















Risk of lung cancer, men vs. women		
Pack-years	MALES	FEMALES
0	1.0	1.0
1-19	2.4 (1.4-4.1)	6.8 (4.1-11.4)
20-39	5.6 (3.6-8.7)	11.2 (7.5-16.8)
40-49	11.6 (7.7-17.6)	21.4 (14.3-32.3)
>50	13.8 (9.2-20.9)	32.7 (19.0-56.2)
Relative risk for any "dose" of to	developing lung ca bacco	ncer is 1.25 for women for Zang, JNCI 88:183, 1996







Lung tumors - Benign

- The majority of pulmonary neoplasms are malignant
- Benign tumors/lesions
 - Hamartoma (most common)
 - Mesenchymal- leiomyoma, lipoma, chondroma (all unusual)
 - Alveolar adenoma (rare)







Small cell carcinoma

- High grade tumor
- Small cells with high nuclear to cytoplasmic ratio
- Nuclear molding with stippled, salt and pepper chromatin
- Frequent mitosis and apoptosis
- "Crush" artifact very fragile cells
- Neuroendocrine differentiation can be demonstrated by electron microscopy and immunohistochemistry (few neurosecretory granules due to poor differentation)









- Focal, 5.0 mm or less, with defined borders
- Alveoli lined by cuboidal to low columnar cells with variable atypia
- Alveolar walls may be slightly thickened
- Non-mucinous
- Clinical significance unclear (?time to progression to carcinoma)













• Often multifocal







Is there a meaning to the histologic diversity of adenocarcinoma?

- adenocarcinoma?
 Studies examining response to gefitinib (EGFR targeting tyrosine kinase inhibitor) found activating EGFR mutations in patients with favorable response.
- Gene profiling studies found distinct subclasses of adenocarcinoma.



















Large cell carcinoma

- This subtype shows no differentiation towards either squamous or adenocarcinoma
- Aggressive tumors with poor prognosis
- If subjected to ultrastructural examination, many of these tumors show either glandular or squamous differentiation.
- Nevertheless, these tumors are separated out because of their high grade and poor prognosis





















Therapy- Non-small Cell Lung Cancer

- Stage I, II
 - Lobectomy + adjuvant chemotherapy
- Stage Illa
 - Neoadjuvant chemotherapy, radiation, surgery
- Stage IIIb
 - Chemotherapy +\- radiation
- Stage IV
 - Chemotherapy



- Limited

- Chemotherapy + Radiation
- Extensive
 - Chemotherapy





