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- Approximates the combined land area of VT, NH, MA, RI and CT, or roughly twice the size of New Jersey.
- 50-county region with  $\sim$ 2.2 million people
- ~1800 primary care physicians, NPs and PAs (MUA)
- · Higher smoking rates than the state or US
- $\sim$  20% population below poverty line
- Primary industries: oil/gas, timber, agricultural and manufacturing/refining
- Increase in aged and in all minority groups over past decade



What we found	
Contributing Factors CME Couldn't Influence	Contributing Factors CME Could Influence
<ul> <li>Patient Demographics <ul> <li>Increasingly Older</li> <li>Increasingly Minority</li> </ul> </li> <li>Occupational Hazards</li> <li>Environmental conditions</li> <li>Fewer healthcare professionals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Poor rates of spirometry &amp; poor interpretation of results</li> <li>High rates of Mis- &amp; underdiagnosis</li> <li>Smoking status ascertainment</li> <li>Failing to treat aggressively</li> <li>Beliefs that treatments are ineffective</li> <li>Patient education</li> </ul>
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# Participation

Activity	Participation
Live activities	244 69% Physician 9 % NP 11% PA 11% Other
Enduring Cases	321 Certificates 54% Physician 19% NP 25% PA 2% Other
AHEC Sub Grant (Live, hands-on Spirometry Workshop)	103 81% Physician 4% PA 10% Nurse (NPs, RNs, LVNs) 5% Other
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## LEVEL 4: COMPETENCE









Screening for COPD using Spirometry	Ascertaining smoking status in all patients
Patient education regarding smoking and other COPD risk factors	To work with other local physicians and healthcare providers to eliminate local barriers to COPD diagnosis and treatment
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## **Changes in Practice**

- Following each activity, 45-day post surveys were mailed/e-mailed.
- 46% of participants responded
- "What have you done differently in your practice as result of your participation in this activity? (multiple OK)

I did not make any changes to my practice	10%
This activity confirmed my current practices	30%
I've increased efforts to screen for COPD using spirometry	30%
I've increased efforts to ascertain smoking status in all patients	53%
I've increased efforts to educate patients about smoking and other COPD risk factors	73%













- Between 2005-2008, COPD accounted for 109,581 hospitalizations
- Average hospital charge was \$25,203
- Total hospital charges were \$2.7 billion, or \$157 for each Texan



## Admission Rates/100,000

County	q1rate08	q2rate08	q3rate08	q4rate08	q1rate09	q2rate09	q3rate09
Kaufman	123.64	103.26	78.80	101.90	114.78	80.48	64.65
Angelina	137.81	49.22	39.38	90.23	112.05	55.22	58.46
Trinity	273.59	255.94	132.38	229.46	307.23	149.23	87.78
Franklin	253.96	229.77	133.03	120.93	120.67	193.07	120.67
Camp	261.59	136.03	52.32	156.95	186.51	93.25	134.70
Rusk	99.74	75.48	86.26	37.74	130.44	95.83	74.54
Panola	61.67	39.24	61.67	56.06	61.41	72.57	50.24
Galveston	69.74	69.74	66.05	72.98	70.94	58.04	57.12
Liberty	188.35	163.93	122.08	214.51	219.84	159.25	129.83
Orange	129.89	96.63	107.72	117.22	137.10	116.61	81.94
Montgomery	92.22	71.40	67.56	73.33	70.44	61.56	57.57
Polk	208.12	101.32	84.89	145.14	144.75	109.24	92.86
Liberty	188.35	163.93	122.08	214.51	219.84	159.25	129.83

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<u>County</u>	AVG Before CME	AVG After CME	Δ	Qtr←CME	Comp. Qtr	Δ
Kaufman	113.45	88.12	-25.32	123.64	114.78	-8.85
Angelina	93.52	71.07	-22.45	137.81	112.05	-25.76
Trinity	264.76	181.22	-83.54	273.59	307.23	33.65
Franklin	241.87	137.68	-104.19	253.96	120.67	-133.29
Camp	198.81	124.75	-74.06	261.59	186.51	-75.08
Rusk	87.61	84.96	-2.65	99.74	130.44	30.70
Panola	50.45	60.39	9.94	61.67	61.41	-0.26
Galveston	69.74	65.02	-4.72	69.74	70.94	1.19
Liberty	158.12	180.86	22.74	163.93	159.25	-4.68
Orange	111.41	113.22	1.81	96.63	116.61	19.99
Montgomery	77.06	65.72	-11.34	71.40	61.56	-9.85
Polk	131.45	123.00	-8.45	101.32	109.24	7.92
Liberty	158.12	180.86	22.74	163.93	159.25	-4.68
AVERAGE	135.1	113.6	-21.5	144.5	131.5	-13
TOTAL	1756 3	1476 7	-279.5	1879	1710	-169





#### Summary

- · Higher level outcomes can be measured
- In many cases, data already exists to make your job easier
- It may take a while last activity was held mid-2008
- Used solid educational design focusing on local needs
- Know your audience
- The success of this CME initiative is replicable in diseases with similar gaps in diagnosis and treatment.



