

What is COPD?

COPD or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is an umbrella term used to describe progressive lung diseases, encompassing emphysema, chronic bronchitis, refractory asthma, and severe bronchiectasis.

SYMPTOMS

Breathlessness
Chronic Cough
Wheezing
Chest Tightness

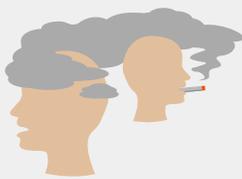
COPD Facts

- 16 million adults have COPD, millions more are undiagnosed
- COPD is 4th leading cause of death in the United States
- Every 4 minutes someone dies of COPD in the US
- Rate of COPD is 3.5 times higher in those with incomes under \$25,000
- COPD costs between 40-70 million annually in US, with majority of costs due to hospitalization

CAUSES OF COPD



SMOKING
(tobacco products)



SECOND HAND
SMOKE



CHEMICALS



EARLY CHILDHOOD
EXPERIENCES



DUST



AIR POLLUTANTS



GENETICS
ALPHA-1 GENE

How can you help support COPD Community?

- Join the COPD Caucus
- Learn about and support implementation of the COPD National Action Plan
- Spread awareness and inform your constituents about signs of COPD
- Increase access to pulmonary rehabilitation
- Support early diagnosis and treatment methods
- Support COPD research initiatives

