Respiratory disease in New Zealand
The big problem that no one is talking about.

Respiratory disease includes a number of different illnesses...

1 in 6 Kiwis live with a respiratory illness

That's 700,000 people

$5.5 billion per annum

3rd leading cause of death

Asthma

Asthma affects 1 in 9 adults

and 1 in 7 children

52 Kiwis die from asthma each year

that's 1 person a week

1 in 8 hospital stays

That's 69,000 admissions

a third of which are children

That's 23,000 kids

COPD

15% Kiwis over age 45 have COPD

That's 200,000 people

85–90% of COPD is linked to smoking