

Respiratory disease in Ireland



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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.

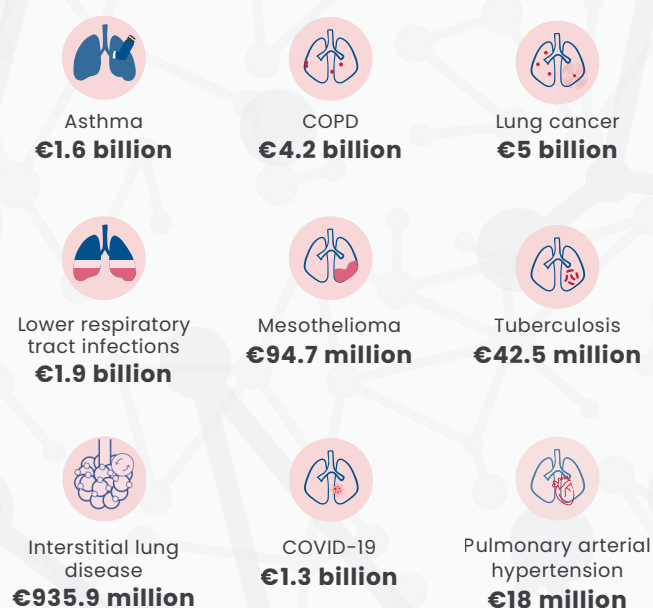
The ultimate goal is to reduce respiratory disease-related mortality by a third globally by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Respiratory Coalition of Ireland was established in 2024, bringing together advocacy groups and stakeholders from across the respiratory health community.

The coalition's goals are to achieve equitable, accessible and affordable respiratory healthcare in Ireland, with a strong emphasis on health promotion, prevention and raising public awareness of the importance of respiratory health.

A key initiative is the forthcoming Health of the Nation Report 2026, a comprehensive overview of the burden of respiratory disease in Ireland.

Societal economic cost by disease:



7.3
thousand
deaths from
respiratory
diseases

831
thousand
people living with
respiratory
diseases

156.5
thousand
healthy life years
lost to respiratory
diseases

€15.1
billion
societal
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of respiratory
diseases

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