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We are the first of its kind and the only one Lung Cancer Support Group in India and South East Asia. We are a Patient Support and Patient Advocacy Group. We aim to support patients holistically.

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WHO ARE WE



Lung Connect India Foundation: Empowering the Lung Cancer Community in India

Lung cancer continues to be a major cause of cancer-related deaths globally and in India. Beyond the clinical challenges, patients and caregivers often face emotional, psychological, social, and financial hurdles that significantly affect their quality of life. Recognizing these multifaceted needs, the Lung Connect India Foundation (LCIF) was founded as India's first dedicated lung cancer patient support and advocacy group.

LCIF's mission is rooted in empathy, empowerment, and awareness. The organization offers holistic support that extends beyond treatment, ensuring that no one affected by lung cancer faces their journey alone.



WHO ARE WE



Its services include guidance on treatment options, side effect management, and rehabilitation, addressing the physical and functional challenges of the disease. Equally important is LCIF's focus on mental well-being. Through counseling, motivational resources, and peer support, it helps individuals manage the emotional impact of a lung cancer diagnosis. The foundation also offers vital information on government schemes and financial assistance, helping patients navigate the economic burden of care.

Through its comprehensive, patient-centric approach, LCIF is reshaping lung cancer care in India—promoting dignity, support, and hope for all those affected.



MESSAGE



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER, DIRECTOR & CEO MR SANJEEV SHARMA – LUNG CONNECT INDIA FOUNDATION

At Lung Connect India Foundation, our journey is driven by the voices and experiences of those most affected—patients, survivors, and caregivers. As Director, I am humbled to lead an organization that stands beside individuals at every stage of their lung cancer journey, offering not just information and support, but hope and community.

Lung cancer is often misunderstood and stigmatized. Our mission is to change that by creating awareness, advocating for patient rights, and providing access to emotional, medical, and financial support. From connecting patients with expert care and financial aid to offering therapy, yoga, and peer support through our Buddy Program, we strive to ensure no one faces this battle alone.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, volunteers, healthcare professionals, and our brave patients and caregivers. Together, we are transforming the lung cancer landscape in India—with empathy, dignity, and strength.



MISSION & VISION



Our **mission** is to create a unified platform that connects lung cancer patients and caregivers, offering them access to support, information, and shared experiences throughout their journey. We are committed to addressing the emotional, medical, and practical challenges faced by those affected, fostering a compassionate and informed community.

Our **vision** is a future where lung cancer is understood without stigma, diagnosed early, and treated with dignity and care. Through continuous awareness, patient advocacy, and collaborative efforts, we aim to transform the landscape of lung cancer care and support across India.



THEORY OF CHANGE

Lung Connect India Foundation is dedicated to expanding its reach and deepening its impact in the fight against lung cancer. As we move forward, we aim to strengthen our digital presence, making vital information and support easily accessible to patients and caregivers across India and beyond. By leveraging technology and social media, we foster awareness, encourage early detection, and promote preventive care—key pillars in reducing the burden of lung cancer. We are equally committed to enhancing community engagement through educational programs, grassroots outreach, and interactive events that build a strong, informed support network. At the heart of our mission is the belief in equality of treatment—regardless of geography, background, or income—and the empowerment of every patient to take charge of their journey with confidence and dignity. Through focused advocacy, we strive to influence healthcare policies and improve access to timely, affordable care, ensuring no voice goes unheard in the fight against lung cancer.



WHAT WE DO

1. Patient Navigation

- **Virtual Support Group Meeting**

Lung Connect India Foundation's Virtual Patient Support Group Meetings offer holistic care for lung cancer patients and caregivers. These sessions provide expert medical advice, nutrition guidance, psychological support, yoga, music therapy, survivor stories, and caregiver-focused resources—empowering participants emotionally, physically, and mentally on their cancer journey across India.

- **Buddy Program**

Lung Connect India Foundation's Buddy Program pairs lung cancer patients and caregivers with trained volunteers who've lived similar experiences. Buddies offer emotional support, help navigate treatment, assist with paperwork, and provide guidance on coping and resources—fostering clarity, confidence, and connection throughout the cancer journey, without offering medical or financial advice.



