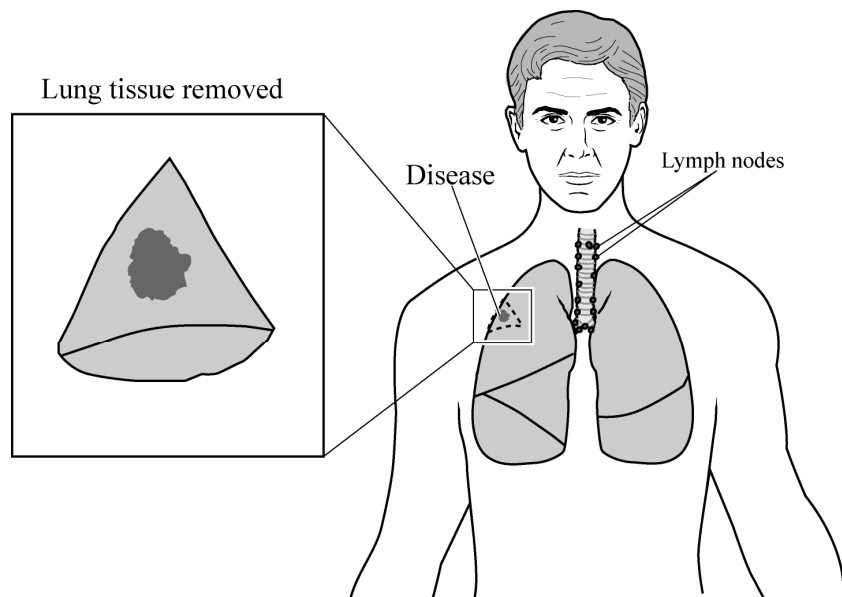


# Types of Lung Surgery

The treatment of lung disease depends on a number of factors including the type and size of the diseased tissue and the patient's physical condition. Surgery is most commonly used as a part of treatment when the disease is confined to the chest. The types of lung surgery include:

## Wedge Resection

The surgeon removes a small wedge-shaped piece of lung that contains the disease and a margin of healthy tissue around the disease.

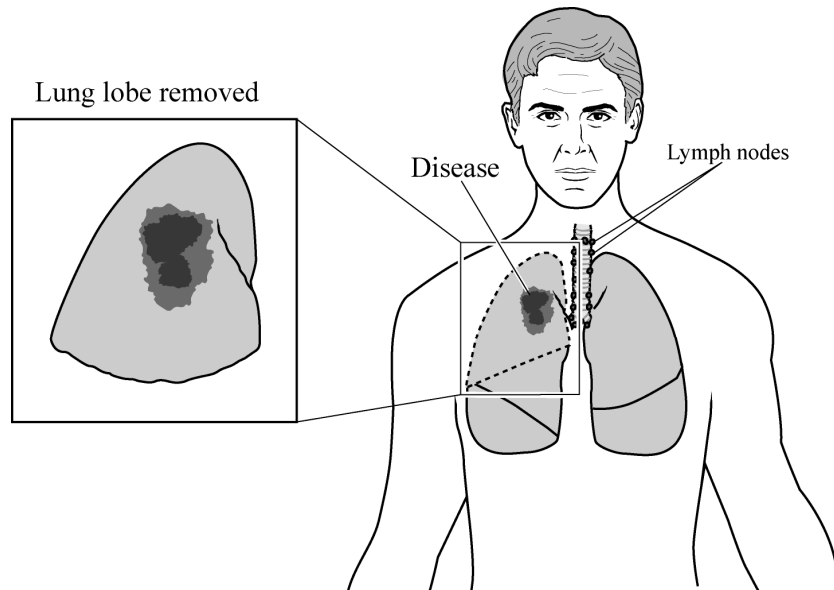


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## **Lung Lobectomy (loh-BEK-toh-mee)**

The right lung has three lobes and the left lung has two lobes. A lobectomy removes the entire lobe of your lung that contains the disease. Your lungs can function with the lobes that remain.



## **Pneumonectomy (NOO-moh-NEK-toh-mee)**

One whole lung is removed by the surgeon during this type of surgery.

## **Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS)**

VATS is a way to look at the lungs and other tissue. The doctor will be able to see a picture of the lungs using a small scope that is connected to a video camera. This surgery is done through small openings in your chest.

- ❖ **Talk to your doctor or health care team if you have any questions. You may request more written information from the Library for Health Information at (614) 293-3703 or email: [health-info@osu.edu](mailto:health-info@osu.edu).**