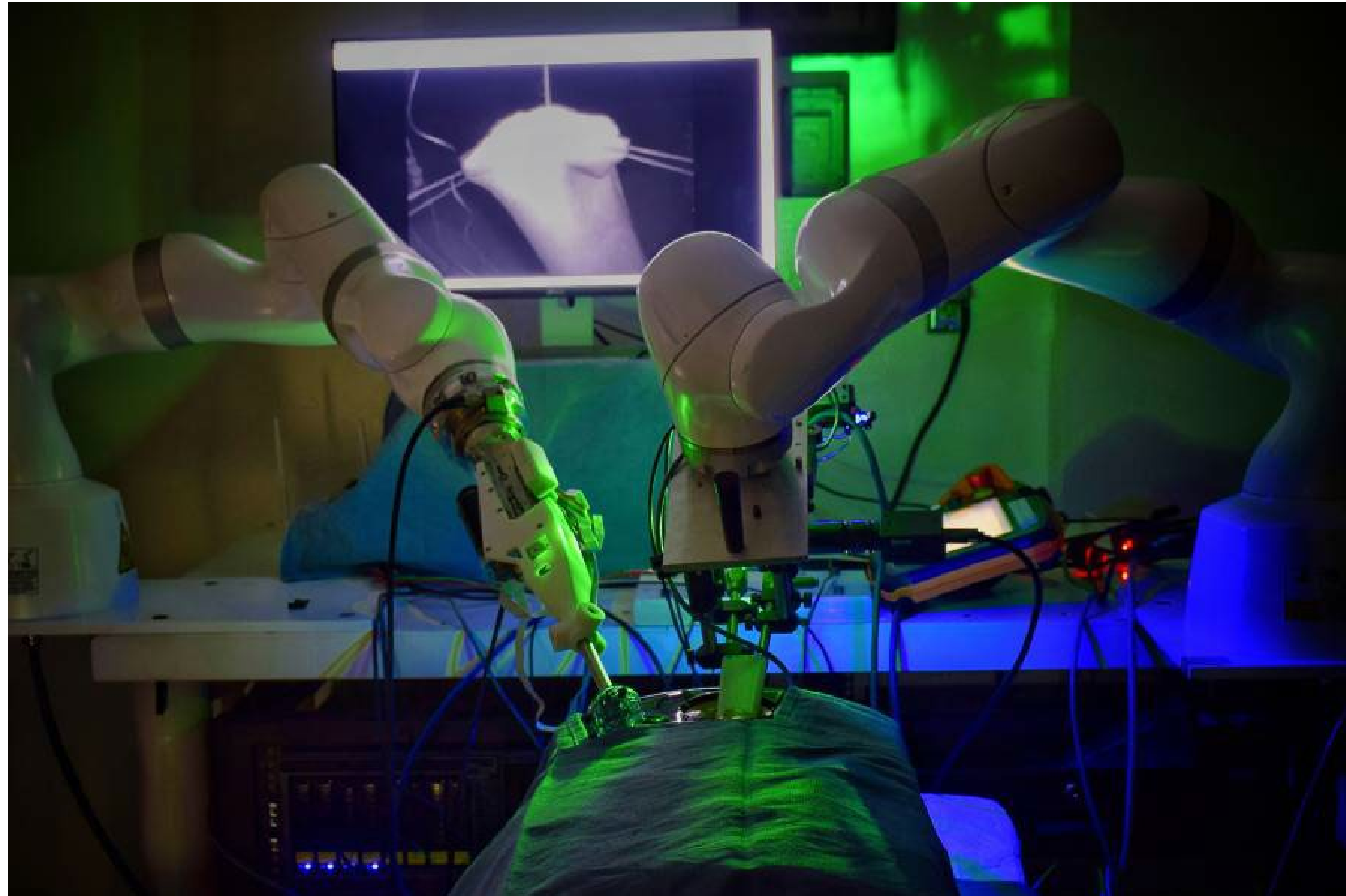
B Radiomic phenotyping



Technologic