

Understanding COPD In America

Diagnosed vs Undiagnosed



30 million Americans live with COPD. Only 17 million are diagnosed.

Economic Cost



COPD is expected to cost the health care system \$60+ billion by 2029.

Impact on Women

Women experience COPD differently than men.

They may experience:

- ▲ More shortness of breath
- ▲ Worse quality of life from symptoms
- ▲ Higher rates of anxiety and depression
- ▲ More frequent exacerbations
- ▲ COPD development after lower cumulative tobacco exposure



Policy discussions overlook women living with COPD. Women with COPD need policy that:

- ✓ Improves diagnostic equity
- ✓ Expands access to evidence-based care
- ✓ Advances early detection
- ✓ Ensures the patient voice is front and center

Policymakers can help by increasing:

- ✓ Access to screening and treatment
- ✓ Funding for research
- ✓ Awareness and education of COPD

Living with COPD: Voices and Action

The impact of COPD goes far beyond lung function.



Walking from the parking lot became difficult.



I had to give up my hobbies.



I had to stop gardening.



I missed out on important life events.



I can't cook anymore.



I couldn't keep up with my granddaughter.



I feel worried about my health and future.