



## **Hawaii COPD Newsletter**

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### **COPD Support Groups for 2014**

Check out the support groups for 2014! Lots of information at our website, [www.hawaiicopd.org](http://www.hawaiicopd.org). As always, meetings are free and open to the public. They are held at Pali Momi Medical Center, Kaiser Honolulu on Pensacola, Queen's Medical Center and 15 Craigside. Check the calendar for details.

### **Current Legislation?**

#### **Air Quality--Tobacco & E-Smoke & Tax**

There are several bills in our counties and others in our legislature affecting our state's air quality. For more information, contact the Coalition for Tobacco Free Hawaii, 591-6510 and speak to Tiffany or email [Valerie@hawaiicopd.org](mailto:Valerie@hawaiicopd.org) about how you can help us all have cleaner air for all and fewer youth hooked on nicotine.

### **Oxygen & Other Equipment**

There is also a bill to improve patient and healthcare provider access to durable medical equipment companies in Hawaii. For more information about this, email [Valerie@hawaiicopd.org](mailto:Valerie@hawaiicopd.org).

### **Virtual Lobby Week--Support Respiratory Therapists**

From March 21 to April 1, please contact Congress via emails, letters and phone calls to let our elected Congress men and women know that we patients, respiratory therapists and supporters need H.R.2619 Medicare Respiratory Therapist Access Act of 2013. This will allow qualified, registered respiratory therapists directly supervised by physicians to be reimbursed for their education and care of patients with COPD, asthma and other lung conditions. Go to this link on the American Association for Respiratory Care website for more information. [http://www.aarc.org/advocacy/lobby\\_week\\_exp/](http://www.aarc.org/advocacy/lobby_week_exp/)

### **Save the Date: Saturday, September 13--COPD Education Day**

Our eighth annual COPD Education Day will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Queen's Conference Center, 9am-2pm. Please save the date! Details upcoming--check the webpage for more information as it becomes available.

### **Events Page**

There is an events page at the bottom of the homepage (<http://hawaiicopd.org>) as well as on the events page (<http://hawaiicopd.org/events/>) to help keep you up to date on the latest COPD events. Check it out and send an email to [Valerie@hawaiicopd.org](mailto:Valerie@hawaiicopd.org) if you have an event you'd like to add.

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