WHAT WE DO

- **Navigation at various hospitals**

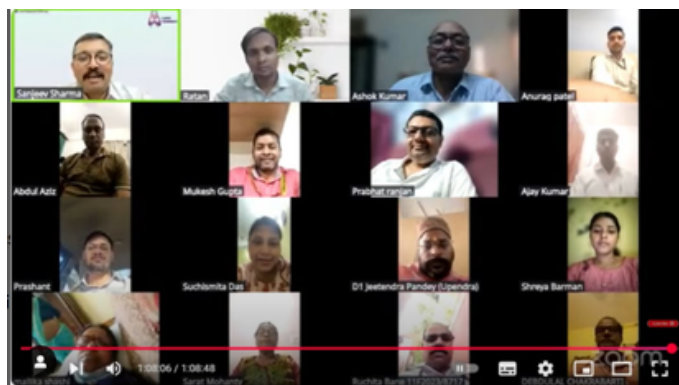
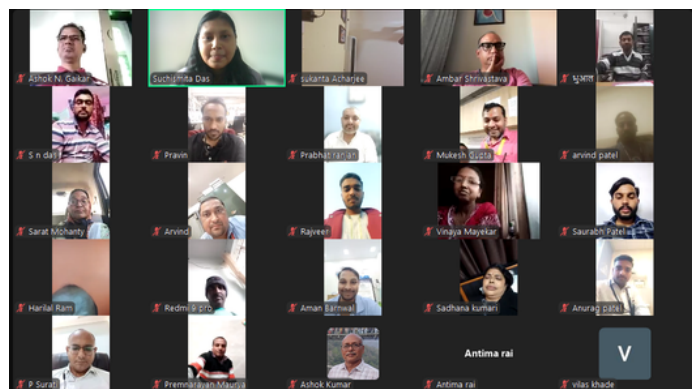
Lung Connect India Foundation has deployed trained patient navigators across various hospitals to provide on-ground support to lung cancer patients and their families. These navigators play a crucial role in guiding individuals to join the LCIF community and access essential resources. One of their key responsibilities is assisting patients in securing financial aid, a vital aspect of lung cancer treatment. Through personalized support, they help bridge the gap between patients and available schemes, support programs, and organizations.

2. Advocacy and Awareness

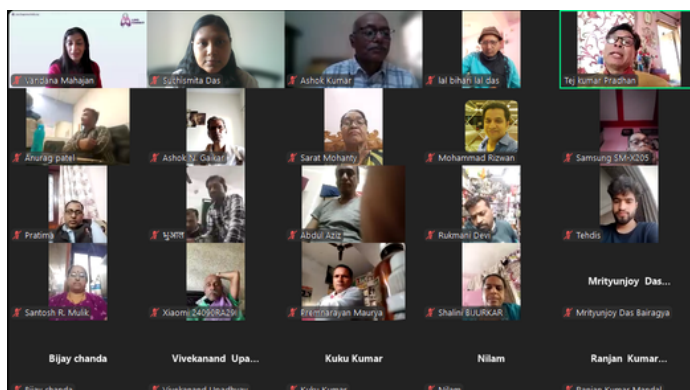
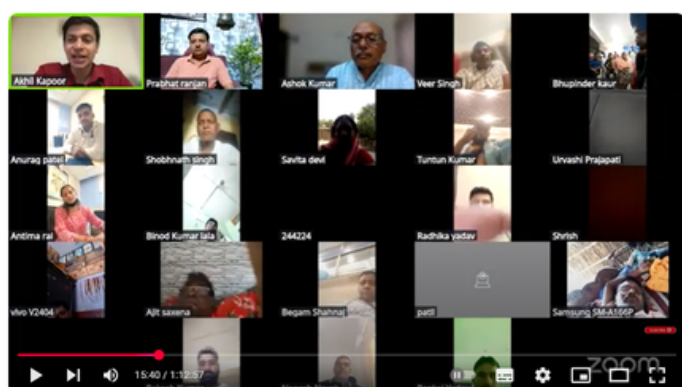
Lung cancer continues to carry a significant social stigma, often inaccurately perceived as a disease affecting only smokers. At Lung Connect India Foundation (LCIF), we actively work to challenge this misconception by fostering a more compassionate and informed public understanding. Our efforts emphasize the fact that lung cancer can also arise from non-smoking-related causes, such as environmental pollutants, occupational exposure, and genetic predispositions.



