

## RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

### MOST RELEVANT SPECIALISTS

Pulmonologist – Lung Doctor

Trained health professional who works with people who have heart and lung problems

Respirologist or respiratory physician

Specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema, or pneumonia

Respiratory Therapist (RT)

Medical professional who specializes in treating and preventing conditions and diseases affecting the respiratory system, how well a person is breathing.

### COMMON DISEASES.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

Common condition affecting the airways, which are hyper-responsive and inflamed. Shortness of breath, cough, and wheezing.

Asthma

Type of cancer related to asbestos exposure, affecting the lining of the lungs. Chest pain or shortness of breath.

Lung cancer

Infection of the lungs. Fever, cough, green or yellow sputum, and sometimes shortness of breath or chest pain

Mesothelioma

Mix between emphysema and chronic bronchitis. It's generally caused by smoking. Shortness of breath and often cough.

Pneumonia

Inflammation of the bronchial conducts. Can be caused by a cold. Shortness of breath and productive cough with thick phlegm.

Tuberculosis

Fibrosis developed within the lung. The native lung tissue is destroyed. Shortness of breath

Interstitial lung disease

Lung infection. Cough (sometimes with blood), Fever, weight loss, night perspiration

Pleura effusion

Fluid that collects around the lungs. Shortness of breath.

Bronchitis

Often, due to smoking. Cough, coughing up blood (Hemoptysis), shortness of breath, and chest pain.

