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NEW RESEARCH FOR LUNG CANCER TREATMENT

Summit, NJ, February 16, 2010 – Atlantic Health participates in and conducts a variety of clinical trials. One such study, International Early Lung Cancer Action Program (IELCAP) focuses on improving the rate for the early detection of lung cancer.

Lung cancer remains the top killer among men and women. Unfortunately, most lung cancer cases are detected in late stages, once the disease has progressed to a point that makes a cure difficult. Researchers in the IELCAP study are working on ways to increase the odds of early detection and better identify the at-risk population.

“Patients over age 40 with a 10-pack year history – smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day for 20 years or two packs a day for five years – and those over 40 with exposure to second-hand smoke or other carcinogens are eligible to participate,” says Mark Widmann, M.D., surgical director of the lung cancer program at the Carol G. Simon Cancer Centers at both Morristown Memorial and Overlook Hospitals. “Participants can greatly impact the lives of people at risk for lung cancer.”

Lung cancer is one of the most serious and aggressive types of cancer and being diagnosed with lung cancer can be an intense and overwhelming event in a person’s life. The medical team at Overlook Hospital has created a state-of-the-art lung cancer treatment program - complete with the latest diagnostic technology, breakthrough treatments, access to the latest clinical trials and a highly specialized team of experts dedicated to treating cancer in a compassionate, supportive environment.

Successful treatment of lung cancer requires the skilled, specialized services of a wide range of professionals. Overlook’s unique approach to cancer treatment ensures that patients receive the optimal combination of therapies as prescribed by a personal team of board-certified cancer specialists.

Early detection of cancerous lung tissue is vital in the fight against lung cancer. Survival rates of lung cancer patients increase dramatically when the cancer is detected in its earliest stages.

For more information about [Overlook Hospital’s Lung Cancer Program](#) or the IELCAP trial, call 908-522-5344.

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