

Respiratory disease in Poland



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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.

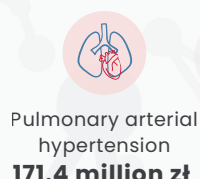
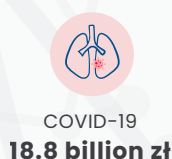
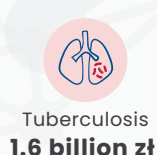
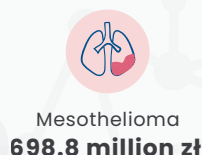
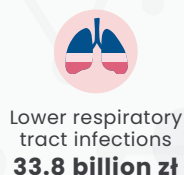
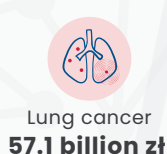
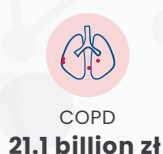
The ultimate goal is to reduce respiratory disease-related mortality by a third globally by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Polish Healthy Lungs Coalition was established in 2022 in response to the urgent need to improve the availability and quality of lung disease diagnosis in Poland. Its main goal is to strengthen the systemic aspects of lung disease diagnosis and treatment.

Focus areas include lung cancer, COPD, rehabilitation, smoking and new nicotine product cessation, air pollution, and the transformation of tuberculosis hospitals towards broader tasks including pulmonary rehabilitation. Key activities include:

- National lung cancer screening
- Improving vaccination rates among patients with respiratory diseases
- Announcement of 2026 as the Year of COPD in Poland

Societal economic cost by disease:



65
thousand
deaths from
respiratory
diseases

1.6
million
healthy life years
lost to respiratory
diseases

144.1
billion zł
societal
economic cost
of respiratory
diseases

6
million
people living with
respiratory
diseases