

COPD in America:

The Data Demands Action

A new report, “The State of COPD in the U.S.,” shows how people living with COPD often face late diagnosis, limited access to treatment and barriers that can delay care. It also shows that better models of care can improve treatment and reduce readmissions.

Together, the findings point to clear steps policymakers can take.



Why Action is Needed

Despite its prevalence, COPD remains overlooked rather than being the public health priority it should be.

Evidence in Action

Programs around the country show that stronger care coordination, medication management and follow-up can improve treatment and reduce avoidable harm.

Policy Priorities

Policymakers must act to:



Support increased funding for COPD research and education



Advance policies that align with the COPD National Action Plan



Ensure metrics to evaluate impact of COPD initiatives

By the Numbers



Fifth

leading cause of death in the United States



1 in 10 people

have COPD



1.8 million

hospitalizations each year



More than 20%

readmitted within 30 days



\$30 billion

in annual costs, rising to \$60.5 billion by 2029



No one living with COPD should face barriers to best-practice care because of financial or geographic challenges.

– Person living with COPD

