

Canadians are breathless for change



Oxygen therapy is a lifeline that lowers healthcare costs, yet for many Canadians access is limited, and expensive

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE

Equal criteria for all! Oxygen therapy access **shouldn't depend on where you live** in Canada



14%

of patients pay at least some of their oxygen costs **OUT OF POCKET**



\$2.58*

in healthcare costs are **SAVED for every \$1 SPENT** on oxygen therapy

*Based on Ontario data

REGIONAL CHALLENGES



Across Canada, barriers are amplified in **rural, remote, and Indigenous** communities

There is a **lack of consistency** across **British Columbia** health authorities

Some clinicians ask patients to walk for:



Others for **1 minute** until the patient reaches a blood O₂ level of **<88%**

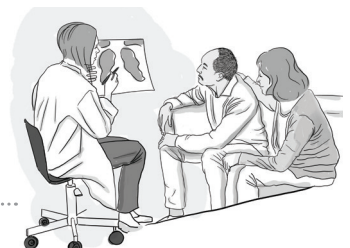
Patients in rural or remote **Alberta** face long travel distances, limited vendor access, and poor continuity of care



In **Ontario**, people **under the age of 65** without private insurance may **face out-of-pocket costs** that create barriers to timely access

What **is** pulmonary fibrosis?

Pulmonary Fibrosis (PF), is a rare disease in which the lungs become scarred. Over time, normal lung tissue is destroyed, rendering lungs unable to provide the body with sufficient oxygen. Although there is currently no cure, many people living with PF can be helped with proper treatment and for some, lung transplantation.



It's time for Canada to **designate oxygen therapy as an essential medicine** and make it accessible for **ALL** Canadians who need it.

Take action!

cpff.ca/breathlessforchange.com