

FACTS TO SHARE

# FACTS ABOUT ALK-POSITIVE LUNG CANCER

These are concise, source-approved talking points to help in understanding why more research matters.

## **LUNG CANCER IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH WORLDWIDE.**

Lung cancer causes more deaths than breast, prostate, and colorectal cancers combined.

## **YET LUNG CANCER RESEARCH REMAINS THE LEAST FUNDED.**

Despite its enormous impact, lung cancer receives far less research funding than other major cancers.

## **ALK-POSITIVE LUNG CANCER OFTEN AFFECTS YOUNGER PEOPLE.**

The median age at diagnosis is 52, and about 50% of patients are diagnosed between ages 20 and 50.

## **ALK-POSITIVE LUNG CANCER OFTEN AFFECTS PEOPLE WITH NO TYPICAL RISK FACTORS.**

Patients are often younger, have little or no smoking history, and may not experience symptoms until the cancer is advanced.

## **ALK POSITIVE HAS INVESTED \$10.8 MILLION IN RESEARCH SINCE 2017.**

That investment includes 24 research grants supporting discoveries aimed at improving treatment and advancing progress toward a cure.

## **RESEARCH HAS CHANGED WHATS POSSIBLE, BUT WE AREN'T DONE.**

Multiple ALK-targeted therapies have helped people with advanced ALK-positive lung cancer live longer. Treatment resistance and side effects remain major challenges, making continued research essential.