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Patient Advocacy Leaders
United for Lung Health

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

Attendees were asked the following question during the registration process:

“What access/policy issues in lung health do you feel are most universal, and represent the best opportunity to work together to impact change and create better outcomes for patients?”

Below are the responses.

# Responded	Responses
10	Access to health care, affordable treatments, innovations and related issues (pre-existing conditions, access to medications, physician care services, preserving Medicaid & CHIP for underserved populations).
6	Access to screening, diagnostic technologies (with ample physician education). Under-diagnosed Asthma and COPD and reimbursable screening (CT Scans).
4	Access to effective rehabilitation services, treatments and equipment.
3	Improved funding for lung disease programming and research. Enhanced messaging to remove the stigma associated with lung disease.
3	Access to care via telehealth, access to proper and necessary care (both RTs and specialists), and advocacy for public policies that restrict the practice or ease the burden of barriers like prior authorization, step therapy, and non-medical switching.
2	Better education, support and advocacy for patients and families.
2	Care coordination, efficiency, and effectiveness, age-appropriate care.
2	Tobacco cessation/control efforts must continue/expand, including raising the age for purchase of tobacco, and decreasing smoking among women of child-bearing potential.
2	Clean, unpolluted air.
2	Quality Measures and promoting quality care for Respiratory disease utilizing the National Quality Strategy's Nine Quality Levers.
1	Hospital Readmission Rates and penalties.