National Lung Health Framework

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CANADIAN OVERVIEW

- Population approx 33m
- Respiratory disease costs 15B to the Canadian economy
- 1 in 5 Canadians have lung disease
- Accounts for majority of emergency room visits
National Lung Health Framework - First Steps

• Initiated in April 2006
• Intersectoral Process - government, NGO, private sector, academia, researchers, First Nations, patient groups
• 4 Working groups - tobacco control, chronic disease, infectious disease, environment
• Asset map and gap analysis undertaken
Asset Map and Gap Analysis

Assets

- Successful tobacco control
- Excellent partnerships and collaborations
Asset map and Gap Analysis

Weaknesses

• Lack of public awareness
• Poor resp. health education in schools
• Insufficient use of spirometry
• Limited access to sleep labs
• Lack of disease management resources (ie educators)
• Disconnect between environmental contaminants/air pollutants with health policy
• Lack of overall strategic planning (ie. research, education, surveillance)
Goals of the Framework
Highlights

• Articulating a vision, principles, and goals for national action
• Determine strategic priorities
• Provide umbrella for various strategies (Provincial/Territorial/Federal)
• Provide a mechanism for coordination and leveraging of resources
Anticipated Framework Impacts

Highlights

• Better resp. health for Canadians
• Quality data to guide policy, program and service delivery interventions
• Strategies to respond to vulnerable populations (ie First Nations)
• Measurable outcomes such as reductions in mortality, hospital stays, emergency room visits
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Next Steps

• April 2007 stakeholder consultation/working meeting w/225 participants
• Additional consultations planned 2007/08 to expand engagement, refine activities and priorities
• Clarify stakeholder roles and accountabilities
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Next Steps- con’t

• Expand asset map and introduce online database
• Communications strategy
• Complete risk management/cost benefit analysis, financial and evaluation plans
• Develop action plan (Fall 2008)
• Lay foundation for future investment