advances: Robotics

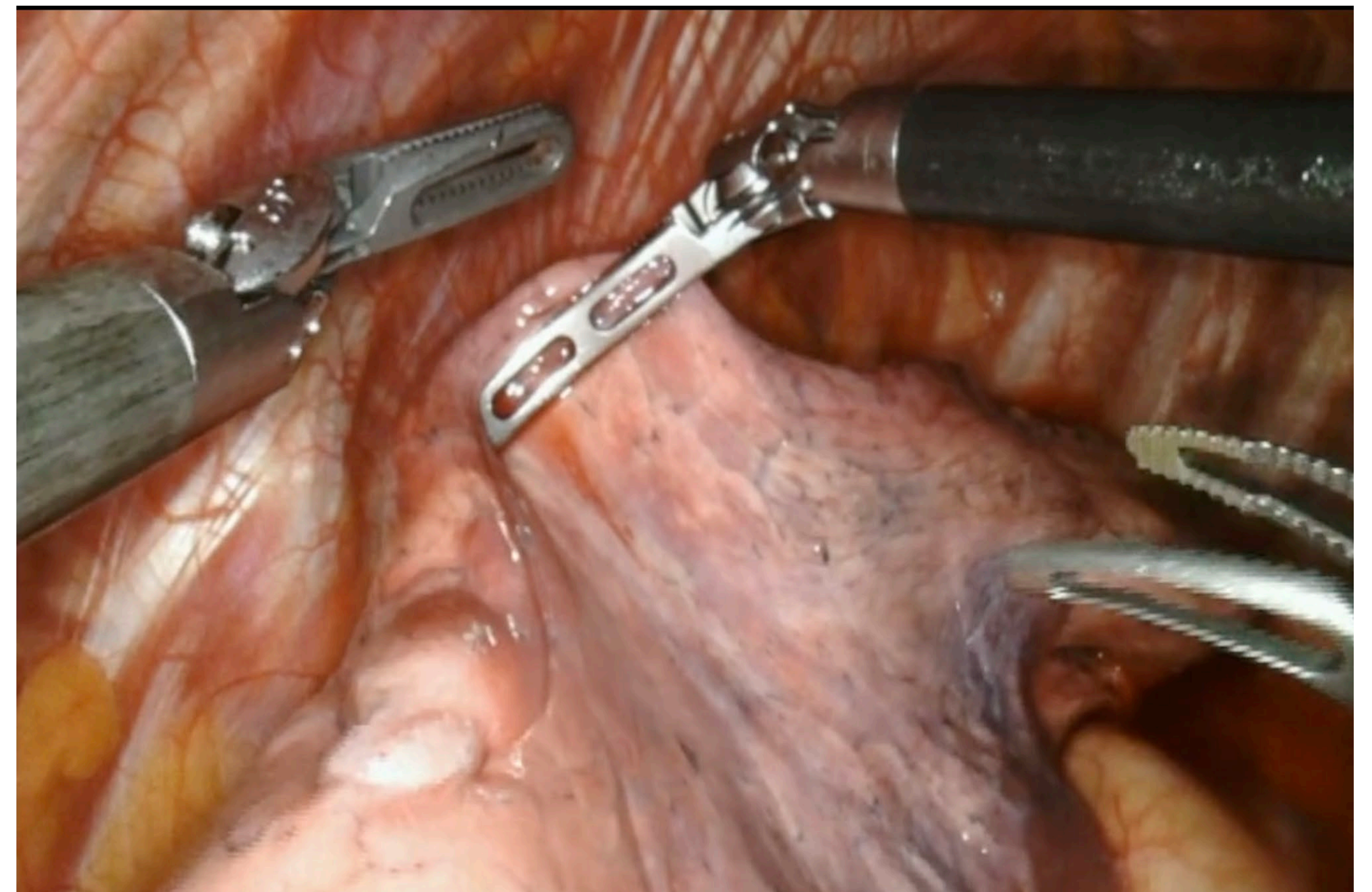


Autonomous robot?



