WOMEN AND COPD

COPD (CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE), IS AN UMBRELLA TERM USED TO DESCRIBE PROGRESSIVE LUNG DISEASES INCLUDING EMPHYSEMA, CHRONIC BRONCHITIS, REFRACTORY (NON-REVERSIBLE) ASTHMA, AND SOME FORMS OF BRONCHIECTASIS. THIS DISEASE IS CHARACTERIZED BY INCREASING BREATHLESSNESS.



COPD MORTALITY NEN VS. WONEN 15,000 37,000 25,000 44,000 32,000 46,000 1990 59,000 60,000 2000

2010

WOMEN WERE MORE LIKELY
TO TAKE DAILY COPD
MEDICATIONS AND VISIT THE
ER DUE TO COPD WITHIN THE
PAST 12 MONTHS THAN MEN

64.000

69.000

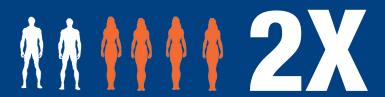


1.5 MILLION

EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS PER YEAR



945,000 Women vs. 543,000 Men



WOMEN ARE 2X MORE LIKELY TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH CHRONIC BRONCHITIS THAN MEN



WOMEN WHO SMOKE
ARE 13X MORE LIKELY TO
DIE FROM COPD

