



# Why Should I Stop Smoking?

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## How You'll Improve after You Stop Smoking

It's never too late to quit smoking. Quitting has many health benefits and will help you to better manage your COPD.

Quitting and avoiding the temptation to smoke might require avoiding people who refuse to stop smoking when they're in your presence. Keep the people who do support you close by.

Even once you feel like you've quit permanently, you still might get the occasional craving, so be prepared by knowing how to fight those urges when they arise.

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# GET ON THE PATH TO A HEALTHIER YOU! IF YOU QUIT SMOKING RIGHT NOW:

**After 15 years**

Your risk of coronary heart disease is the same as a non-smoker's

**After 10 years**

You are half as likely to die from lung cancer. Your risk of larynx or pancreatic cancer decreases

**After 5 years**

Your risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder are cut in half

**After 1 year**

Your risk of coronary heart disease is cut in half

**Within 9 months**

You will cough less and breathe easier

**Within 12 hours**

The carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal

**Within 3 months**

Your circulation and lung function improves

**Within 20 minutes**

Your heart rate and blood pressure drop

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