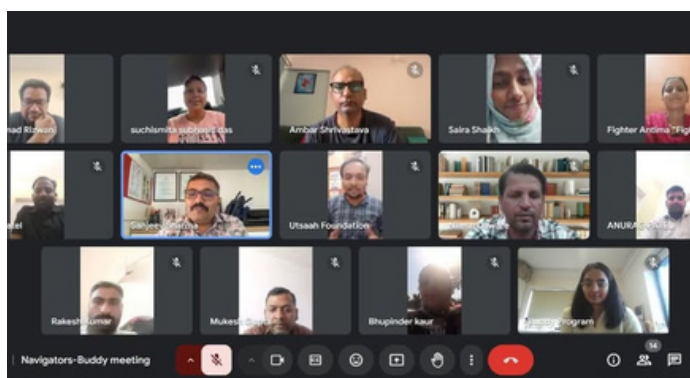
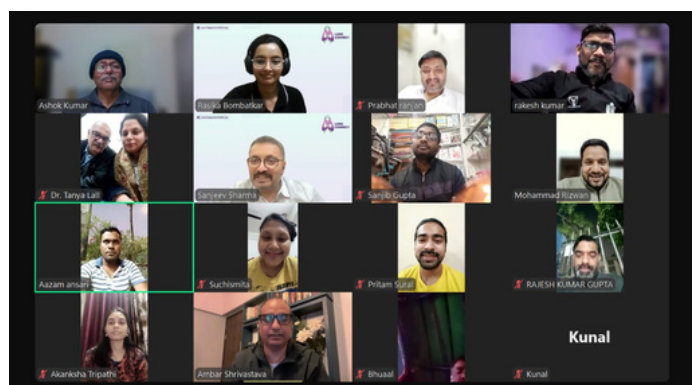
WHAT WE DO



Glimpses from our Support Group Meetings



Buddy Mentors & Navigators Training



WHAT WE DO

By highlighting these lesser-known risk factors, we aim to promote broader awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage timely diagnosis and intervention for all individuals, regardless of their smoking history. In addition to awareness, LCIF focuses on improving end-of-life care for patients in underserved regions. We connect terminally ill individuals in rural and remote areas to nearby palliative care centers, ensuring they receive appropriate support to live their final days with comfort, dignity, and without pain.

3. Research and Clinical Trials

- **Research and Analysis**

We are committed to advancing research through the collection and analysis of comprehensive data on lung diseases. By gathering high-quality information from diverse populations, we aim to uncover risk factors, identify patterns, and support the development of targeted treatments—ultimately driving informed decisions and meaningful progress in respiratory health.



WHAT WE DO

- **Patient Centric Studies**

We prioritize research that focuses on patient needs and outcomes. By placing patients at the heart of our studies and involving them in the research process, we ensure our work addresses real concerns, enhances quality of life, and delivers meaningful impact. This collaborative, patient-centric approach empowers patients and drives progress in lung disease treatment.

- **Clinical Trials**

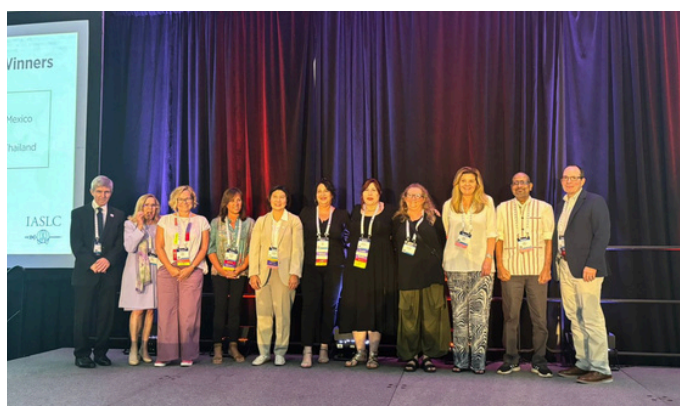
Clinical trials play a vital role in improving patient care, advancing treatment options, and strengthening evidence-based medicine. However, accessing trial information can be difficult. To bridge this gap, the Clinical Trials Registry-India (CTRI), managed by ICMR's National Institute of Medical Statistics, offers a free, publicly accessible online database of registered clinical trials in India. This resource enables patients to explore trial opportunities and make informed decisions about their treatment options.



