Lung cancer is a disease that can form in the tissues of the lung, usually in cells that line the air passages. The disease often takes many years to develop, starting with pre-cancerous changes in the lung. Over time, these changes may turn into lung cancer. In Europe, lung cancer is the most frequent cause of death from cancer.

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...and 3rd most common cancer among women.

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Cost of cancer care to member states: 126 billion euros.

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LUNG CANCER RESOURCES

While smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer, there are many resources available to help lung cancer patients in Europe learn more about the disease, find clinical trials, and connect with other lung cancer patients in Europe.

- EU Clinical Trials Register: www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu
- Global Lung Cancer Coalition: www.lungcancercoalition.org
- International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care: www.isncc.org
- Lung Cancer Europe: www.lungcancereurope.eu
- Union for International Cancer Control: www.uicc.org
- Women Against Lung Cancer in Europe: www.womenagainstlungcancer.eu