

# TARGETED THERAPY IN NON-SMALL CELL **LUNG CANCER (NSCLC)**

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### What is targeted therapy?

Targeted therapy is a cancer treatment directed towards specific mutations that drive cancer to grow and spread. Targeted therapies interrupt the growth and function of cancer cells, while avoiding healthy cells.

You may qualify for targeted therapy based on the results of biomarker testing. This testing allows doctors to prescribe treatment that is tailored to your individual cancer.



## Targeted therapy for the EGFR mutation







## Targeted therapy for the ALK mutation

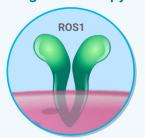


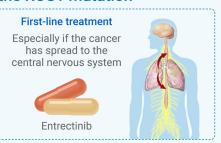






#### Targeted therapy for the ROS1 mutation





## Targeted therapy for the BRAF mutation





### Biomarker testing and targeted therapy for African Americans and other minorities

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among African Americans. Biomarker testing can help more African Americans receive targeted therapies, which improves survival. Be sure to ask your doctor about biomarker testing and targeted therapy.

Some other minorities also tend to have higher lung cancer rates and receive less treatment. If you are American Indian, Alaska Native, or Pacific Islander, be sure to ask your doctor about biomarker testing.

## **Experts recommend biomarker testing** for everyone with NSCLC

Targeted therapy can make an important difference in your health outcomes.



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Please note: This information is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always consult your doctor about any questions you may have regarding a medical condition.

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