WHAT WE DO



Patient Advocacy



REACH

- Reached more than **7000** active patients and their caregivers are on Lung Connect WhatsApp group
- Crossed more than **10,000** subscribers on YouTube
- **66 Lakhs** approx lifetime reach including all social media handles
- More than **140** Patient Support Group Meetings conducted
- More than **41000** Patients/ Caregivers have benefited from our sessions through Virtual Meetings
- Navigation offered to **32, 000** patients/ caregivers in Mumbai, Varanasi and Chandigarh
- Through ASPIRE for Lung Cancer, we work to bridge gaps in care across the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, promoting innovative, patient-centered solutions.
- Organized **8 NGO Meet** at Year End Reviews Conferences for Lung Cancer



8TH NGO MEET



COLLABORATIONS

Global Partnerships for Lung Health

Lung Connect India Foundation is proud to collaborate with **world-renowned international organizations** to transform the landscape of lung health through shared knowledge, innovation, and a unified global vision. These partnerships strengthen our mission to improve access, awareness, and advocacy for lung cancer patients across India and beyond.



AS A MEMBER OF THE **GLOBAL LUNG
CANCER COALITION (GLCC)**, WE
CONTRIBUTE TO A POWERFUL GLOBAL
VOICE ADVOCATING FOR LUNG CANCER
AWARENESS AND ENHANCED PATIENT
SUPPORT SYSTEMS.



COLLABORATIONS



OUR COLLABORATION WITH **LUNGEVITY** BRINGS CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH, EDUCATIONAL TOOLS, AND SUPPORT RESOURCES CLOSER TO THE INDIAN LUNG CANCER COMMUNITY, EMPOWERING BOTH PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS.



ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH THE **UNION FOR INTERNATIONAL CANCER CONTROL (UICC)**, WE JOIN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST CANCER, ALIGNING OUR EFFORTS WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND CAMPAIGNS TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE CANCER CARE IS EQUITABLE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL.



OUR **FORMER DIRECTOR, MR. RAVI PRAKASH**, RECEIVED THE PRESTIGIOUS **IASLC PATIENT ADVOCATE AWARD** IN THE USA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO LUNG CANCER ADVOCACY. HIS WORK CONTINUES TO INSPIRE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN INDIA AND WORLDWIDE. WE ALSO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF **DR. AKHIL KAPOOR**, A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF OUR **MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD**, WHO WAS HONORED WITH THE **YOUNG INVESTIGATOR GRANT** IN THE USA, RECOGNIZING HIS GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH IN LUNG CANCER.



IMPACT

- **143** Support Group Meetings conducted and over **41,000** Patients/ Caregivers reached
- **800** Patients/ Caregivers came forward to sign a petition to include TKIs and Diagnostic tests in insurance plans
- Over **32,000** lung cancer patients have received our support across hospitals, guided through their treatment journey with compassion, clarity, and dedicated, patient-centered care
- The voices of patients and caregivers—and the vital importance of support groups in India—reached *The Lancet*, amplifying national impact through our research paper
- Through **ASPIRE** for Lung Cancer, we are actively bridging critical gaps in care across the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region by promoting innovative, patient-centered solutions. As part of this mission, we have published a comprehensive **white paper**, highlighting actionable strategies to improve access, equity, and outcomes for lung cancer patients throughout the APAC region.
- Lung Cancer has been declared as a **notifiable disease** in Jharkhand
- Patients/ Caregivers voice has reached **Rajya Sabha about Financial Toxicity** in Lung Cancer Care



