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Funding the fight

Free ME from Lung Cancer is proud to announce receiving a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Maine Cancer Foundation to help promote and support early detection programs. Free ME from Lung Cancer is collaborating with Mercy Hospital and Central Maine Medical Center to support their early detection program at no cost to qualified patients while funds are available. The screening is offered at Mercy's Howard K and Verna E Dearborn Imaging Center located at the Mercy Fore River Imaging Center and Central Maine Medical Center. The screening includes a low-dose CT scan, immediate interpretation by a Radiologist and smoking cessation counseling if appropriate. The procedure is non-invasive, requires no preparation and takes no more than thirty minutes from start to finish.

Individuals who are 55-79, have a 30 pack year history of smoking and are current smokers or have stopped smoking fewer than 15 years ago are considered at high risk for lung cancer. Those who fall into this risk category and do not have insurance or their insurance will not cover screening are encouraged to talk with their doctors about being tested.

To determine if you are eligible for lung cancer screening, please contact your primary care provider, Mercy scheduling at 879-3737 or Central Maine Medical Center's Lung Navigator at 795-8354.