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Excellence in Compliance with Standard 5.8 lung nodes Implementing a QI Project to Improve Patient Care and Outcomes

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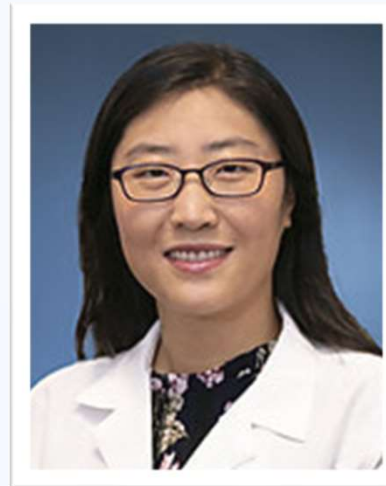
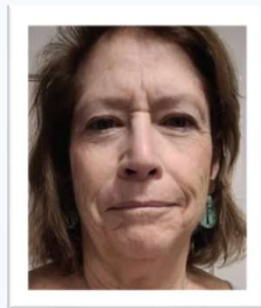
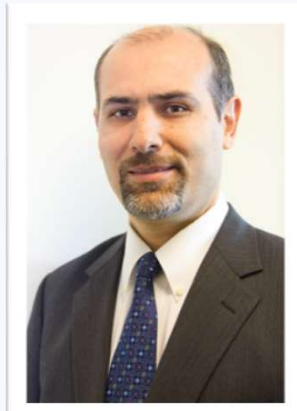
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Standard 5.8 lung nodes

Operation

For any primary pulmonary resection performed with curative intent
(including non-anatomic parenchymal-sparing resections)

Resect nodes from:

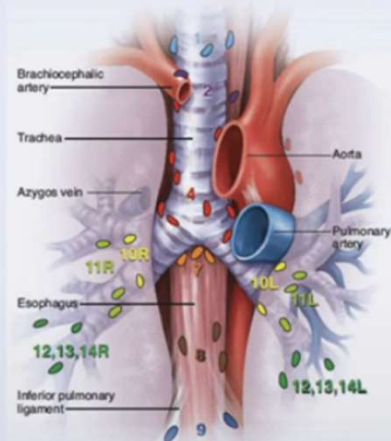


Mediastinum
(Stations 2-9)
≥3 distinct stations

Hilum
(Stations 10-14)
≥1 station

Pathology Documentation

Synoptic report documents lymph nodes from:



≥ 3 mediastinal stations
≥ 1 hilar station

with names and/or numbers of stations

When?

2021:
Implementation

2022 site visits:

**70%
Compliance**

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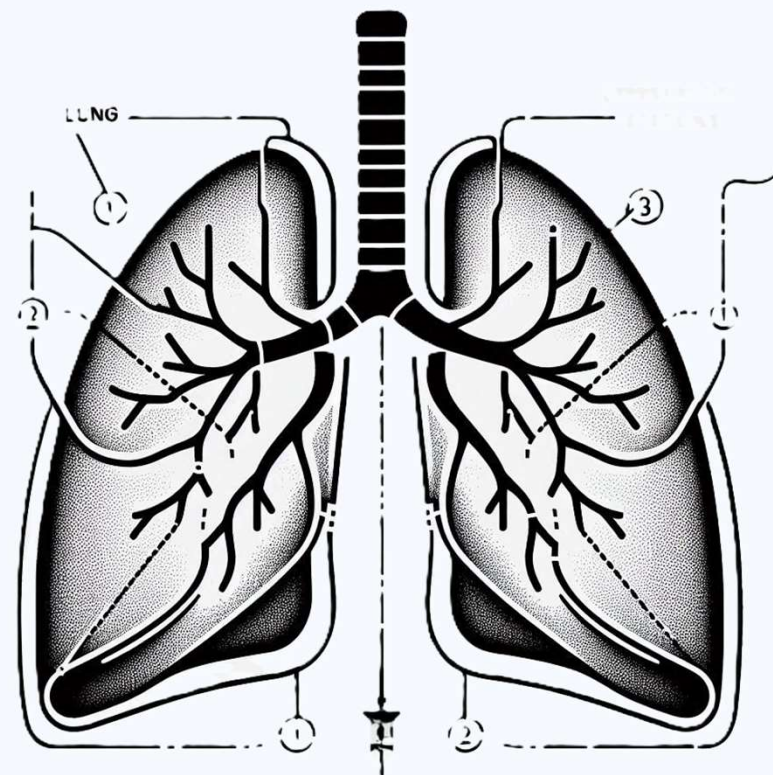
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Did the Lung QI Project impact compliance with the Standard 5.8 lung nodes?

