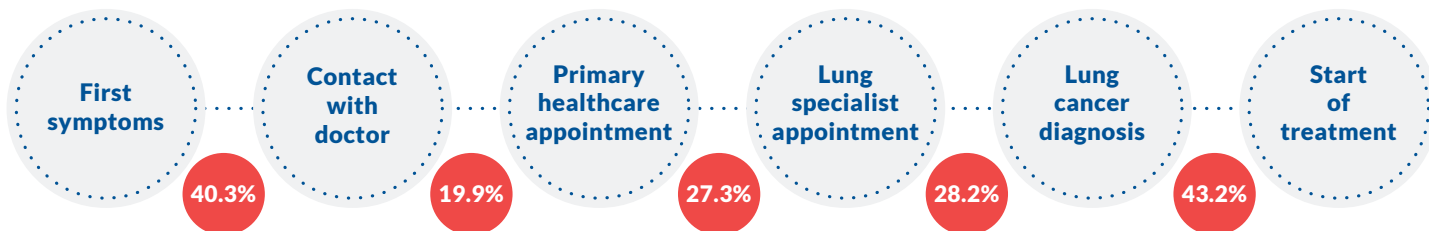


Challenges in the care pathway and preferences of people with lung cancer in Europe

## Diagnostic pathway

**Time intervals in the diagnostic pathway.**  
In red: % of people who waited for more than 1 month



### What is needed to obtain an earlier diagnosis?



**64.0%**  
Screening programmes



**39.3%**  
Education for primary care doctors about lung cancer



**37.3%**  
Shortening waiting times

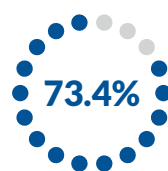


**35.1%**  
Education for the public about lung cancer

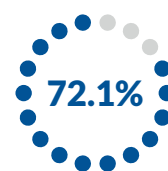
### Priorities to improve the diagnostic pathway



Fast tracking services that reduce waiting times



Provide a contact from the healthcare team



Provide a roadmap and clear information

### How to improve communication with doctors?

- 51.0%** - Clear plan for next steps
- 46.7%** - Empathy and sensitivity
- 40.4%** - Clarity of the message

### Priorities in the period from diagnosis to treatment

- 80.1%** - Education about side effects and how to reduce the risk of complications
- 73.4%** - Access to the medical treatment plan

### CALL TO ACTION



- **Implement rapid referral pathways to reduce the time between diagnosis and treatment for people with suspected lung cancer**
- **Develop targeted screening programs to aid in the earlier diagnosis of lung cancer**
- **Provide more information to people impacted by lung cancer to enable shared decision making and improve their quality of life**

### Methodology

Answers based on a 47 question survey (05/03/2021 - 07/10/2021; n=991).  
This survey was open to people diagnosed with lung cancer in the WHO European Region.  
The full report can be accessed here: [www.lungcancereurope.eu](http://www.lungcancereurope.eu)

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