

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?

How did we ask the COPD community?

Research should answer questions important to **patients**



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



Most agendas are **researcher** driven

We need the **patient/caregiver voice**



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

Patient Partner

Consider becoming a Patient Investigator through the COPDF Patient to Investigator Training

State Captains

Join State Captains to encourage more COPD research funding

Share the agenda

Share with health care professionals, researchers and other advocacy groups like ALA, Better Breather's Club