Pennsylvania has a higher burden of COPD indicating there is significant room for improvement.

6.1% of adults have been diagnosed with COPD (prevalence)

693,800 adults have been diagnosed with COPD (incidence)

36.2 people out of every 100,000 die per year

$1.53 billion is the annual cost for treatment

Higher Proportions of Women than Men have COPD

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.

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

Change starts with empowering individuals, families and the healthcare community to prevent the disease, diagnose it early and treat it appropriately.

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