

Women in COPD

Advocating to Drive Policy for Better Care

Women experience COPD differently. But those differences are too often overlooked in policy discussions.



Women account for nearly 80% of people with COPD **who have never smoked.**

Environmental, occupational and biological factors

contribute to a woman's risk for COPD but are often overlooked.



Women are less likely to receive spirometry testing, leading to delayed diagnosis and treatment.

These gaps show why women with COPD need policy solutions grounded in evidence and lived experience.



Policy Priorities to Support Women With COPD

The COPD Action Alliance supports policies that:



Improve diagnostic equity



Expand access to evidence-based care



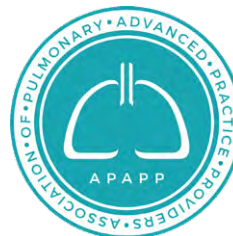
Advance early detection and prevention



Ensure patient experience helps shape more effective COPD policy



But awareness must also lead to action. Smart policy can help improve outcomes for women with COPD.



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