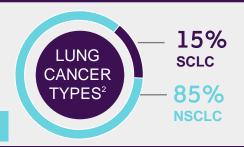
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# ABOUT SMALL-CELL LUNG CANCER

Globally, lung cancer is the **most common form of cancer** and accounts for nearly 1 in 5 cancer deaths.1 Lung cancer is broadly split into two types: non-small cell (NSCLC) and smallcell (SCLC).2



SCLC VS. NSCLC: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

#### SIZE

SCLC cells are small and oval, compared to larger NSCLC cells<sup>3</sup>



**SCLC** cancer



**NSCLC** cancer cells

## **GROWTH**

Typically, SCLC is more aggressive and fastgrowing than NSCLC, and spreads more rapidly to other parts of the body<sup>4</sup>



of SCLC patients have a lung tumour that may be surgically removed<sup>5</sup>

#### **PROGNOSIS**

SCLC is associated with a poorer prognosis than NSCLC<sup>6</sup> Survival rate **five years** after diagnosis in the US:7,8

SCLC 7%

**NSCLC** 

28%

#### **STAGING**



NSCLC and SCLC are divided into stages according to the extent of disease. In addition to the traditional four stages, SCLC is divided into two groups which can help determine the treatment approach: 4,8,9

LIMITED-STAGE (LS-SCLC)

(Stages I-III)

Cancer is localised to one lung and can be treated with local radiation therapy.



### **EXTENSIVE-STAGE (ES-SCLC)**

(Stage IV)

Cancer has spread to both lungs or body; can rarely be treated with radiation therapy as an initial treatment.



One-third of patients are diagnosed with LS-SCLC and two-thirds are diagnosed with ES-SCLC



#### **TREATMENT**



Compared to NSCLC, there are fewer treatment options for patients with SCLC<sup>6</sup>

- > Surgery is only possible in the very early stages<sup>8</sup>
- Standard of care<sup>8,10</sup>
  - > LS-SCLC: If surgery is not possible, chemotherapy in combination with radiotherapy. Unfortunately, most patients' cancer returns rapidly after treatment.
  - > ES-SCLC: Chemotherapy in combination with immunotherapy.
- > The introduction of **immunotherapy** to a chemotherapy combination may provide a **valuable option to** patients. Clinical trials are also investigating targeted agents and other combination approaches<sup>6,8,10</sup>

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