



NORTH EAST LUNG DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NE LDAP)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the North East Lung Diagnostic Assessment Program (NE LDAP)?

A program coordinated by the Northeast Cancer Centre to provide:

- A centralized access point for referral to a thoracic surgeon for patients with a CT scan of the chest reporting a suspicion of lung cancer
- A patient navigator who:
 - Books the initial consultation with the thoracic surgeon
 - Advises the patient and the referring provider of consultation appointment details
 - Provides ongoing system navigation support to the patient during the diagnostic pathway
- A mechanism to measure, monitor and improve wait times to diagnosis for patients with a suspicion of lung cancer.

Who is eligible for this program?

- Patients with a CT chest scan reported as suspicious of lung cancer.

How are patients with a suspicion of lung cancer referred to this program?

- The ordering physician (i.e. Family physician, Internist) must complete the NE LDAP Outpatient Fax Referral Form and fax it to the NE LDAP office. This is the only way to ensure the patient receives timely access to the NE LDAP specialist (i.e. thoracic surgeon) and accompanying patient navigation support.

Where is the NE LDAP Outpatient Referral Form found?

- On the internet at <http://www.hsnsudbury.ca/neccforms>. Complete and fax the form to 705-523-7287.

Are NE LDAP patients seen as outpatients?

- Yes, patients are seen in the NE LDAP physician consultant's office as outpatients.
- If an inpatient requires consultation prior to hospital discharge please contact the physician directly as per your usual referral processes.
- Patients requiring emergency management should be referred through usual mechanisms and not through the NE LDAP.

Where is the program located?

- The program is 'virtual'. The patient navigator provides education and coordination of care via phone contact and is located at the Sudbury Outpatient Centre (SOC) in Sudbury.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

- Please contact the North East Lung Diagnostic Assessment Program (NE LDAP) at 705-523-7100 extension 2553.