Just One Question

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Asking this question can reduce the risk of cancer for the whole family.

As a physician, you are your patient’s go-to provider of cancer and disease prevention information. You can play a vital role in decreasing your patients’ risk of radon radiation with one life-saving question.

“Have you tested your home for radon?”

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that, when trapped inside a home, can build up to levels that are harmful. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year, making it one of the top 10 causes of cancer mortality in the U.S.¹

Reducing the radon radiation risk for your patients is as simple as including a question about radon testing as part of the electronic medical record questionnaire.

If a patient has not tested their home, encourage them to do so as a cancer prevention measure for the whole family.

For more information on radon and your patients visit bit.ly/RadonRisks.

Order “Radon Risks” posters and brochures for your office at www.wichita.edu/efc.

¹ EPA’s 2003 Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes (EPA 402-E-03-003)