Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): Disease Burden and Heterogeneity

COPD is a chronic, heterogeneous, and often progressive inflammatory airway disease that leads to reduced health-related quality of life (HRQoL), diminished exercise capacity, and economic burden\(^1\).

There are multiple risk factors associated with COPD\(^1-5\).

COPD is the 3rd leading cause of death globally, 6th leading cause of death in the United States, and significantly impacts disability-adjusted life-years and quality-adjusted life-years\(^6-9\).

Persistent symptoms of COPD, including breathlessness, cough, and excess sputum, can substantially impact HRQoL\(^1,10,11\).

Exacerbations of COPD contribute to reduced HRQoL, increased risk of rehospitalization and mortality, and substantial economic costs\(^12-17\).

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