By the Numbers – COPD in Vermont

5.5% of adults have been diagnosed with COPD (prevalence)²

31,400 adults have been diagnosed with COPD (incidence)²

39.8 people out of every 100,000 die per year³

$69 million is the annual cost for treatment⁴

Vermont has lower than average COPD prevalence, hospitalization and readmission rates but the death and overall smoking rates are higher than average. It has higher than average influenza and pneumonia vaccination rates for people with COPD.

Higher Proportions of Women than Men have COPD²

5.7% of women have COPD

5.4% of men have COPD

Vaccinations⁵

56.7% have had the flu shot

76.2% have had the pneumonia shot

Hospitalizations

508 Medicare hospitalizations⁵

$3,230 per Medicare beneficiary with COPD⁴

21.4% 30-day COPD readmission rate⁶

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.⁶

Individuals in Vermont with incomes less than $15,000 are 5.3x more likely to have COPD than those with incomes greater than $50,000⁶

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.


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