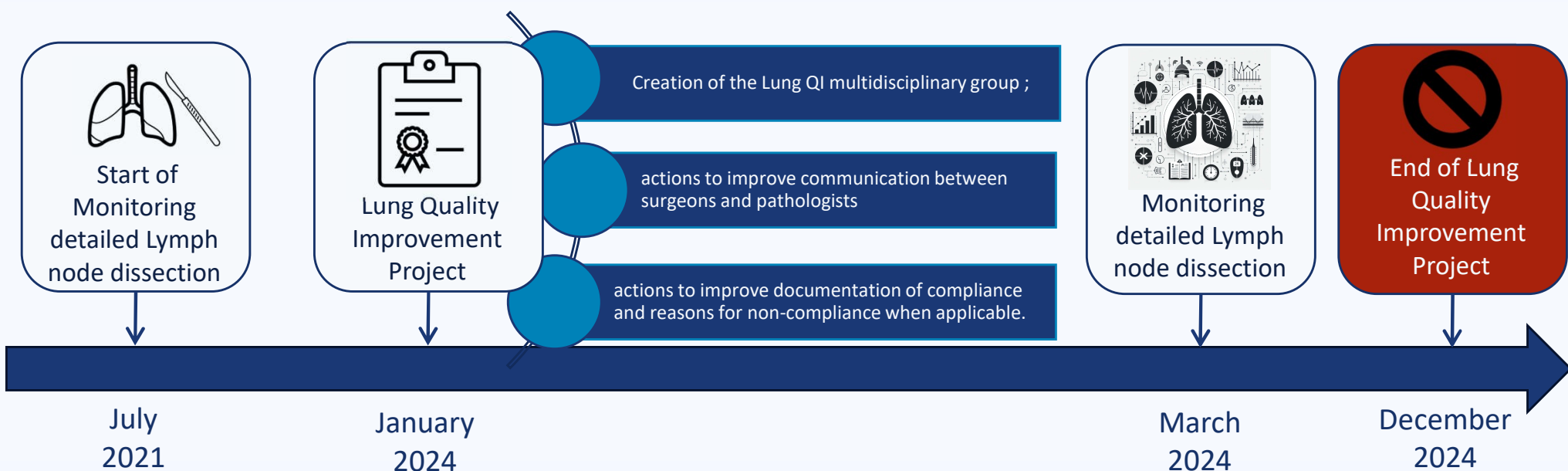
- Analyze the impact of the Lung Quality Improvement Project implementation on the compliance with Standard 5.8 lung nodes.



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Achieving Excellence in Compliance Standard

5.8 lung nodes



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The Lung QI Project improved compliance with the standards of care

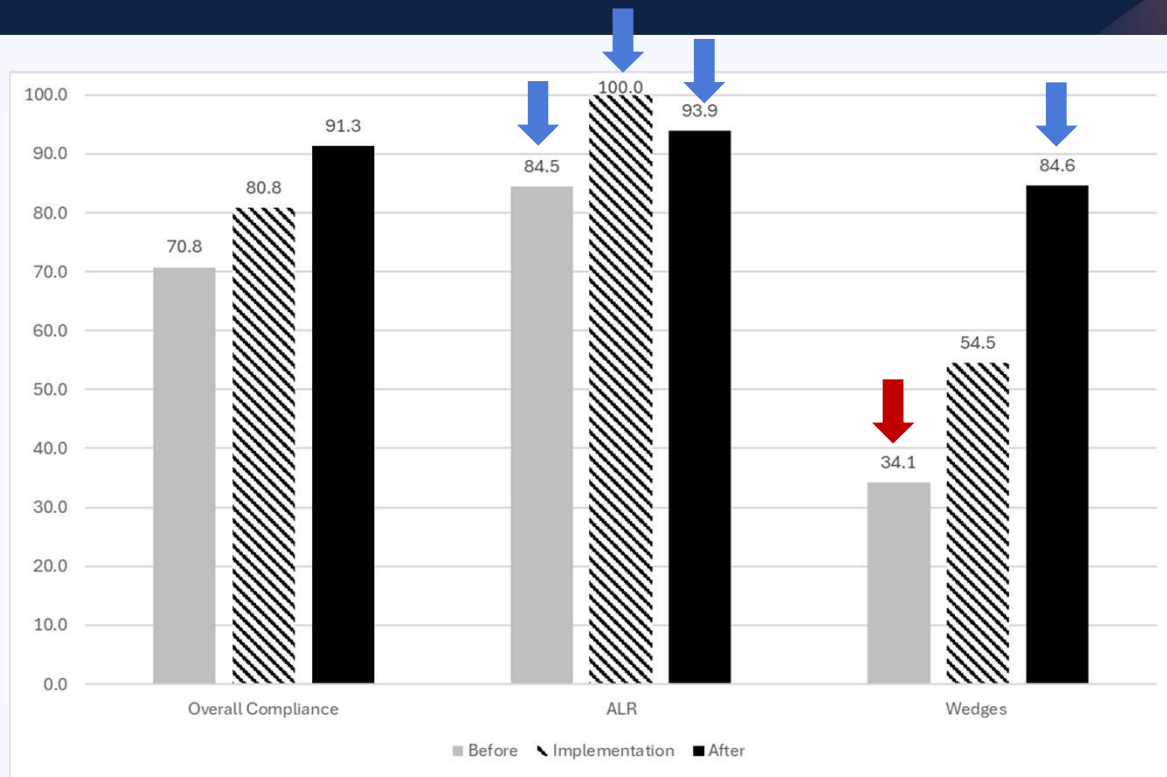


July 2021 to December 2024

- 465 Lung Cancer resections
- 71.6% Anatomic Lung resections

Reasons for non-compliance

- 1) Surgeon performed adequate lymph node assessment - no nodes found (6)
- 2) Patient with previous lymphadenectomy (3)
- 3) Patient did not tolerate 1 lung ventilation (1)
- 4) Surgeon did not evaluate hilar lymph nodes (2)



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Lessons Learned – Next steps



Documentation



Team Effort



Regular Reporting



Communication



Maintaining excellence



Evaluating the impact of 5.8 standards on Post-op complications



Evaluating the impact of 5.8 standards on Survival and Recurrence rate

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Thank you

