

Data Science Bowl 2017

In the United States, lung cancer strikes 225,000 people every year, and accounts for \$12 billion in health care costs. Early detection is critical to give patients the best chance at recovery and survival. Using a data set of thousands of high-resolution lung scans from the [National Lung Screening Trial \(NLST\)](#) provided by the National Cancer Institute, participants developed algorithms that accurately determine when lesions in the lungs are cancerous. This will dramatically reduce the false positive rate that plagues the current detection technology, get patients earlier access to life-saving interventions, and give radiologists more time to spend with their patients. The challenge was hosted on Kaggle at: <https://www.kaggle.com/c/data-science-bowl-2017>.