

FACTS ABOUT COPD

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

Lung disease is the leading cause of preventable deaths.

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a term describing the obstruction of airflow to the lungs in emphysema and chronic bronchitis.
- Smoking is the primary risk factor for COPD.
- People with COPD may eventually require supplemental oxygen and/or machines to assist with breathing.
- COPD cannot be cured, but medications can provide a relief of symptoms and stop the disease from progressing.
- COPD is the 4th leading cause of death in the U.S.
- In 2004, the cost to the nation for COPD was approximately \$37.2 billion, including healthcare expenditures of \$20.9 billion in direct health care expenditures, \$7.4 billion in indirect morbidity costs and \$8.9 billion in indirect mortality costs.

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