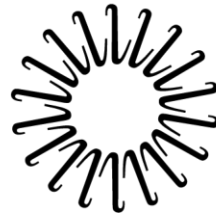


# Lung Disease



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# Obstructive and Restrictive Lung Diseases

## Obstructive Lung Disease

- Stale air gets trapped in the Lungs
- Examples:
  - Asthma
  - Emphysema
  - Bronchitis
  - Cystic Fibrosis

Bottom line:

You can't get the air out.....

## Restrictive Lung Disease

- The Lungs can't inflate properly
- Examples:
  - Pulmonary Fibrosis
  - Rib cage changes-scoliosis
  - Neuromuscular diseases

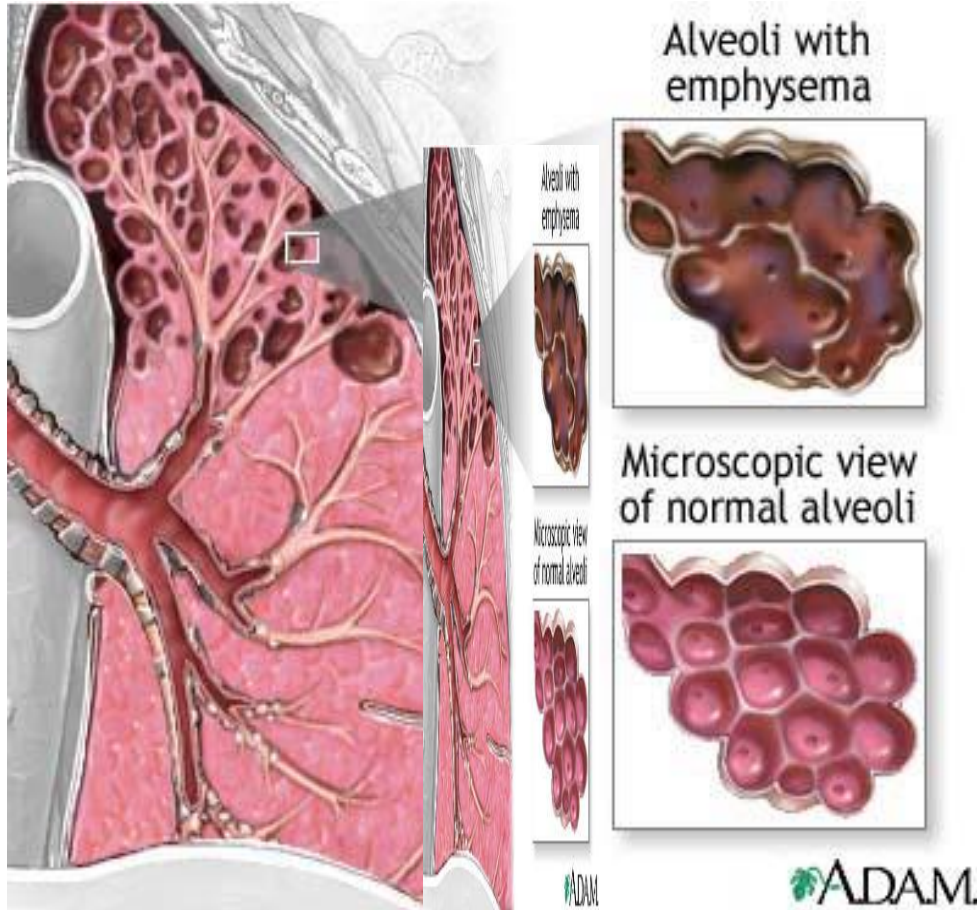
Bottom Line:

You can't get the air in....

# Obstructive Lung Disease: COPD

- Chronic = • Ongoing Problem
- Obstructive = • Stale air trapped in lungs
- Pulmonary = • Refers to the lungs
- Disease = • illness

# COPD: Emphysema



- The alveoli, which are like small air bubbles, break down.
- Air gets trapped in the lungs making people feel breathless

# COPD: Chronic Bronchitis

- As the airways get irritated:

