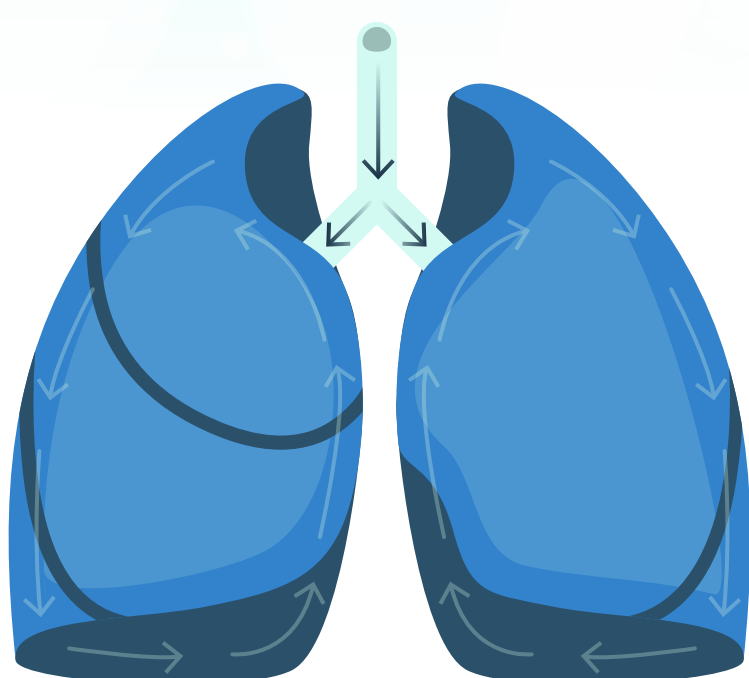


Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Signs, Symptoms, and Effects



What is COPD?

A group of diseases that cause airflow blockage and breathing problems

INCLUDES EMPHYSEMA AND CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

What are the symptoms of COPD?

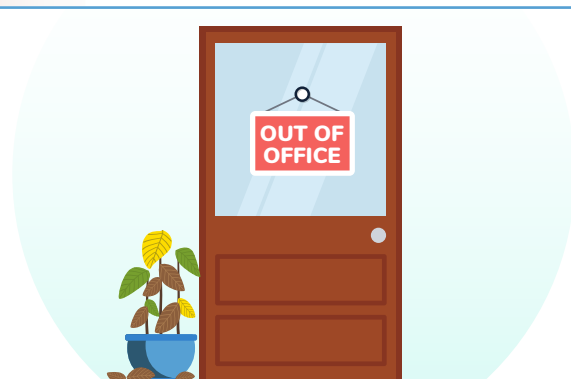


How does COPD affect people's lives?



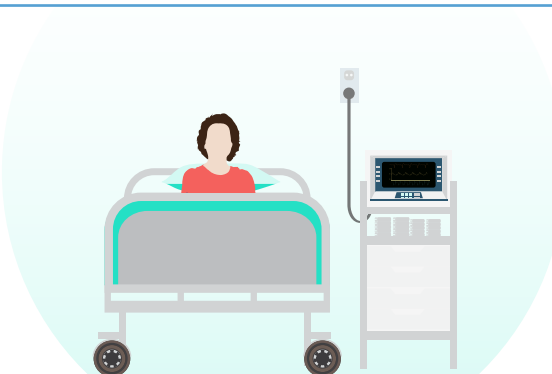
Difficulty with physical activities like walking and climbing stairs

May not be able to work



Hard to engage in social activities like eating out, going to places of worship, or getting together with friends or neighbors

Increased confusion, memory loss, depression, or other mental or emotional conditions



More emergency room visits or overnight hospital stays

If you have any symptoms of COPD, discuss them with your doctor. Early diagnosis and treatment can help. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/copd.

