

Joint Action on REspiratory Diseases



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Healthcare professionals are the first line of defense. Early recognition and diagnosis can change the course of every patient's breath.

#### Why Early Diagnosis Matters

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) affects millions worldwide — yet it often goes undiagnosed until it's advanced. As healthcare providers, your awareness and early action can prevent progression, improve quality of life, and save lives. Every early diagnosis offers a better chance. Together for Better Breath

#### Recognize the Early Signs

- Persistent cough or sputum production
- Shortness of breath, especially on exertion
- · Frequent chest infections
- · History of smoking or exposure to pollutants

#### Ask, Screen, Act

Simple questions can reveal hidden disease.

## Your Role in Early Detection

- Assess at-risk patients during routine visits
- Use spirometry for diagnosis and monitoring
- Educate patients on smoking cessation and lifestyle support
- Refer early for pulmonary rehabilitation and specialist care

Your vigilance makes the difference between detection and delay.

### **DON'T DELAY-DIAGNOSE COPD TODAY**