Normal bronchi



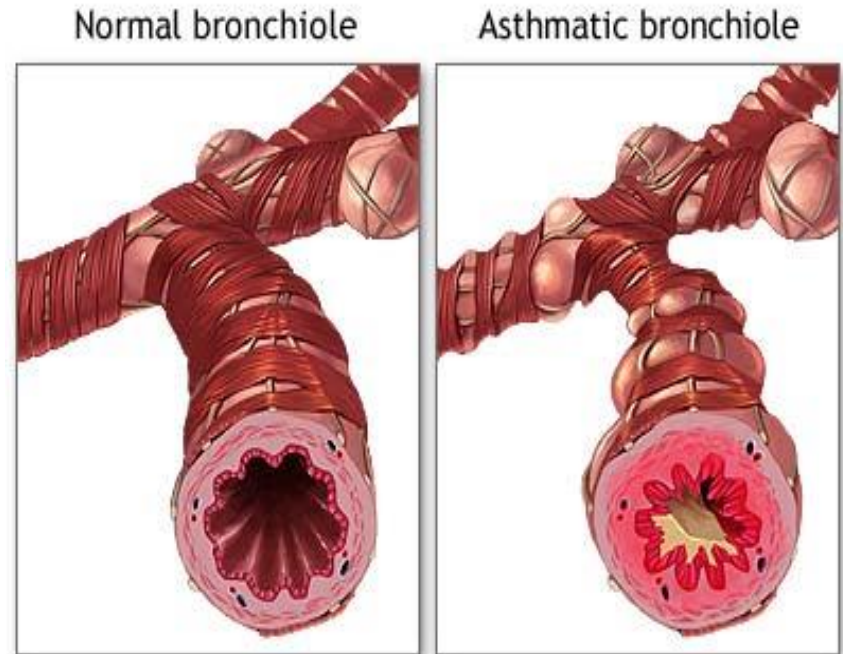
Bronchitis



1. The passage for air to flow gets smaller
2. More mucous builds up in the passage

# Obstructive Lung Disease: Asthma

- Little muscles around the airways can go into a spasm and squeeze the airways.
- This causes an asthmatic attack
- This can happen with exposure to cold air, strong scents, and even excessive exercise.

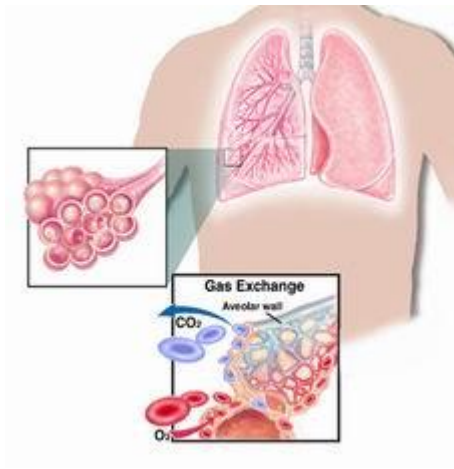


# Treatment for Obstructive lung diseases

- While each of the diseases affect the lungs differently, the treatments are focused on:
  - Opening up the airways
  - Keeping the inflammation down
  - Getting rid of excess mucus.
- Work on pacing skills and use of pursed lip breathing to help get rid of that stale air trapped in the lungs
- Exercise to keep your body strong
- Use oxygen if needed to keep you safe while exercising if your oxygen level drops below 88%
- Monitor your symptoms and call the doctor right away if any changes!



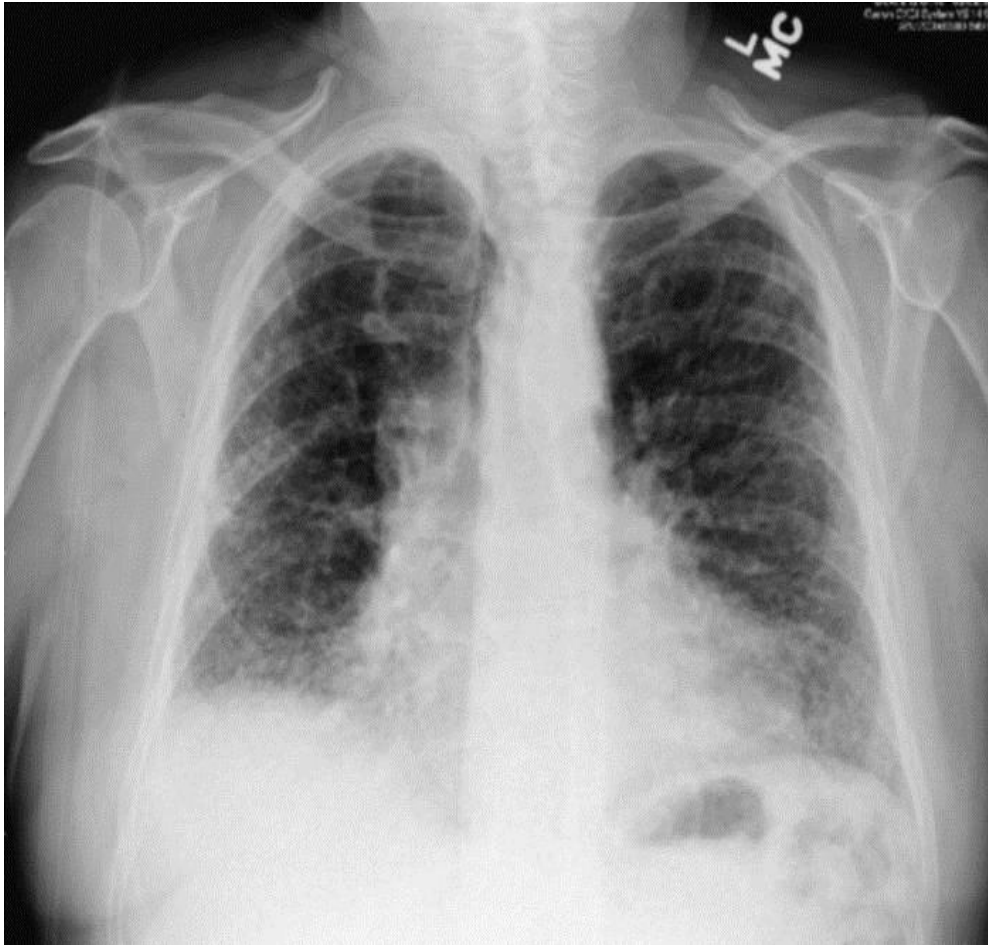
# Restrictive Lung Disease: Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)



