

Breathing tests - Primary Care

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. It is caused by damage to the lungs over many years, usually from smoking. COPD is a leading cause of death and disability. Breathing tests, such as spirometry, measure airflow in your lungs. Test results can help your doctor find out if you have COPD and help determine treatment goals. The bar charts and percentages below will tell you how successful Minnesota physicians and other health care providers are in helping patients 40 years of age and older with lung disease get tested for COPD.

