

## REPORTED CHALLENGES WITH OXYGEN THERAPY

### Physical Characteristics of Oxygen Delivery Devices

- Loud
- Heavy
- Cumbersome (challenging to carry/move due to size)
- Tubing is a tripping hazard
- Nose pieces are ill-fitting and uncomfortable

### Additional Non-Covered Cost of Operation

- Electricity
- Additional tubing
- More comfortable nose pieces
- Retractable tubing
- *Portable concentrators*
- Generator

### Inherent Limitations in Mobility

- Portable cylinders and batteries limit time outside the home
- Every outing requires extensive planning
- Some places are off limits due to equipment technical requirements

### Social Burden/Stigma of Oxygen Therapy

- Need for frequent explanation, including to some medical professionals
- Perceived additional unwanted attention, OR, perceived invisibility
- Need for accommodations in public spaces
- Need to educate themselves and others