A Patient Accord to Support the Establishment of Precision Medicine as the Standard of Care



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Enhancing Lung Cancer Care and Access in
the APAC Region

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This article is a part of Lung Connect India Foundation's initiative 'Lung Cancer Awareness - United In Our Goals', focusing on lung cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

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- Madat Trust
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- CPAA



CONFERENCES

At **Lung Connect India Foundation**, we continue to drive meaningful change in the lung cancer community by participating in a series of **national and international conferences** in 2024- 2025. These events serve as platforms to advocate for improved patient care, foster global collaboration, and advance the fight against lung cancer.



WHO's 'Co-Creating Priorities for Cancer 2030' conference-

One of our key international engagements was at the **WHO's 'Co-Creating Priorities for Cancer 2030' conference** held in **Geneva, Switzerland**. This event focused on shaping the future of cancer care globally, and we were honored to contribute to the discussions that will guide policy and advocacy efforts for the next decade.



CONFERENCES

IASLC Awards- Our **former Director, Mr. Ravi Prakash**, received the prestigious **IASLC Patient Advocate Award** in the USA for his outstanding contributions to lung cancer advocacy. His work continues to inspire the entire community in India and worldwide.



We also celebrate the achievement of **Dr. Akhil Kapoor**, a distinguished member of our **Medical Advisory Board**, who was honored with the **Young Investigator Grant** in the USA, recognizing his groundbreaking research in lung cancer.



Chhattisgarh Cancer Conclave- In India, Lung Connect participated at the **Chhattisgarh Cancer Conclave**, where she took part in the **NGO brainstorming and patient advocacy panel discussion**, alongside the **5th edition of the ecancermedicalscience conference** in Raipur.



CONFERENCES

US- India Moonshot

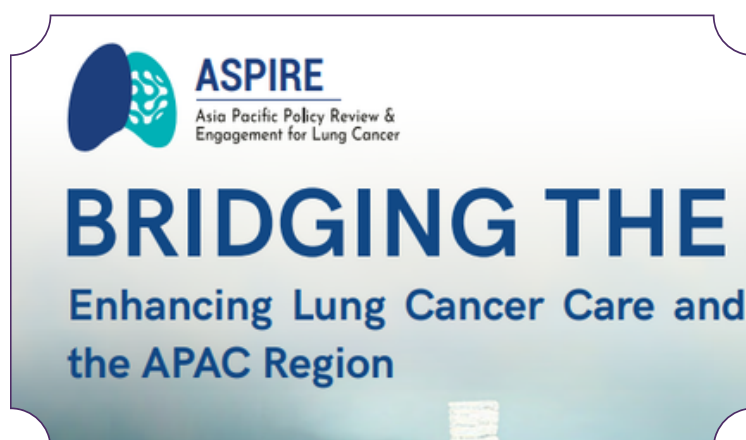
Conference- We also participated in the **US- India Moonshot Conference** in Delhi. Her insights contributed to the development of new strategies for patient care and advocacy.



King's College, London- Lung Connect India Foundation took a significant step towards global cancer awareness by delivering a session on **cancer advocacy and awareness** at **King's College, London**, where he shared Lung Connect's work in transforming lung cancer care in India.



Lung Connect also strengthened its global presence through partnerships. We are proud to be associated with **ASPIRE**, a Singapore-based consortium focused on improving lung cancer outcomes across the **APAC region**. Together, we published a **white paper** with key recommendations on advancing lung cancer care.



CONFERENCES

Breathe Free, Live Free Conference- Back home in India, Lung Connect hosted its **third edition of the "Breathe Free: Live Free" conference** at **MPMMCC, Varanasi**. This conference brought together experts, patients, and caregivers to share knowledge, experiences, and resources aimed at enhancing lung cancer care.



Adolescent & Young Adults Cancer Global Accord conference - Our team also represented the foundation at various other prominent events: **LCIF** attended the **Adolescent & Young Adults Cancer Global Accord conference** in Australia, focusing on the unique challenges faced by young cancer patients.



