

10. How does a doctor usually detect lung cancer?

Seeing a spot on a chest x-ray is usually how a doctor first suspects that lung cancer may be present. Doctors may also use imaging methods such as a CT scan or a PET scan to look for signs of cancer. A computerized tomography scan, or CT scan, is a series of detailed pictures of areas inside the body. Positron emission tomography, or PET scan, is a computerized image of the metabolic activity of body tissues.