



Quick Facts

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a group of lung conditions that cause chronic obstruction of lung airflow that interferes with normal breathing and is not fully reversible (1). Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are included in within the COPD diagnosis (1). Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, and chest tightness. There is no cure for COPD, but it can be managed by taking medications, using oxygen therapy, attending pulmonary rehabilitation, and, in some cases, having certain pulmonary procedures.

COPD By the Numbers

16 Million

have been diagnosed with COPD, and millions others don't know they have it (3,4)

4th

leading cause of death in the United States (2)

\$49 billion

is the projected annual cost for COPD-related patient care in 2020 (7)



More women are living with COPD than men in the US (5). In 2017, COPD and other chronic lower respiratory diseases was the third leading cause of death among US women (6)



In 2011, 6.1% of Illinois had been told by a health professional they have COPD (8)

COPD Adult Diagnosis



70.6% diagnosed using spirometry (8)



41.2% went to the doctor in the past year because of a COPD symptom (8)



59.3% stated that shortness of breath affected their quality of life (8)



48.7% used at least one medication daily to manage COPD (8)



18.4% had a hospital or ED visit because of a COPD symptom in the past year (8)