



## **Participants Needed for National Lung Cancer Early Detection Study**

Are you 50 years of age or older? Are you a current or former smoker? Have you smoked for 30 years or more? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be interested in taking part in a national lung cancer early detection study at The Ottawa Hospital, General Campus.

Part of the goal is to see if simple and low-cost techniques could be used to detect the risk of lung cancer early-on, and to see which patients need to have more sensitive and expensive tests done. To do so, participants will be asked to fill-out questionnaires and undergo blood and breathing tests, as well as a CT scan and a bronchoscopy.

This straightforward study could save many lives. Early detection works better than any cutting-edge treatment to reduce the risk of lung cancer related death. Currently, lung cancer kills 20,000 people in Canada\* and 1.2 million worldwide per year. That is more than colorectal, breast and prostate cancers combined.

The study was launched in September 2008 by the Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI) and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. With sites in five other Canadian cities, it is already showing results. In June, the TFRI announced that nine cancers were found in patients showing no signs of lung cancer and that most were in the early stages.

Six hundred people are currently enrolled in the study across Canada. The aim is to enroll 2,500 current and former smokers nationally over 24 months.

To find out if you are eligible to take part, please call:

(613) 737-7700 ext 75212 or 1-888-505-TFRI (8374)

\* Canadian Cancer Statistics 2008, Canadian Cancer Society