Hopeful Voices 2024 - Meanwhile, **LCIF** attended the **Hopeful Voices 2024** event in Singapore, a powerful gathering aimed at empowering lung cancer patients and creating awareness globally.



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Lung Health and Oncology National Conference 2024- To further our mission of raising awareness, **LCIF** attended the **Lung Health and Oncology National Conference 2024** in Delhi, where she shared valuable insights on lung cancer advocacy.

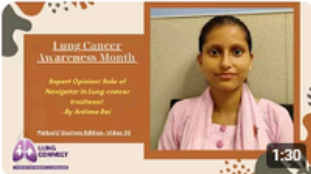


Illuminate Oncology Town Hall – Finally, in **2025**, **Mr. Sanjeev Sharma** participated in the **Illuminate Oncology Town Hall** organized by **Sir H.N. Reliance Foundation Hospital & Research Centre**.

Workshop on Precision Oncology for Lung Cancer & Lymphoma- We also engaged in the **Workshop on Precision Oncology for Lung Cancer & Lymphoma** held at **TMH, Varanasi** on **February 1st, 2025**. These discussions focused on the latest advancements in precision medicine and its application in lung cancer care.



LCAM 2024

 Role of Palliative Care in Lung Cancer Dr Avinash Tiwari LCAM ... 110 views • 2 weeks ago	 Role of surgery in Lung Cancer Dr Priya Eshpuniyani LCAM Lung... 90 views • 2 weeks ago	 Role of Navigator in Lung cancer treatment Antima Rai Lung... 105 views • 2 weeks ago	 Importance of biomarkers in Lung Cancer Treatment Dr Navneet... 156 views • 2 weeks ago
 A comprehensive video about chemotherapy in the...	 Importance of clinical trials in cancer research by Dr Akhil Kapoo...	 Challenges & Experience of a Stage 4 lung cancer warrior Prem Chand...	 Symptoms experienced by patient before lung cancer diagnosis Tej...

30 Days, 30 Educational Videos is our awareness initiative aimed at educating the public about lung cancer. Each day for 30 days, we share a short, informative video featuring experts, survivors, and caregivers, covering key topics like diagnosis, treatment, nutrition, mental health, and support—empowering viewers with knowledge and hope. Lung Connect India Foundation recently published a **Myth vs Fact video** featuring individuals who have personally battled lung cancer. This initiative aimed to debunk common misconceptions surrounding the disease, particularly the stigma that lung cancer only affects smokers. The video shared real-life experiences, providing valuable insights from patients and survivors, helping to challenge misunderstandings and raise awareness about the diverse causes of lung cancer. By sharing these personal stories, we hope to educate the public, reduce stigma, and encourage early detection, while empowering patients and caregivers with accurate, supportive information for their journey.

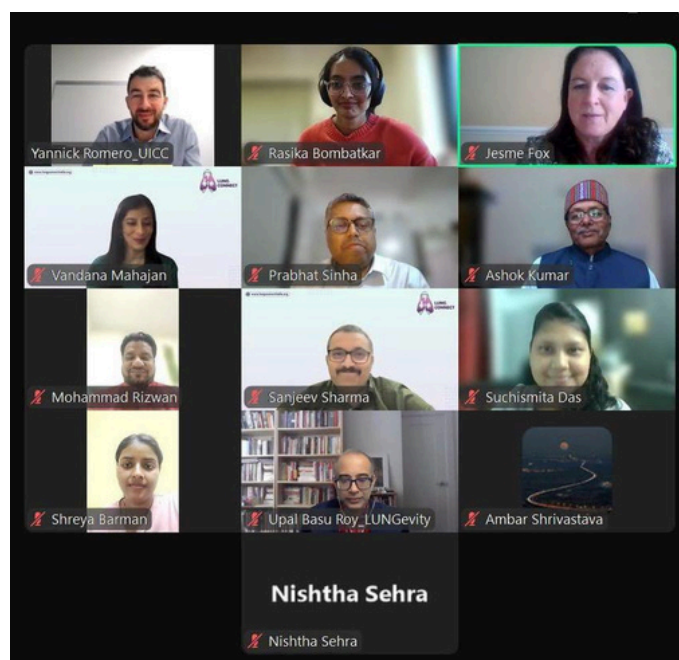


LCAM 2024



The A-Z Glossary of Lung Cancer is an educational initiative by Lung Connect India Foundation that simplifies lung cancer terms for patients, caregivers, and the public. Covering terms from Adenocarcinoma to Zest for life, it promotes understanding, informed decisions, and reduces anxiety. Regularly updated by medical experts, it's available online.

