WHAT RESEARCH IN COPD MATTERS MOST TO PEOPLE WITH COPD AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

The COPD Foundation BRIDGE Project created a research agenda for COPD based on what people with COPD and their caregivers told us was important.

Why We Asked the Community

- Other research agendas have only asked researchers
- Research should answer questions important to those living with COPD
- We need the patient and caregiver voice

How did we ask the community?

Using your answers from the COPD Patient-Powered Research Network (PPRN) to “What research in COPD matters most to you”, we collected the most common concerns and had the COPD360Social community vote on the most important to them.

Reviewed thousands of COPD PPRN participant responses
Developed initial research items with stakeholder input
Held a vote on COPD360Social to prioritize the items
Prioritized research agenda created

What are the results?

- Reverse/ Cure COPD
- Better drugs for shortness of breath and flare ups
- Improve symptoms
- Improve medical equipment and increase access
- Improve mobility and independence (tools like pulm rehab)
- Reduce anxiety, fear and depression

Call to Action

- Policy Support: Support COPDF policies of additional funding for a CDC COPD division
- State Captains: Join State Captains to encourage more COPD research funding
- Patient Partner: Consider becoming a Patient Investigator through the COPDF Patient to Investigator training
- Share the Agenda: Share with healthcare professionals, researchers & other advocacy groups like ALA, Better Breathers Club