

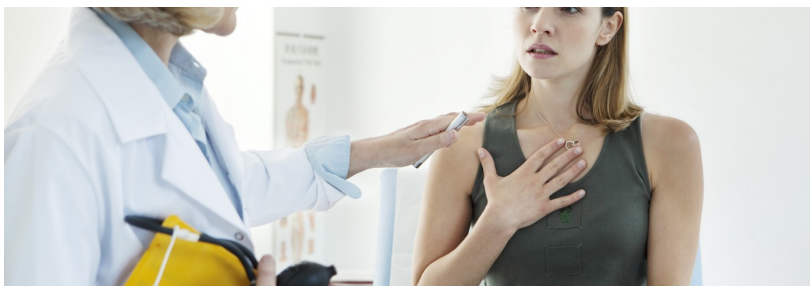


COPD Improves with Stem Cell Therapy


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
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Four Lung Institute facilities in Tampa, Scottsdale, Nashville and Pittsburg, treat restrictive and obstructive lung diseases using stem cells from the patient's own body.

Gary V., a patient, has seen his quality of life improve since he receive stem cell therapy for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Gary, "improvement" is more healthy, happier days.

"I don't get sick as much anymore," he said in [Lung Institute press release](#). "I don't have inflammation. It's been working. It's been very good."

COPD is a progressive form of lung disease ranging from mild to severe and characterized by a restriction of airflow into and out of the lungs that makes breathing difficult. Two main forms of COPD are chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

There is currently no cure for COPD, but treatment options such as stem



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cell therapy can prevent more damage and improve the patient's quality of life.

A pilot report of the Lung Institute called [Autologous Stem Cell Therapy and its Effects on COPD](#), indicates that 82% of patients with the disease had improvements in their quality of life after stem cell therapy. The level of improvement varies from patient to patient.

"In the practice of medicine, we use standardized treatments on unique individuals, and as a result, responses to treatments do vary," said Dr. Jack Coleman, medical director of the Lung Institute clinic in Nashville. "When the responses of a large population of patients are presented as a graph, we see the bell-shaped curve where one extreme represents those patients with a very-good-to-excellent response to treatment, and the other extreme represents those with little or no response to treatment. The majority of patients are somewhere in the middle."

Stem cell therapy is a strategy that introduces new adult stem cells into damaged tissue in order to treat disease or injury. The treatments have the potential to

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change the face of human disease and alleviate suffering. While stem cell therapy can help with COPD symptoms, it is not a definite cure for chronic lung disease.

“There are times when you still get a flare-up, where you have to take a break,” Gary noted. “It’s not a miracle cure. It’s not something that you are going to take, and the next day you’re cured.”

Still, for many patients, stem cell therapy is the best currently available treatment option.

Many patients of COPD have trouble walking short distances and are especially susceptible to illness and pneumonia. Often, patients need oxygen support 24 hours per day and daily medications. In sever cases, a more drastic measure is required – lung transplant. With lung transplant, the first-year **survival rate** is 78%; three-year survival is 63%; five years is 51%.

While some patients’ reviews indicate improvements in lung function and capability to live a normal life, not all results are home runs.



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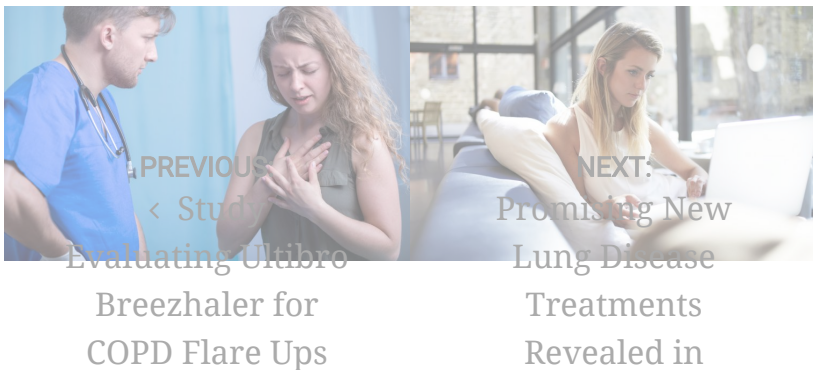
“As practitioners, we constantly strive to shift the bell curve in the direction of the excellent responders and reduce the poor or non-responders,” Dr. Coleman noted. “We do this through constant surveillance of the latest research and literature reports, and modify our protocols based on this information. We also examine those who do not respond well to determine factors that may allow us to offer more effective treatments to those individuals in the future. In doing so, we have improved our response rate from just over 70% 16 months ago to 85% now . . . Improvement is a constant process in medicine.”

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Scott
says: January 16,
2017 at 6:43
PM

Good luck, hope to see a
cure soon, all the best

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Virginia
Churchill
says: February 7,
2017 at 11:37
AM

i have heard that after
age 60 we do not make
hardly any stem cells?
that is why it best to use
umbilical cord for stem
cell therapy. I am 74 and
can I produce the stem
cells for the procedure?

