



Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) refers to 2 lung diseases, chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Both conditions frequently coexist; hence, physicians prefer the term COPD.

4th leading cause of death in America.¹

127,049 Americans died of COPD in 2005.¹

80%-90% of COPD is caused by smoking.¹

13 times more likely to die from COPD are women who smoke compared with women who never smoked.²

12.1 million US adults had COPD in 2006.³

65% of hospital discharges in 2005 for patients with COPD were among patients 65 and older.⁴

\$42.6 billion was the cost of COPD to the nation in 2007.⁵

56% of those with COPD say the condition limits their ability to perform household chores.⁶

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