# FRESH: Dual Home Screening for Lung Cancer Prevention

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Lois, a never smoker, died from radon-induced lung cancer, September 2013




### Age-adjusted Lung Cancer Incidence Rates 2006-2010 U.S. versus Kentucky<sup>\*</sup>

Race	US Male <sup>1</sup>	KY Male <sup>2</sup>	KY Appalachia n Male <sup>2</sup>	US Female <sup>1</sup>	KY Female <sup>2</sup>	KY Appalachia n Female <sup>2</sup>
All Races	74.3	125.9	143.9	51.9	80.3	84.9
White	74.5	125.6	144.4	54.6	80.7	85.4
Black	95.8	144.2	135.5	52.2	82.9	71.8

'All rates per 100,000 population

<sup>1</sup>Data Source: NCI/SEER http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/lungb.html#i <sup>2</sup>Data Source: Kentucky Cancer Registry http://www.cancer-rates.info/ky





### Our Vision: Clean Air Free of Secondhand Smoke and Radon







- Freedom from
- Radon Exposure and
- •Smoking in the
- Home

Can Dual Home Screening Reduce Exposure?

### Tobacco Smoke and Radon Cause Lung Cancer

- Smoking and secondhand smoke combined are the #1 cause of lung cancer.
- Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer.



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### Tobacco, Radon, & Lung Cancer

### Tobacco Smoke Radon

- 85% lung cancer cases caused by tobacco smoke.
- 3,000 lung cancer deaths per year among nonsmokers from secondhand smoke



- 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year from radon exposure (only 2,100-2,900 among never smokers)
- Of those exposed to at least 4 pic/L of radon, the risk of developing lung cancer is estimated at 6/100 for smokers and 771,000 for nonsmokers.
   Most never smokers with lung
- cancer are women.

### **Radon and Lung Cancer**

- Soil gas infiltration primary source of indoor radon exposure.
- Most radon-induced lung cancers are associated with low to moderate radon concentrations.
- When radon gas is inhaled, alpha particles are emitted by the radon decay products (Po and Pb), leading to significant DNA damage.
- Radon decay products create Pb-210, a semistable isotope of lead (half-life 22 yrs)

### Synergistic Effects of Secondhand Smoke and Radon

- Secondhand smoke particles linger in the air and are small enough to be inhaled directly into the lungs.
- Radon byproducts have a static charge and are attracted to secondhand smoke particles in the air.
- The combination of radon attached to secondhand smoke particles greatly increases the likelihood of lung cancer.



### **Purposes of the Study**

- Test the effects of FRESH on:
  - (a) home exposure to SHS and radon and the likelihood of taking action among homeowners.
     (b) Teachable Moment psychosocial factors
- Examine the differential effects of home smoking on taking action.
- Explore impact of FRESH on renters
- Identify factors associated with use of monetary incentive for radon mitigation (simulated tax credit)





Adapted from the Teachable Moment model (McBride et al., 2003)



## FRESH: Dual Home Screening for Lung Cancer Prevention

- Pilot Funding from Markey Cancer Center, UK College of Nursing, UK Got Grants Program
- Brief, home screening and environmental feedback intervention (FRESH)
- 50 parents recruited in pediatrician's office and received free home radon and air nicotine kits.
- 2-month follow up survey
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### **Primary Pilot Findings**

- Of the returned kits, 26% were > 4.0 pCi/L and 38% had nicotine >  $.1 \mu g/m^3$ .
- Of those with high radon, more than half had contacted a mitigation specialist or planned contact.
- Of those with positive air nicotine, 75% had adopted smoke-free homes.
- Significant increase in perceived risk for lung cancer and synergistic risk perception after FRESH(regardless of home smoking).



### **Follow up Focus Group**

- Reasons to test for radon and SHS: Potential impact on their children
- · Wanted very little information when their levels were low
- Thought telephonic intervention delivery not necessary
  - · Use phone for reminders to complete testing and/or surveys.





- RCT with stratified sampling to ensure equal proportion of those exposed to SHS in the home
- Recruit homeowners (n = 520) and renters (n =
- 46) at UK Family Medicine Clinic & Pharmacy
- Baseline electronic survey (\$10)
- Intervention
- Free home test kits for radon and SHS
- Environmental feedback intervention post-results (8-10 weeks post-enrollment)
- Follow up online surveys to assess behavior change (3-9-15 mos; \$20-\$30-\$40)
- I7-month home testing

# Treatment Group (n = 260) Control Group (n = 260) • Free radon and SHS test • Brochures and coupon for

- kits and brochures at enrollment
- \$20 if return both test kits.
- If results high, brief problem solving via telephone.
- Tailored environmental feedback intervention via U.S. mail.
- Voucher to cover 30% of the radon mitigation cost up to \$600 (simulated tax credit).
- Brochures and coupon fo free test kits
- If they request a test kit, they will simply receive the results by mail
- Referred to the health department for information on radon, mitigation, quitting smoking, and reducing SHS exposure.



### Renter Sub-study (n = 46)

- Expand intervention to query concerns about communicating with their landlord and persuading them to take action
  - Added information on smoke-free rental and public housing and radon mitigation in multi-unit housing to share with landlords
- Simulated tax credit voucher for radon mitigation to landlord.
- Post-study interview using qualitative methods to assess feasibility and acceptability, and to explore the impact and potential challenges of FRESH (\$20)



### **Environmental Feedback Intervention**

- Tailored based on one of four conditions
  - high radon/high SHS (radon =  $\geq 4 \text{ pCi/L}$ ; SHS =  $\geq 0.1 \text{ µg/m}^3$ )
  - high radon/low SHS
  - low radon/high SHS
  - low radon/low SHS
- Brief problem solving via phone Readiness stage assessment, stage-tailored queries to enhance self-efficacy, motivation, & behavior change
  - Follow-up queries using 5Rs Relevance, Risks, Rewards, Roadbocks, Repetition
  - Stage-tailored goals and actions to reduce risk
- Mailed packet with results and educational materials



### **Sample Characteristics** (n = |70; |/|3-9/|3)

- 66% Female
- 79% Caucasian; 12% African American; 4% Hispanic or Latino; 4% Asian
- Mean Age: 51 Years



# • Promote Smoke-free Promote Tobacco-free

### • All products, all the time, everywhere

At least 30 ft. away from entryways, doors, windows.

Promote Tobacco

Homes & Public

Treatment I-800-QUIT-NOW

Housing

Campuses

 Promote Lung Cancer Awareness Month

• Support Local and State Smoke-free Policies

What Can You Do?

- Promote Home **Radon Testing**
- Support Radon Policy Change













### **Clean Indoor Air Partnership**

• Our Mission

To reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke and radon through research, community engagement, and policy surveillance and development in treatment and prevention.



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