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## **LUNG PET SCAN CRITERIA (MEDICARE)**

Usually not indicated to establish primary diagnosis.

Lung cancer, non-small cell or solitary pulmonary lesion PET scan is a covered benefit when ***ONE*** of the criteria is met:

- Known non-small cell tumor staging; ***OR***
- Known non-small cell tumor evaluation of residual after treatment; ***OR***
- Known non-small cell tumor re-staging; ***OR***
- Solitary lesion – pulmonary lung cancer when chest x-ray or CT have failed to distinguish whether a solitary nodule is benign or malignant and the results of the test could change the management of the patient.