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FAST-LUNG At-a-Glance

Facilitating Access to Surgical Treatment for Lung Cancer

This presentation provides a high-level overview of the project and can be used by interested programs when discussing potential participation with their Cancer Committee.

What is FAST-LUNG?

FAST-LUNG is a national Quality Improvement project sponsored by ACS Cancer Programs that evaluates the feasibility of measuring the interval from the diagnostic chest CT scan to pulmonary resection dates for patients with early-stage non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

Duration

~ 1 year of active data collection

Population

Early-stage NSCLC

Measure

Diagnostic chest CT scan date → Surgery date

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Project Goals

Measure

Accurately identify and document diagnostic chest CT dates and time to pulmonary resection.

Improve

Increase the proportion of pulmonary resections completed within 12 weeks, with a target of ≥80% compliance.

Sustain

Identify, test, and implement successful strategies than can maintained over time.

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Who should participate?

Required attributes:

- CoC-accredited program
- Programs must be willing to review and submit pulmonary resection cases, and enter them into REDCap *(No patient-identifying information will be collected)*
- Dedicated QI team
- Pulmonary resections must be performed in-house *(for referred patients, the diagnostic chest CT scan may be completed at an outside facility)*

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What will you do?

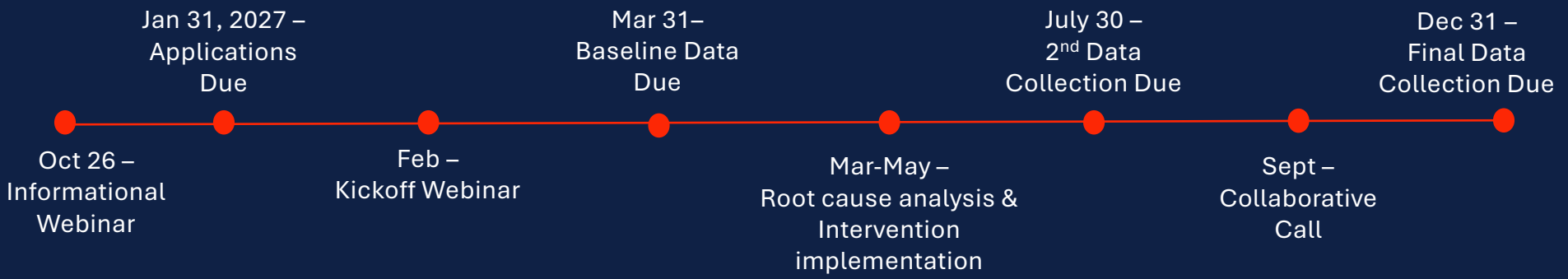
Meaningful participation includes:

- Entering eligible cases into REDCap.
- Attending the project's collaborative webinars held throughout the project timeline.
- Conducting a root cause analysis to determine causes for delays in completing a pulmonary resection within 12 weeks of a patient's diagnostic chest CT scan.
- Identifying and implementing interventions to address identified barriers and improve time to surgery.

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What will happen?

Important dates:



Baseline data will be cases from February 1-June 30, 2026.
Active data collection period: 1 year
2nd data collection phase will be cases from February 1-June 30, 2027.
Final data collection phase will be cases from July 1-November 30, 2027.

**Kickoff webinar & collaborative dates TBD; Additional collaborative call dates may be included as needed; All data will be submitted on REDCap*

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How do I sign up?

Complete the following:

Step 1: Sign up for the Informational Webinar to get further details and specifics:

- Registration link: https://facs-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/PjiAYLGqR7KB78Z9Rflz1Q
- **Step 2:** Complete the application form

Application link available Oct. 26.

Step 3: Obtain a Letter of Support from your organization's Cancer Committee

- See the FAST-LUNG webpage for a LOS template
- Email LOS to cancerqi@facs.org

or

- Submit LOS with application

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Additional Info & Resources

FAST-LUNG website: Facilitating Access to Surgical Treatment for Lung Cancer (FAST-LUNG) | ACS

Other QI projects & information: Cancer QI Programs | ACS

ACS Cancer Programs events & education: On Demand | ACS

CONTACT INFO

If you and your team have any questions regarding FAST-LUNG, please contact cancerqi@facs.org.

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