

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BURDEN OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AND ASTHMA: A SURVEY

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Summary

There was conducted a comparative analysis of epidemiological indices of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma using Ministry of Health of Ukraine Medical Statistics Center reports and European data from GOLD 2010. It was established that COPD was a major social problem in all counties of the world. An economic burden of COPD exceeds those of asthma in several times mainly due to high level of disability and mortality. A significant prevalence of disability and mortality among COPD patients in Ukraine is determined by bad diagnostics and low treatment quality. One of the most important problems is a patients' financial compensation on buying medicines.