

Everything you need to know about COPD

What is COPD?

COPD stands for **chronic obstructive pulmonary disease** and is a progressive disease that makes it hard to breathe



The main cause of COPD is **smoking**, but non-smokers can also get COPD

COPD can cause:
Wheezing, Shortness of Breath and Coughing



COPD is the **4th leading cause of death** in the U.S.

Who does it affect and how?



65 million

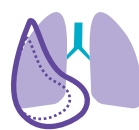
People worldwide approximately suffer with COPD



\$49 Billion

COPD is expected to cost the US annually by 2020

What can be done?



Spirometry is a test used to assess how well your lungs work by measuring your maximal inhalation and exhalation



Early diagnosis/active management can help millions struggling to breathe



12 million

Adults in the U.S. are thought to have undiagnosed COPD, highlighting the need for better diagnosis



More women die of COPD each year than diabetes and breast cancer combined



GOLD guidelines require spirometry to make a diagnosis of COPD



DLCO can provide a differential pulmonary diagnosis

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