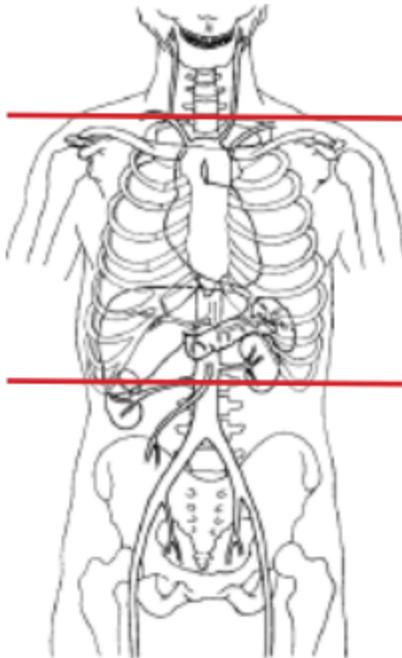


CT CHEST Without Contrast (Low dose lung screening-LDCT)



Indications	Patient age 50-80 (private insurance), Patient age 50-77 (Medicare), greater than 20 pack year history of smoking, current smoker or quit within last 15 years, no acute signs / symptoms of lung cancer.
	Cigar & non-cigarette smoking does NOT qualify.
Patient Position	Supine
Contrast	NONE
Injection rate	NONE
Respiration	Breath- hold
Scan Parameters	just above lung apices through adrenals
Special note	Preferred slice thickness & interval is listed below. Minimum 3/3mm scan & 1/1 mm reformats for scanner limitations.

PLANE	ALGORITHM	THICKNESS	INTERVAL	DFOV	REFORMATS
Axial	Mediastinum	1.25 mm	1.25 mm	pt largest + 4 cm	
Axial	Lung	1.25 mm	1.25 mm		X
Sagittal	Mediastinum	0.625 mm	0.625 mm		X
Coronal	Mediastinum	0.625 mm	0.625 mm		X
Axial	Lung -MIP	8.0 mm	3.0 mm		X



NOTES:

- LMP on pts of child-bearing age
- Shield children when possible