By the Numbers – COPD in California

California has lower than average COPD prevalence, death, hospitalization and overall smoking rates but the readmission rate is slightly higher than average. It has a lower than average influenza vaccination rate and a higher than average pneumonia vaccination rate for people with COPD.

- 4.3% of adults have been diagnosed with COPD (prevalence)
- 1,321,100 adults have been diagnosed with COPD (incidence)
- 31.3 people out of every 100,000 die per year
- $2.43 billion is the annual cost for treatment

Higher Proportions of Women than Men have COPD

- 4.7% of women have COPD
- 3.9% of men have COPD

Vaccinations

- 48.8% have had influenza vaccination
- 67.0% have had pneumonia vaccination

Hospitalizations

- 19,984 Medicare hospitalizations
- $2,940 per Medicare beneficiary with COPD
- 24.4% 30-day COPD readmission rate

COPD and Chronic Diseases

Asthma, cardiovascular disease, depression and diabetes all have high prevalence rates in the COPD population, making earlier diagnosis, education and optimal treatment even more important.

- California: 17% of COPD population
- United States: 16%

Individuals in California with incomes less than $15,000 are 2.5x more likely to have COPD than those with incomes greater than $50,000.

Change starts with empowering individuals, families and the healthcare community to prevent the disease, diagnose it early and treat it appropriately. Find out more and get involved at www.copdfoundation.org.