

Respiratory disease in Italy



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.

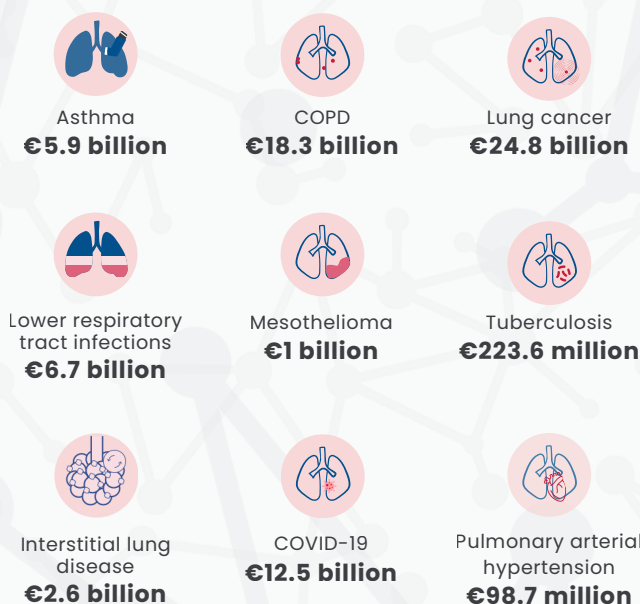
The ultimate goal is to reduce respiratory disease-related mortality by a third globally by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Consulta della Pneumologia was founded in 2017 and is made up of 15 patient associations and 8 scientific societies. Since joining the IRC in 2023, the coalition has acted as a strategic institutional hub.

Its purpose is to provide a united, authoritative voice for all people affected by respiratory disease in Italy. The coalition's key activities include:

- Supporting Italy's first Technical Advisory Board on Respiratory Health
- RESPIRA – a health advocacy initiative to develop health policies ensuring better access to treatments and services for patients
- REMARE INSIEME – a spirometry roadshow providing free diagnostic spirometry to the public

Societal economic cost by disease:



10.8
million
people living with
respiratory
diseases

102.5
thousand
deaths from
respiratory
diseases

2
million
healthy life years
lost to respiratory
diseases

€72.2
billion
societal
economic cost
of respiratory
diseases

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