

FANS STUDY

November 2025 Updates

Honoring Lung Cancer Awareness Month: Thanks to You, We Exceeded Our Goal!

This year marks a major milestone: the successful completion of our five-year recruitment period. Thanks to your commitment and support, **we enrolled a total of 1,210 FANS participants** — including 517 lung cancer cases and 693 controls. Your participation is helping us better understand lung cancer risk among Asian American females, who never smoke and improve health outcomes for future generations.



We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the community partners and healthcare professionals who helped spread awareness and supported recruitment efforts. Your support played a key role in helping us reach our goals.



November Spotlight: Youth Inspiring Action by Raising Awareness

This year, we were fortunate to collaborate with two dedicated volunteers — Samantha Yee, a high school senior, and her sister Sarah Yee, a sophomore at Harvard College — who developed their own community outreach project to help raise awareness about lung cancer among Asian American communities.

Their creativity and leadership led to the “1,000 Fans for FANS” project, where they worked with youth and seniors at community-based organizations to create personalized hand fans while sharing information about the FANS study and raising lung cancer awareness.

Through partnerships with 15 community organizations, they held 7 workshops and created and distributed over 1,000 fans. Their impactful work was recognized by local AAPI organizations and local news outlets, amplifying their message even further.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MiVvH-ptGYA>

Their efforts are a powerful example of how community-driven initiatives can spark conversation, spread awareness, and strengthen connections. We are incredibly grateful to Samantha and Sarah Yee for their work in the community!



Top Photo: Left: Samantha Yee, Middle: Theresa Anh, Right: Sarah Yee

Bottom Photo: Samantha Yee

What's Next for the Study

Our team is now focused on data analysis and reporting our results to the scientific community and community at large. We hope to share preliminary results in 2026. Stay tuned for updates, and please don't hesitate to reach out, if you have questions or want to stay involved.

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