YOUR HOSPITAL IS INVITED TO JOIN A COPD LEARNING COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

COPD accounts for 750,000 hospitalizations per year and is a major cause for readmissions and death.

We are conducting a learning collaborative to help hospitals improve the outcomes of patients with COPD including 30-day readmission, length of stay, mortality, and cost.

Why should your hospital participate?

Your hospital will receive training, mentoring, and free consultative service from COPD experts for the entire duration of the study.

Your hospital was identified as one that will benefit the most due to lower rates of noninvasive ventilation (NIV) use.

Increasing NIV use can result in significant improvement in the outcomes of patients with COPD and in saving costs.

A stipend is available to support the work of this project.

What will your hospital need to do?

Create a COPD team (physician, nurse, and respiratory therapist) to serve as hospital champions.

The COPD team will be trained by the study investigators on providing guideline-based care, including appropriate use of NIV.

Hospitals will not need to collect data, purchase new equipment, or hire new personnel.

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NIV has now become essential in the management of acute respiratory failure, and it is recommended as the first-line of treatment for patients hospitalized with severe COPD exacerbation.

How do high performing Hospitals do it?

- Protocols/algorithms for patient selection, management, and weaning
- Attending to patient comfort to decrease intolerance
- Physician buy-in
- RT autonomy
- Good team functionality/communication/relationships – e.g. nurses supported by RT

Join the learning collaborative and we can help you become a high performing hospital!

Scan QR code to schedule a conference call with Dr. Mihaela Stefan