

# “Everyone’s tumor needs to be tested!”

5-YEAR LUNG CANCER SURVIVOR



Like snowflakes, a lung cancer diagnosis is unique in each person. With advances in medicine, we can now test for distinct lung cancer tumor properties. Depending on the results, there may be an option for receiving specific targeted treatment. It is important to have your tumor tested to best inform your treatment decisions.

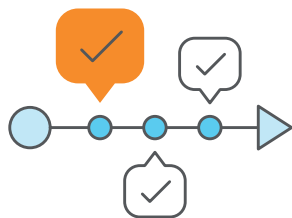


## What is personalized medicine?

Personalized medicine helps doctors learn about the characteristics of a person’s tumor and how their tumor changes over the course of treatment. By performing tests on the cancer cells, doctors may be able to customize treatment to each patient’s needs to fight the cancer more effectively.

## What else should I know?

- Get your tumor tested!
  - The test may involve certain procedures performed by another doctor through blood or tissue and results will be interpreted by a pathologist
  - Once tested, seek an appointment to see if a treatment exists specific to your tumor, or discuss if a clinical trial is available
- Some of the genetic markers for which there are targeted therapies include: EGFR, ALK, ROS1, and BRAF. However, additional genetic markers are continually being discovered
- It’s important to understand that even if you don’t have a genetic marker, there are advances in chemotherapy and radiation therapy



## What should I do next?

Precision medicine is an evolving approach to cancer treatment that is changing rapidly. Ask your doctor if personalized lung cancer therapies may be part of your treatment plan.

To learn more about how precision medicine has helped other patients with lung cancer, visit [LCAM.org](http://LCAM.org).

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