

Respiratory disease in France



INTERNATIONAL
RESPIRATORY
COALITION

The International Respiratory Coalition (IRC) was founded to tackle one of global health's most overlooked challenges: the burden of respiratory disease.

We bring together national coalitions of health professionals, patient advocates and policymakers to develop and implement national respiratory health strategies that address prevention, treatment and care.

The ultimate goal is to reduce respiratory disease-related mortality by a third globally by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The French coalition, Collectif Droit à Respirer, was founded in 2021 and convenes 26 member organisations united under one banner.

Its objectives are to promote respiratory health as a public health priority and to secure a comprehensive national respiratory health plan. The coalition's priorities are to:

- Bring together all respiratory health stakeholders
- Advocate for bold measures to better prevent, diagnose and treat respiratory disease
- Develop a National Respiratory Health Plan, designed as a multi-year roadmap for 2026 to 2030

Societal economic cost by disease:


Asthma
€9.3 billion


COPD
€14.7 billion


Lung cancer
€39.8 billion


Lower respiratory tract infections
€11.9 billion


Mesothelioma
€1.5 billion


Tuberculosis
€458.5 million


Interstitial lung disease
€2.5 billion


COVID-19
€12.8 billion


Pulmonary arterial hypertension
€230.4 million

107
thousand
deaths from
respiratory
diseases

11.8
million
people living with
respiratory
diseases

2.3
million
healthy life years
lost to respiratory
diseases

€93.3
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