A new NHS Lung Health Check for people aged 60 to 75

WHAT YOU’LL GET

First you’ll be asked some questions about your breathing and how you feel to find out about your overall lung health. Then by blowing into two hand held machines, you’ll be told whether there are any problems that need taking care of.

The nurse may also talk to you about having a lung scan to check for any early signs of lung cancer, and will ask if they can take samples of blood, breath, sputum and cheek cells (by rubbing a swab along the inside of the cheek). You can decide about this on the day or later.

You’ll have plenty of time to chat to the nurse and ask any questions. Bring a friend, family member or partner with you on the day if you want to.

LUNG HEALTH CHECKS

GPs in the local area are inviting people aged 60 to 75 for the Lung Health Check.

Look out for an invitation in the post.

For more information call our freephone advice service on 0808 or call/text 07469 or email us at lungscreen@ucl.ac.uk

“These lung checks are a brilliant idea - a great way to give hard-working lungs a service”

Bernie, Nurse
University College Hospital
M.O.T. FOR YOUR LUNGS

People aged 60 to 75 are being offered a new LUNG HEALTH CHECK.

Run by specially trained nurses, they are an easy way to find out how well your lungs are working.

And, if needed, you'll get care and treatment to help breathe new life into your lungs.

The checks are for people aged 60 to 75 who have ever smoked. You are invited whether you feel fine or not, and whether or not you have any lung problems.

You can bring a friend, family member or partner with you, if you'd like.

“"If they can give me some extra years with my grandkids, I might even be lucky enough to be able to walk them down the aisle.”

Bernard, 69, London

BENEFITS OF THE LUNG HEALTH CHECK

✓ Free
✓ Local and easy to get to (at either the Homerton or University College Hospital)
✓ Talk through your questions over a cup of tea
✓ Find out about having a lung scan
✓ No judgements on smoking

LOOKING AFTER YOUR LUNGS

HOW THE NHS CAN HELP

Your lungs work hard every minute of your life.

As you get older, it's worth checking things out.

GOOD IDEA

The Lung Health Check can spot problems early - often before you notice anything, when treatment could be simpler and more successful.

RIGHT LUNG

LEFT LUNG

Alveoli

“I started smoking when I was 14. When you go back 40 odd years, we didn't know that cigarettes caused all these problems. It's good to know no one is going to give me a hard time at the Lung Health Check.”

Maggie, 60, London

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