A webinar organised by us in LCAM 2024 including international organisations—**Stronger Together: Global Advocacy for Lung Cancer** is an initiative that unites organizations, patients, and advocates worldwide to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote equitable access to lung cancer care. Through collaboration, shared stories, and joint campaigns, we amplify global voices to drive meaningful change in lung cancer policy and support.



WC DAY 2025



On **World Cancer Day**, Lung Connect India Foundation was featured on NDTV, highlighting its efforts to raise awareness about lung cancer. The segment focused on breaking stigma, promoting early detection, and sharing patient voices, reinforcing our mission to educate, empower, and support the lung cancer community across India.



CLINICAL TRIALS



We understand how important clinical trials are for people with lung cancer. That's why we have created a Clinical Sheet in simple language to help patients and caregivers better understand what clinical trials are, how they work, and what to expect. This sheet explains the purpose of trials, possible benefits, and any risks involved. Our goal is to support patients and families in making informed decisions. We believe that clear information can make a big difference during a difficult time, and we are here to help every step of the way.



SUCCESS STORIES



In January 2019, Debdulal Chakraborty from Bankura, West Bengal, was diagnosed with lung cancer—a diagnosis that turned his world upside down. Initially experiencing symptoms like cough, breathlessness, fever, and pain in his right leg, Debdulal was first suspected to have tuberculosis. After all TB tests returned negative, a CT scan at the district hospital revealed a tumor in his right lung. Further testing confirmed it was malignant.

As the sole breadwinner for his wife and young children, Debdulal was overwhelmed by fear and uncertainty. With the support of his family, he traveled to Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, where he was diagnosed with ALK+ lung cancer. Doctors prescribed Crizotinib 250 mg, a life-saving drug priced at around ₹1 lakh per 60-capsule pack—an immense financial burden for a middle-class family. The COVID-19 lockdown in 2020 further complicated access to treatment, but Lung Connect India Foundation stepped in to ensure he received his medication on time. More than just logistical help, Lung Connect became a source of emotional and mental support through its patient support group meetings. “Lung Connect has been a lifeline,” says Debdulal. Now a regular participant in these meetings, he wants to advocate for affordable cancer care and raise awareness about the challenges lung cancer patients face.

“If my story can inspire even one patient or bring attention to the high cost of treatment, it’s worth sharing,” he says, appealing for policy change and community support to ease the burden on patients like him.



SUCCESS STORIES



My name is Paresh Shah, and I'm from Vadodara, Gujarat. In 2018, I received a life-altering diagnosis—lung cancer. That moment was one of the most devastating of my life. Fear overwhelmed me, but as I reflected, I realized that life is uncertain for everyone. Cancer, though difficult, became a challenge I chose to face with courage.

Over time, I understood that cancer is not a death sentence—it's a different way of living. I resolved not to let the disease define me but to live with purpose and joy. My greatest strength through this journey has been my wife. Her unwavering support, especially during chemotherapy and radiation, kept me going. She made sure I ate well, even when my body resisted, reminding me that nutrition is key to healing.

I've been receiving treatment at Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, including chemotherapy, radiation, and targeted therapy. The journey has been tough, but the care and professionalism at TMH have given me hope. Still, mental resilience is just as important. Staying engaged—whether reading, spending time with family, or joining support groups—helped me cope.

Lung Connect India Foundation became a vital part of my journey. It connected me with others who truly understand what I'm going through. The sense of community and shared strength is invaluable.

This journey has taught me to cherish life, stay positive, and never give up. To anyone facing cancer: you are stronger than you think. Keep fighting, and live each day with gratitude and courage.



