# The Burden of Nocturnal Symptoms in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Results of a Real-World Survey in the USA

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# **Supplemental Information – Explanation of Outcome Variables**

Variable name	Physician or patient reported	Variable type	Nominal response type	Timeframe of data collection		
Measures of symptom burden, frequency and impact on daily life						
Time of the day that a patient's COPD bothers them	Physician/patient	Nominal	<ol> <li>Daytime only</li> <li>Primarily daytime with occasional night-time</li> <li>Equally both day and night</li> <li>Primarily night-time with occasional daytime</li> <li>Night-time only</li> </ol>	Based on physician and patient recall		
Frequency of patient's symptoms on awakening	Physician/patient	Nominal	<ol> <li>Not at all</li> <li>Less than once a week</li> <li>Once or twice a week</li> <li>3 to 6 times a week</li> <li>Every day</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>	Based on physician and patient recall over the past 4 weeks		
Frequency of patient's symptoms during the day	Physician/patient	Nominal	<ol> <li>Not at all</li> <li>Less than once a week</li> <li>Once or twice a week</li> <li>3 to 6 times a week</li> <li>Every day</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>	Based on physician and patient recall over the past 4 weeks		
Frequency of patient's night-time symptoms	Physician/patient	Nominal	<ol> <li>Not at all</li> <li>Less than once a week</li> <li>Once or twice a week</li> <li>3 to 6 times a week</li> <li>Every day</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>	Based on physician and patient recall over the past 4 weeks		

Variable name	Physician or patient reported	Variable type	Nominal response type	Timeframe of data collection
Impact of COPD on day-to- day activities, personal relationships, leisure, work, sleep	Physician/patient	Nominal	1) No impact 2) Rarely impacts 3) Occasionally impacts 4) Frequently impacts 5) Constantly impacts	Based on physician and patient recall
Jenkins Sleep Evaluation Questionnaire (JSEQ)	Patient	Numeric	<ol> <li>Have trouble falling asleep?</li> <li>Wake up several times per night but did not have trouble falling asleep again?</li> <li>Wake up one or more times per night (including waking far too early) and have trouble falling asleep again?</li> <li>Wake up after your usual amount of sleep feeling tired or worn out?</li> </ol>	Patient recall over past 4 weeks
Validated measures of sle	ep disturbance, heal	th status and wo	rk productivity and activity impairment	
Jenkins Sleep Evaluation Questionnaire (JSEQ)	Patient	Numeric	<ol> <li>Have trouble falling asleep?</li> <li>Wake up several times per night but did not have trouble falling asleep again?</li> <li>Wake up one or more times per night (including waking far too early) and have trouble falling asleep again?</li> <li>Wake up after your usual amount of sleep feeling tired or worn out?</li> </ol>	Patient recall over past 4 weeks
Work Productivity and Activity Impairment Questionnaire (WPAI)	Patient	Numeric	The WPAI yields four types of scores: 1) Absenteeism 2) Presenteeism 3) Work productivity loss (overall work impairment/absenteeism plus presenteeism) 4) Activity impairment	On survey date with recall of last 7 days

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EQ-5D-3L utility score	Patient	Numeric	3-point rating scale on: 1) Mobility 2) Self-care 3) Usual activities 4) Pain/discomfort 5) Anxiety/depression	On survey date
EQ-5D VAS	Patient	Numeric	N/A	On survey date
Physician-reported reason	on for drug choice			
Reason for drug choice	Physician	Nominal	<ol> <li>Immediate onset of action</li> <li>Provides sustained 24-h symptom relief</li> <li>Improvement in shortness of breath</li> <li>Improvement in daytime symptomatic relief</li> <li>Improvement in night-time symptomatic relief</li> <li>Improvement in symptomatic relief on awakening</li> <li>Prevents/reduces frequency of exacerbations</li> <li>Reduces need for rescue medication</li> <li>Clinically relevant improvement in lung function test values</li> <li>Improvement in exercise tolerance</li> <li>Reduces levels of inflammation</li> <li>Reduces response to allergic triggers</li> <li>Penetration of drug in the lower and peripheral airways</li> <li>Well-tolerated side-effect profile</li> <li>Good cardiovascular profile</li> <li>Avoids using high-dose inhaled steroid medications</li> <li>Avoids using LABA medication</li> <li>Limits the use of additional oral steroid medication</li> </ol>	On survey date

Variable name	Physician or patient reported	Variable type	Nominal response type	Timeframe of data collection
			19) Maximizes patient compliance 20) Ease of use/suitability of inhaler device 21) Once-daily dosing 22) Acts as both a reliever and as maintenance therapy 23) Option to upward or downward titrate when required 24) Drug familiarity and personal experience 25) In accordance with clinical guidelines 26) Request by patient	
Physician-reported reasor	n for drug choice and	d drug dosing scl	nedule	
Reason for drug choice	Physician	Nominal	See above	On survey date
Frequency of maintenance daily dosing (drug level)	Physician	Nominal	1) Once-daily 2) Twice-daily	On survey date from available medical records
Time of day of dosing	Patient	Nominal	<ol> <li>As soon as I wake up</li> <li>During the morning</li> <li>At lunchtime</li> <li>During the afternoon</li> <li>During the evening</li> <li>Just before I go to bed</li> <li>During the night</li> </ol>	On survey date
Frequency of maintenance daily dosing	Patient	Nominal	Frequency count of option above	On survey date

Variable name	Physician or patient reported	Variable type	Nominal response type	Timeframe of data collection			
Patient demographics an	Patient demographics and comorbidities						
Physician setting	Physician	Nominal	PCP     Pulmonologist/respiratory specialist	On survey date			
Age (year)	Physician	Numeric	N/A	On survey date			
Sex	Physician	Nominal	1) Male 2) Female	On survey date			
Body mass index (BMI) (kg/m²)	Physician	Numeric and nominal	1) <18.5 2) 18.5–24.9 3) 25.0–26.9 4) 27.0–29.9 5) 30+	Based on available medical records			
Employment status	Physician	Nominal	<ol> <li>Working full-time</li> <li>Working part-time</li> <li>On long-term sick leave</li> <li>Homemaker</li> <li>Student</li> <li>Retired</li> <li>Unemployed</li> <li>Don't know</li> </ol>	On survey date			
Unemployed/retired/sick leave due to COPD	Physician	Nominal	1) Yes 2) No 3) Don't know	On survey date			

Variable name	Physician or patient reported	Variable type	Nominal response type	Timeframe of data collection
Smoking status (tobacco)	Physician	Nominal	1) Current smoker 2) Ex-smoker 3) Never smoked 4) Don't know	Based on available medical records
Caregiver status	Physician	Nominal	Whether anyone is responsible for patient's daily needs: 1) Yes 2) No 3) Don't know	Based on available medical records
Current comorbidities	Physician	Nominal	Pre-coded list of current comorbidities	Based on available medical records
Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI)	Physician	Numeric	Calculated score based on selected current comorbidities	Based on available medical records

COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; EQ-5D(-3L) EuroQoL 5-Dimension (3-Level); LABA long-acting β2 agonist; N/A not applicable;

PCP primary care physician; VAS Visual Analog Scale