What’s your cough telling you?

With more than 11,000 people diagnosed with lung cancer in Australia each year, it’s important to know what your cough is telling you.

Do you have:

- a new cough that has persisted for 3 weeks or more
- a changed cough
- coughing up blood
- a chest infection that won’t go away?

These symptoms may be due to other conditions, however it’s important to see your GP or healthcare worker to be sure.
I'm young, I won't get lung cancer

Although lung cancer occurs mostly in people over 60, it can affect people of any age.

I never smoked, I won't get lung cancer

Anyone can develop lung cancer, even if you have never smoked.

If I have lung cancer nothing can be done about it anyway

New treatments are likely to continue to improve outcomes for people affected by lung cancer.

I've had this cough for weeks, it will clear up eventually

A new cough that persists for 3 weeks or more or a changed cough could be symptoms of lung cancer.

- If lung cancer is found at an earlier stage there is more chance of a better outcome.
- Talk to your GP or healthcare worker today if you have any symptoms that may be lung cancer.
- For more information about symptoms of lung cancer, visit:

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