Respiratory Disease in France

Introduction

The IRC, a coalition of respiratory clinicians, patients and industry partners, aims to transform post-pandemic respiratory care and reduce mortality by a third globally by 2030 - in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The IRC is calling on governments and policy makers to establish funded national strategies, which include prevention, new models of care, ambitious measurable targets, and accountable leadership to improve lung health by focusing on:

Better...

1. Prevention of respiratory diseases
2. Access to the right treatment at the right time
3. Action on reducing inequalities
4. Prioritisation of research, data and insight to improve care

In the recently passed Social Security Financing Act for 2023, the French Health and Prevention Minister François Braun called upon parliament to vote in favour of preventive medical consultations at the ages of 25, 45 and 65 for every beneficiary of the Public Health Insurance. Further announcements on this act indicated that these consultations will include breath measurement.

The IRC welcomes the work on this initiative and is also committed to collaborating with all relevant stakeholders, including the French Respiratory Coalition, in promoting lung health across France by developing national strategies.

Societal economic cost by disease:

- Asthma: €7.1 billion
- COPD: €11.7 billion
- Lower Respiratory Tract Infections: €8.5 billion
- Interstitial Lung Disease: €1.4 billion
- Mesothelioma: €1.2 billion
- Lung Cancer: €32 billion
- Tuberculosis: €541.8 million
- Societal economic cost of respiratory diseases: €62.5 billion

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