

# Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Uncover the Facts and Take Control of Your Health

## What is Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)?

COPD is a progressive lung disease that makes it difficult to breathe. It is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. COPD is caused by damage to the lungs, which can be caused by smoking, air pollution, or other factors.

## Symptoms of COPD

The symptoms of COPD can vary from person to person. Some common symptoms include:



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- Shortness of breath

- Wheezing
- Coughing
- Chest tightness
- Fatigue
- Weight loss

## **Diagnosis of COPD**

COPD is diagnosed based on a physical exam, a medical history, and a lung function test. A lung function test measures how well your lungs are working.

## **Treatment for COPD**

There is no cure for COPD, but there are treatments that can help to improve your symptoms and slow the progression of the disease. These treatments include:

- Medication
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Oxygen therapy
- Surgery

## **Living with COPD**

COPD can be a challenging disease, but there are things you can do to live a full and active life. These include:

- Quitting smoking

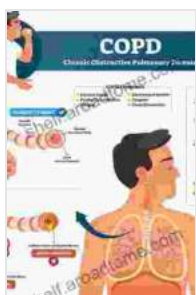
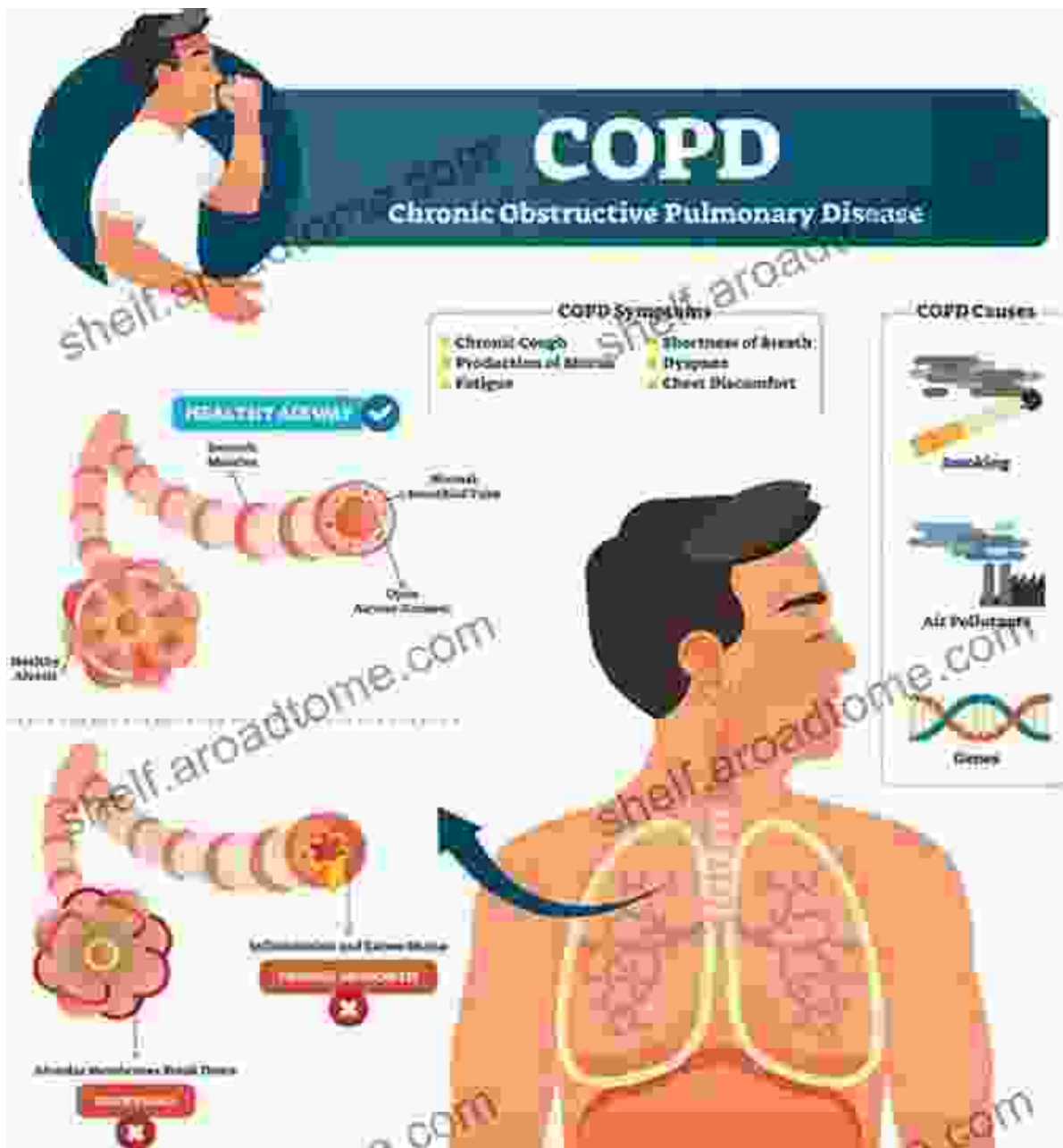
- Avoiding air pollution
- Getting regular exercise
- Eating a healthy diet
- Getting vaccinated against the flu and pneumonia

## **The Facts About COPD**

If you have been diagnosed with COPD, it is important to learn as much as you can about the disease. This will help you to make informed decisions about your treatment and lifestyle. The following are some facts about COPD:

- COPD is a progressive disease, which means that it will get worse over time.
- COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States.
- COPD is caused by damage to the lungs, which can be caused by smoking, air pollution, or other factors.
- There is no cure for COPD, but there are treatments that can help to improve your symptoms and slow the progression of the disease.
- You can live a full and active life with COPD by quitting smoking, avoiding air pollution, getting regular exercise, eating a healthy diet, and getting vaccinated against the flu and pneumonia.

COPD is a serious disease, but it is one that can be managed. By learning about the disease and making healthy lifestyle choices, you can live a full and active life with COPD.



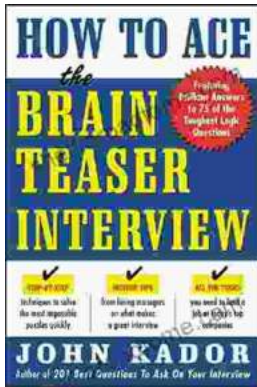
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