GET CLEAR ON YOUR BIOMARKER STATUS.

Ask your healthcare team to perform comprehensive biomarker testing when you are diagnosed and at progression.

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*As of 8/19. Check with your healthcare team about any additional approved treatments.
Quick facts about biomarkers

• A biomarker is any molecule that can be measured in your blood, other bodily fluids, or tissues.

• Presence of a biomarker may be a sign of an abnormal bodily process or condition or a disease.

• Biomarkers can be used to:
  - Determine whether a disease or condition is present
  - Tell you how aggressive the disease is
  - Predict whether your body is likely to respond to a treatment for a disease or condition

• Ideally, testing for the presence of biomarkers should be performed at the time of diagnosis so that your treatment can be personalized and precise from the start.

• There are two types of biomarkers currently used to help optimize a lung cancer patient’s treatment:
  - Driver mutations that determine whether a particular targeted therapy may be effective
  - Immunotherapy biomarkers (such as the PD-L1 protein), which help determine whether a particular immunotherapy drug may be effective.

Did you know?

• Comprehensive biomarker testing should be an ongoing part of the discussions with your healthcare team. Any decision to test for biomarkers should be made together by you and your team, and depends on a number of factors, including your type and stage of cancer, your current treatment plan, and your overall health.

• Current guidelines recommend that all patients diagnosed with advanced-stage non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) be tested for the driver mutations EGFR, ALK, KRAS, ROS1, BRAF V600E, and NTRK and for the PD-L1 protein because their presence indicates whether treatments approved by the FDA may benefit you.

• Driver mutations and immunotherapy biomarkers other than those with approved treatments have been found in both NSCLC and small cell lung cancers. Drugs that target these are being tested through clinical trials, so it is important to consider biomarker testing that includes these biomarkers as well.

Learn more about approved NSCLC targeted therapy drugs and immunotherapy drugs in our educational booklets available at lungevity.org/materials.

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