TESTIMONIALS



"I'm deeply grateful to the Lung Connect India Foundation. Living with lung cancer is challenging, but they've given me hope, strength, and even financial support when I needed it most. Their care has helped me continue my fight with courage." – **Shalini Tai Bijurkar, Maharashtra**

"Lung Connect India Foundation has taught me to live freely, even with cancer. Worry doesn't solve problems, but a positive attitude helps me face them. I'm proud to be part of this organisation and always want to stay involved." – **Ashok Kumar, Bihar**

"I'm grateful to Lung Connect India Foundation for giving me a platform to share my lung cancer diagnosis and how late detection changed my life. I'm committed to spreading awareness about early detection and the importance of timely screening." – **Akansha Tripathi, UP**

"After losing my father to lung cancer, I chose to be a part of Lung Connect India Foundation. Despite the pain, I believe raising awareness and advocating for early detection is crucial to help others across India." – **Prabhat Ranjan, Bihar**



TESTIMONIALS



“As a working individual, I’ve learned to balance caregiving and my career. I’m thankful to Lung Connect India Foundation for giving me a platform to share my journey and hopefully inspire others facing similar challenges with strength and hope.” – **Dr Tanya Lall, Uttarakhand**

“Living with Stage 4 lung cancer, I’m always eager to support others like me through videos and sharing my story. Lung Connect India Foundation has empowered me to reach more people and spread my message of hope and positive energy.” – **Prem Chand Gupta, UP**

“Lung Connect India Foundation has become a part of my life. I’ve always wanted to help others with my knowledge, and their support group meetings, even from home, answer my questions. I’m truly grateful for this constant guidance and connection.” – **Abdul Aziz, Bangladesh**

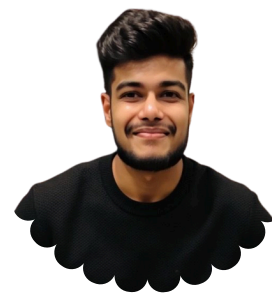


ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW



Volunteers

1. Mr Ashok Kumar (Living with Lung Cancer)
2. Mr Paresh Shah (Living with Lung Cancer)
3. Mr Prabhat Ranjan (Caregiver)



Executive Team/Leadership

1. Mr Sanjeev Sharma (Director & CEO, Lung Connect India Foundation)
2. Ms Rasika Bombatkar (Director, Lung Connect India Foundation)
3. Mr Prateek Prakash (Director, Lung Connect India Foundation)



ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW



Dr Kumar Prabhash
Medical Oncologist, Mumbai



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Medical Oncologist, Delhi



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Pathologist, Mumbai



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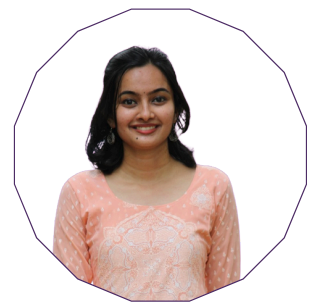
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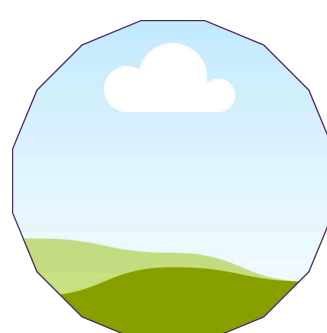
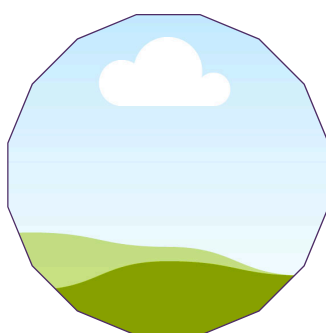
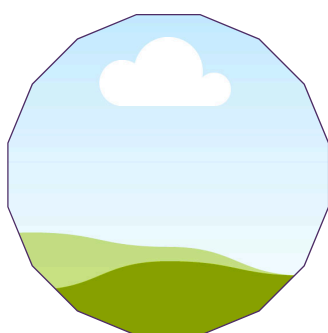
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