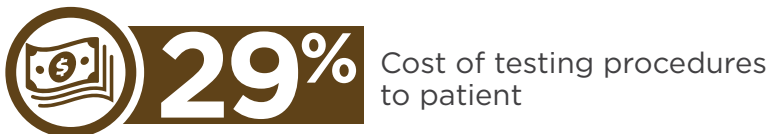
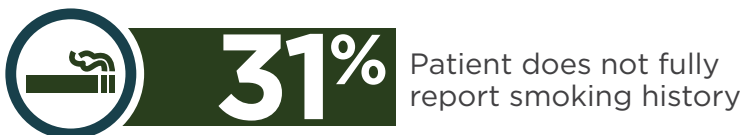
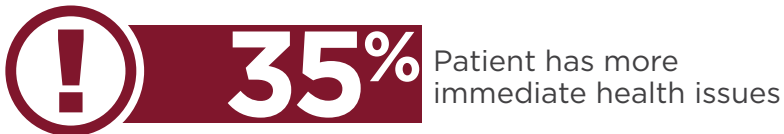
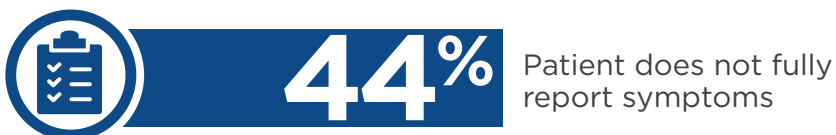


# COPD: BETTER TALK MEANS BETTER TREATMENT

Millions of Americans are receiving treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) that is helping them to live longer and better with this serious lung disease. But, several millions more have COPD and aren't yet diagnosed. Why? A recent survey points to a communications gap between healthcare providers and patients.

For tools to help start the conversation, visit [COPD.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://COPD.nhlbi.nih.gov).

## TOP DIAGNOSIS BARRIERS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ENCOUNTER<sup>1</sup>



## "COPD IS TREATABLE"

**76%**  
PHYSICIANS  
AGREE<sup>2</sup>



**55%**  
PUBLIC  
DO NOT AGREE<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: COPD: Tracking Perceptions of the Individuals Affected and the Providers Who Treat Them: 2018 Report

<sup>2</sup> Source: *Ibid.* (Agree with the statement: "Current treatments for COPD are helpful for optimizing a patient's quality of life.")

<sup>3</sup> Source: *Ibid.*

## TOP REASONS

PATIENTS WITH COPD  
SYMPTOMS AREN'T  
TELLING THE DOCTOR<sup>3</sup>



I didn't think of it.



These problems will just go away in time.



I have had these problems for years.



It costs too much money to go to the doctor.



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