About Low Dose Lung CT Screening

In November 2010, the National Cancer Institute released its initial results of the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST). Their conclusion was that screening people at high-risk for lung cancer with Low Dose CT Scans (LDCT) significantly reduces lung cancer deaths. EAMC now offers LDCT screening at Auburn Diagnostic Imaging. Auburn Diagnostic Imaging is recognized as a Designated Lung Cancer Screening Center by the American College of Radiology. This examination does not require contrast and utilizes only 25-50% of the amount of radiation in a standard Chest CT. Using this technology, tiny asymptomatic lung cancers that would have been invisible on traditional chest x-rays can now be detected. Other infectious, occupational, environmental or smoking-related damage to the lungs will also be evaluated.

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Physician Process
- Physician’s office calls Centralized Scheduling (334-528-1215) to schedule a patient for CT Low Dose Screening.
- The schedulers will instruct Physician’s office to fax over the CT Low Dose Order form.
- Physician’s office fax the CT Low Dose Order form to Fax Central (334-528-3262). If the physician’s office needs a copy of the order form the scheduler will fax the physician’s office a blank copy.
- Centralized Scheduling will call patient and make an appointment.

Patient Process
- Once patient is scheduled, scheduling will arrange for patient pre registration.
- Once registered, patient will be directed to Auburn Diagnostic Imaging for appointment.
- Patient is greeted by Auburn Diagnostic Imaging receptionist.
- Auburn Diagnostic Imaging registration representative will work to get consents signed and exam ordered.
- Once registration is complete, CT technologist will perform exam.
- Radiologist will interpret and report will be sent to the referring physician.

Centralized Scheduling Process
- Schedulers will save the order form in Fax Central under “CT Lung Screening” folder.
- The scheduler will then email the order form to the scheduling precert team.
- The scheduling precert team will verify precert is obtained; if necessary.
- Appointments are scheduled between 1pm to 3:40pm.
- 15 min appointment durations.
- Schedule as CT Chest without contrast (screening).
- CPT code G0297.

Beneficiary eligibility criteria:

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<th>In order for Medicare patients to be eligible for Low Dose CT lung scan, certain conditions must be met and verified.</th>
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<td>Age 55-77</td>
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<td>Asymptomatic (no signs or symptoms of lung cancer)</td>
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<td>Tobacco smoking history of at least 30 “pack years” (one “pack year” = smoking one pack per day for one year; 1 pack = 20 cigarettes)</td>
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