- The lung tissue gets scarred and thickened.
- This makes it harder for the oxygen to get from your lungs into your bloodstream.
- IPF can be caused by chemical exposure and other illness, but sometimes it happens without a specific reason.



# Restrictive Lung Disease: Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)



- Work on pacing skills to keep oxygen levels at least 88-90%.
- You may need to use extra oxygen to keep your oxygen level high enough for safe exercise and activity

# Restrictive Lung Disease: Scoliosis



**Normal vs. Scoliosis**


- Because of the curve of the spine and the changes in the rib cage, the lungs cannot expand fully.
- Add posture exercises to your program along with your aerobic routine

# Sarcoidosis

- Pulmonary Sarcoidosis- a disease caused by small areas of inflammation that can appear in the alveoli, bronchioles or lymph nodes.
- The lungs can become stiff and may not be able to hold as much air as healthy lungs.
- In serious cases, sarcoidosis can cause scar tissue in the lungs, which can affect the lungs' ability to move oxygen into the bloodstream

# Pulmonary Hypertension

## How the Heart Normally Works

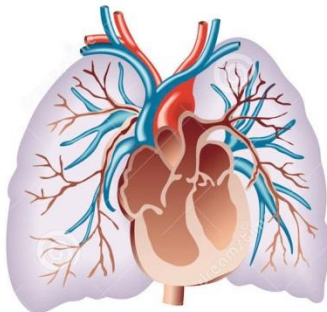


The diagram illustrates the normal function of the heart. It shows a cross-section of the heart with four chambers: the right atrium and ventricle on the right, and the left atrium and ventricle on the left. Arrows indicate the direction of blood flow. Oxygen-poor blood (shown in red) enters the right atrium from the body, moves to the right ventricle, and is pumped to the lungs. In the lungs, it picks up oxygen and becomes oxygen-rich (shown in blue). This oxygen-rich blood returns to the left atrium, moves to the left ventricle, and is pumped out to the body.

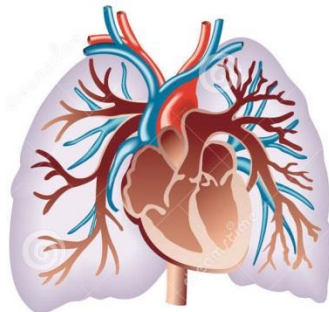
- Oxygen-poor blood travels from the body to the right side of the heart.
- The heart pumps blood from the right side of the heart to the lungs where it picks up oxygen and returns to the left side of the heart.
- The left side of the heart pumps oxygen-rich blood out to the body

# Pulmonary Hypertension-High Blood Pressure in the arteries that go to your lungs

- Symptoms can include:
  - Shortness of breath with activity
  - Fatigue
  - Dizziness
  - Raynaud's Disease- decreased circulation in the tiny blood vessels.
  - Chest Pain



Pulmonary Hypertension



Normal Heart

# Pulmonary Hypertension

- What to watch for while exercising:
  - Over-exercise
  - Symptoms such as severe shortness of breath, pain, dizziness
  - Do not let your oxygen level drop too low (below 90%)



# Lung Cancer

- Lung Cancer-A portion of the lung may be removed due to a malignant tumor
- Causes: smoking, radon exposure, other chemicals, genetics
- You can safely exercise after recovering from lung cancer within certain guidelines.
  - Keep your oxygen level at least 88-90%
  - Watch your heart rate
  - Avoid over fatigue- especially if you are exercising while receiving any treatment such as radiation or chemotherapy
  - Work to your tolerance level