

## **International Lung Screen Trial (ILST)**

Dear Valued participant,

You may have heard the exciting news announced 2 May 2023 by the Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care: lung cancer screening will be funded by the government as a national program.

This is a fantastic outcome that we have all been working hard to achieve for many, many years. The ILST team thanks you and all the ILST participants, wholeheartedly, for being part of the ILST research study. Without your exceptional help as participants, our research would never have happened, and without Australian research to support screening, the Government would never have funded a national screening program. Therefore, you have personally contributed to this vital new program which will save many lives from lung cancer. The National Lung Cancer Screening Program is the first new national cancer screening program in nearly 20 years and will commence screening by July 2025.

We will continue to research new and better ways to help save lives from lung cancer. We will be publishing more analysis of the ILST study this year.

We will also launch new research studies this year to assess such things as a mobile CT scanner, screening light and never smokers, Indigenous and rural communities, and ways to help people quit smoking. We will continue to provide our expertise to Government and Cancer Australia to ensure that the new National Lung Cancer Screening program delivers the best outcomes for all Australians.

Thank you so much for your support

Yours sincerely

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