**Atlas Focus Report: COPD**

**Communications Kit**

This stakeholder kit has been developed to support your communication efforts and raise awareness of the [Atlas Focus Report: COPD](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/healthcare-variation/atlas-focus-report-chronic-obstructive-pulmonary-disease), released by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. This resource provides national, interactive data on spirometry use and prescribing patterns for people with COPD, aligned to the [Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Clinical Care Standard](https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/standards/clinical-care-standards/chronic-obstructive-pulmonary-disease-clinical-care-standard).

**Social Media**

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The Atlas Focus Report: COPD is now live. Explore national data on spirometry and prescribing trends for COPD – including a 31% drop in spirometry and a 130% rise in triple therapy use.

See the full report: safetyandquality.gov.au/Atlas-COPD

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New #AtlasCOPD Report shows spirometry rates down 31% and triple therapy use up 130%. Explore national trends and see how your region compares.

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Access social media tiles: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/shQbC5dm4g>

**Newsletter article**

**New national report reveals gaps in COPD diagnosis and treatment**

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has released a new national report highlighting significant trends and concerns in the diagnosis and management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

The Atlas Focus Report: COPD reveals that between 2015–16 and 2022–23, the rate of spirometry testing – the gold standard for COPD diagnosis – declined by 31%, while prescriptions for triple therapy surged by 130%.

Without spirometry, patients risk misdiagnosis and being prescribed medications that may carry unnecessary risks. These findings raise questions about the quality and equity of care – especially in rural and remote areas where COPD is more common, but access to diagnostic testing is lower.

Aligned with the COPD Clinical Care Standard, the report provides interactive national data and supports actions to improve diagnosis, prescribing, and health outcomes for people with COPD.

Explore the data and download the Highlights Report at:

[safetyandquality.gov.au/Atlas-COPD](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/Atlas-COPD)

**EDM Copy (Email Newsletter)**

Subject Line:

New report highlights urgent need to restore COPD diagnosis tools

**National COPD report reveals spirometry decline and prescribing trends**

The Atlas Focus Report: COPD, released by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, shows major changes in how Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is diagnosed and managed in Australia.

**Key findings:**

* Spirometry testing dropped by 31% between 2015–16 and 2022–23
* Triple therapy prescriptions for COPD rose by 130% between 2015–16 and 2022–23, despite guideline limits
* COPD is more common in rural and remote areas, but access to diagnosis and care is lower

These insights are a call to action to restore spirometry as a routine part of COPD diagnosis and to align prescribing with current best practice.

Explore national trends, interactive maps, and local insights at:

[safetyandquality.gov.au/Atlas-COPD](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/Atlas-COPD)