Cardiac + Respiratory FOUNDATION NZ

Why our work is so important...

Based on data between 2000 - 2025

Respiratory disease in New Zealand...

affects ~950,000 people in NZ

costs $11.5 billion annually

causes 1 in 12 hospital stays

that's 97,200 admissions

one third of whom are children

that's more than 32,000 children

third leading cause of death

Asthma

affects 1 in 9 adults

and 1 in 9 children

93 die from asthma each year

that's nearly 2 people each week

COPD

14% of adults over 40 have COPD

that's roughly 350,000 Kiwis

7,100 newly diagnosed each year

most cases are caused by smoking

Bronchiectasis

91 children are diagnosed each year

1,327 people are hospitalised each year

140 die from bronchiectasis each year

that's nearly 3 people each week

Lung cancer

2,590 newly diagnosed each year

1,912 die from lung cancer each year

deadliest cancer in NZ

costs $5.8 billion annually

For more resources, to get involved or to donate, call 0800 100 506 or visit our website: **cardiacandrespiratory**.org.nz

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