Patient Prioritized Research for People with COPD in the COVID Era

The COPD Foundation BRIDGE Project asked patients/caregivers what research topics matter to them, focusing on areas of concern, worry and anxiety related to COVID-19.

Why we asked the community?

- Research should answer questions important to patients
- Most agendas are researcher driven
- We need the patient/caregiver voice

How did we ask the COPD community?

- First survey included over 100 items about concern, worry or anxiety during COVID-19
- Used responses from 714 COPD PPRN members
- Found the top 25 items of concern
- People on COPD360Social voted to rank 25 items
- Rankings used to develop prioritized agenda

What are the results?

Short- and long-term impact of anxiety/limitations surrounding basic daily needs:

- Chronic fear/anxiety and focus Getting COVID-19
- Disruption of self-care and supportive care
- Disruption of human interactions

Trust related to information and impact on actions:

- General COVID-19 information
- How to identify “reliable” source or what is “reliable”
- Impact on approach to all health and science related data

Impact of health-related delays:

- Delays in obtaining immediate or acute care
- Delays in obtaining COPD/lung health maintenance care
- Delays in obtaining preventive care and screening

What do we do now? Get involved.

**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 health care professionals, researchers and other advocacy groups like ALA, Better Breather’s Club