

National Lung Health Education Program

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Updates:

The National Lung Health Education Program is currently being restructured

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Events:

- November 2, 2012 Sleep Symposium
 - Focus on COPD
- November 13, 2012 COPD: Update in Research

Updates:

- Continues to coordinate support groups for COPD, Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency, and Pulmonary Hypertension
- Supports a Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program (certified by AACVPR)

Colorado Lung Health Connection

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Events:

- 9th Annual CLHC Thomas L. Petty MD Moving Mountains Lung Health Conference
October 6 2012
 - Attendance of 206
- Western Colorado Thomas L. Petty MD Moving Mountains Lung Health Conference
September 29, 2012
 - Attendance of 150

Hawaii COPD Coalition

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Updates:

- A framework has been drafted for Hawaii's State COPD Plan
- Representative Mazie Hirono (D-HI) has joined the Congressional COPD Caucus

Florida COPD Coalition

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Events:

- The Florida COPD Coalition hosted two Community Education Workshops in 2012 to date in Orlando and Weston, Florida.
 - The workshops were the most well attended in the 3 years of the workshop series and more workshops are in the plans for 2013.
- In addition the FL Coalition focused on supporting the Southwest Florida Community Team, facilitating talks at support groups in Daytona and in the Villages and growing the partnership network. During the 2012 Daytona International Speedway race week in February the DRIVE4COPD Campaign welcomed several FL Coalition partners to the track to experience NASCAR and learn more about the campaign's efforts.

Updates:

- The Florida COPD Coalition and the COPD Foundation plan to work with the State Health Department to produce a comprehensive burden report for the state in 2013. COPD is now listed among the partners participating in the working groups to implement the chronic disease state plan.
- Additional public policy efforts will focus on legislative achievements in 2013.
- Efforts are also underway to partner with the Villages, Villages Health and University of South Florida to implement protocols for readmission reduction related to COPD.

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Updates:

- We are helping the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) to include spirometry. This will provide up to date information about the burden of obstructive lung disease in the U.S. population.
- USCC members may be interested in several products that NIOSH has developed to assist in improving the evaluation and quality of spirometry. OSHA and NIOSH have jointly developed two information sheets:
 - One provides information to employers to help them in establishing high-quality spirometry surveillance programs:
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3415.html>
 - Another is targeted to workers and explains the test:
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3418.html>
- We have also developed a poster for spirometry technicians that show common problems and how to fix them: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-135/>.
- Finally, software is available on the NIOSH website to help display and evaluate individuals' spirometry tests over time and also to monitor the quality of spirometry data: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/spirometry/spirola.html>

Respiratory Health Association

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Events:

- On Nov 13, 2012, we will host over 350 for our 9th annual Living Better Together COPD Conference. It is a full day education event targeting people living with COPD and thier caregivers. It will be held at the Meridian Banquet and Conference Center, Rolling Meadows, IL

COPD-ALERT

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Updates:

- COPD-ALERT continues to be involved in advocacy activities. Its members play pivotal roles in COPD State Coalitions and other COPD patient support organizations. COPD-ALERT works closely with state and national legislative bodies as well as homecare organizations.

Maryland COPD Coalition

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Events:

- On November 7 the Maryland COPD Coalition will meet in conjunction with the Heart and Stroke Council.
- On November 20th, the Maryland COPD Coalition and the COPD Foundation will host a press event with Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley for COPD Awareness Month. The event will feature short remarks from COPD advocate Grace Anne Dorney Koppel and Dr. James Kiley of the NHLBI. The Governor will proclaim November as COPD Awareness Month and discuss the importance of the public-private partnerships working in the state to combat the burden of COPD.

Updates:

- The Maryland COPD Coalition was especially pleased to be a part of the network meeting on the Maryland coordinated chronic disease state plan and to see the Maryland COPD Action Plan referenced alongside other chronic disease plans in the final version.