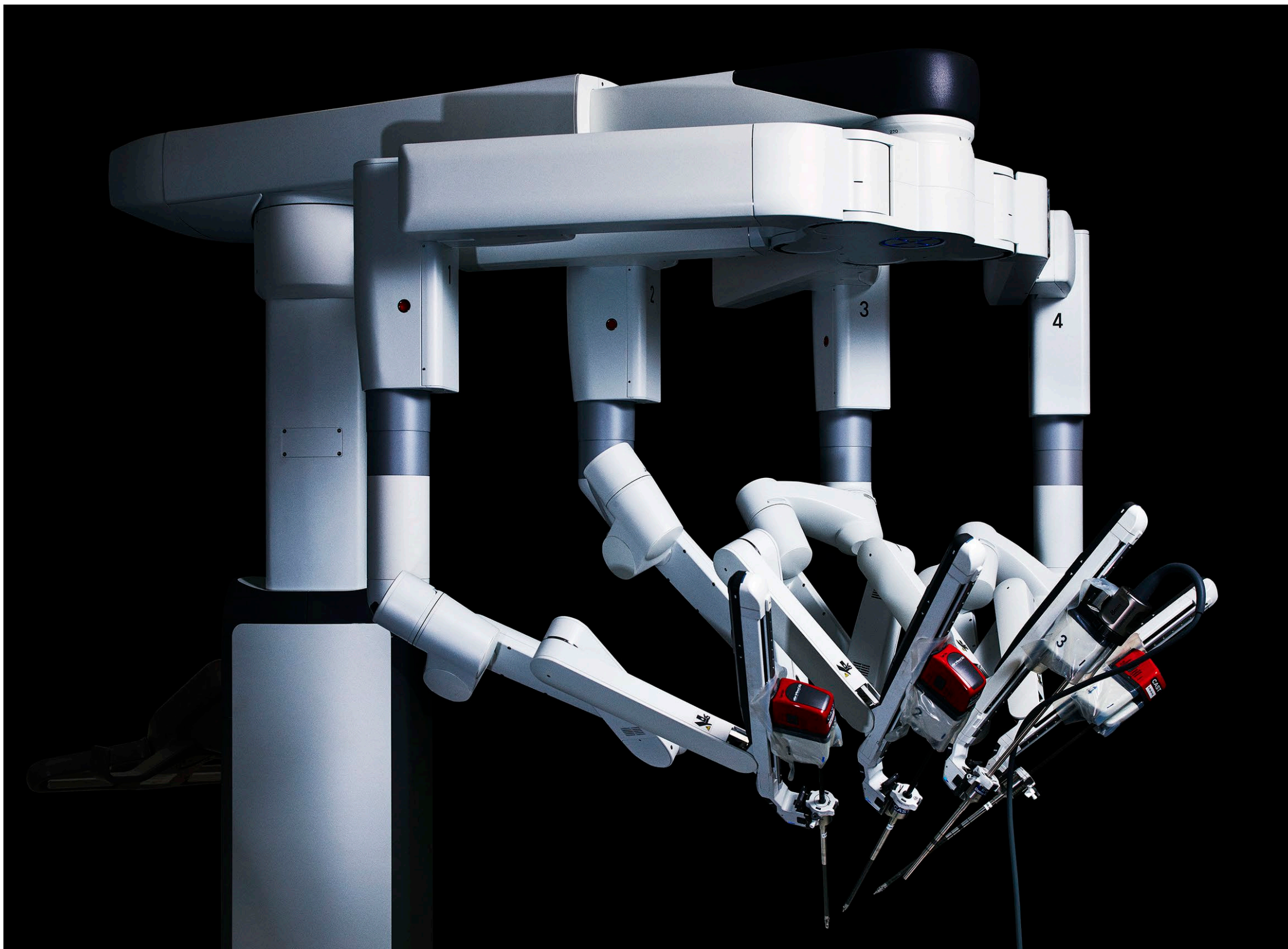
Robot performs first laparoscopic
intestinal connection without human help
- Johns Hopkins University 2022

Robotic Surgery



<https://vimeopro.com/roboticthoracicsurgery/robotic-thoracic-surgery/video/247511474>
Timestamp: 15:30, 24:10

Robotic surgery



- Precision surgery
- Less post-operative pain
- Shorter hospital stays
 - Average of 2 days
- Less cost to our health system

Conclusions

Treatment of lung cancer continues to improve

Targeted/Immunotherapy

Improved early detection

Technological/robotic advances

Thank you

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