



## Quitting smoking when you have cancer: Why it matters

If you have cancer, quitting smoking needs to be a part of your cancer treatment, just like having surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation therapy.

### Cancer and Smoking Smoking can effect your cancer and cancer treatment

- Weakens wound healing for those who have surgery
- Risk of complications goes up
- Risk of infection goes up
- Cancer will not respond well to some chemotherapy
- Increases the risk of the cancer spreading and of getting another form of cancer



### After you quit

#### The benefits of quitting smoking starts right away

- You are more likely to live longer after your treatment
- The cancer may respond better to your treatment
- Wound healing gets better
- Nicotine in your body gets cleared and is important because it can speed up the growth of cancer