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Ellie
Young
says: October
25, 2017
at 2:49
AM

Virginia, I know
that in Japan,
arthritic knees
could be treated
by stem cell
transplant. And

the stem cells
are from the
patient's saliva
and then
program the
cells into stem
cells. My father
is very old, and
we are trying not
to get him stem
cells from bone
marrow. Hope it
helps! All the
best.

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priscilla
white
says: December 12, 2017 at 1:09 PM

YES I WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW
THE ANSWER
TO AFTER
WHAT AGE
DOES STEM
CELL STOP
PRODUCING
BEFORE I SIGN
UP FOR THE
TREATMENT.

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Bunny
Music
says: March 9, 2017 at 9:40 AM

This is an interesting article and I hope it gives us all hope in the future. I've been on oxygen 24/7 for 16 years already and was very lucky to have had lung volume reduction surgery. Stem cell is the next great step. Hope it works out for us all.

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Ronnie Hicks [March 10, 2017](#)
at 7:51 PM
says:

I have emphysema and would like to know the name of the herbal medication that was used to help with this illness

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Rhonda Morley [March 15, 2017](#)
at 7:04 PM
says:

I would very much love to be a candidate for the stem cell procedure, but I know I couldn't afford it. I couldn't afford to travel to the few states that it is done in.

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Katharine White July 4, 2017 at 7:27 PM
says:

Sounds like a scam. No one is saying what herbs are used.

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Anonymous August 23, 2017 at 4:43 PM
says:

It is a scam. I wonder why this website is allowing this spam here.

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elijah July 27, 2017 at 5:28 PM
says:

i am just starting to do the research for my wife who has copd. i have yet to contact any of the centers that perform autologous stem cell therapy.....is there any posted information as to the costs that someone could share with me. Thanks for your help

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Beverly Duckett [October 2, 2017 at 9:48 PM](#)
says:

I talked with Lung Institute and one treatment is \$8000.00 and if you do the 2 treatments they have its \$12500.

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Holley Goddard [November 13, 2017 at 2:36 AM](#)
say s:

I love to talk to someone that had this done

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larry robinson [November 18, 2017 at 6:40 PM](#)
says:

Can anyone tell me if Medicare or Federal Blue Cross and Blue

Shield will cover any of the cost of stem cell treatment?

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Anonymous
October 4,
2018
at
5:43
AM

Insurance & Medicare to date will not pay for these treatments. I heard recently that there are two doctors in Vermont that do the procedure and it costs \$5000.00

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Nicole
Lin
says:

August 24,
2017 at 11:58
AM

I have done Stemcell therapy twice in the Lung Institute in Tampa,FL and have seen very big changes! I do not get sick anymore and I can do more now without getting as tired as before. I can shower now easily and I can walk almost anywhere everyday. I have COPD end stage. I would recommend it to anyone who wants a better quality of life. I am happy and I rarely get sad like I used to. I am planning to take one more treatment this year.

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George
Tibbs
says:

October
10, 2017
at 2:23
PM

Nicole, I am curious about price. I read somewhere the treatments cost between 7 and 10 thousand

each, is that accurate?

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Chris says: October 11, 2017 at 10:40 AM

My Dad is considering is considering stem cell treatment at Lung Institute in Pittsburgh. Please advise as to your thoughts on first procedure, etc. Need all the info I can get

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Ellie Young says: October 25, 2017 at 2:45 AM

To Nicole, thank you for the hope that you have given to me and my father. My father is suffering COPD for a few years in Canada, and

the lung specialist told my father that he has no time left. I will try to find out the lung institute for my father. Hope all lung patients could live a long and healthy life!

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Ross Carl Booker November 2, 2017 at 3:24 PM says:

Nichole lin, Can you give me an idea of how much the stem cell therapy cost? Please Email me @ rcbooker65@yahoo.com. This would really help me decide weather to have it done or not.

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cherry collins August 29, 2018 says: at

5:30

PM

They
told me
6500.00

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larry robinson November
18, 2017
says: at 6:47
PM

Please can you also provide for me any information in regards to the cost of treatment for COPD. You can e-mail me at robinson.larry@att.net A reply would be greatly appreciated.

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Joy January
18, 2018
says: at 3:03
PM

Have u heard of someone condition getting worse after the stem cell treatment

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Sheila
hill
says:

September 29,
2017 at 1:06
AM

I have beentold i have
copd.ive had
asthma(allergic) and
smoked ciggarettts.I
must have hade it for
some time, or mabe it
was the asthma but i
can rembember being
out of breath in the
past.Im scared now at
times i get out of breath
at nite or with exertion.i
am useing the rescue
inhaler a lot.I havent
done a cardio_pulm test
im afraid.they might tell
me some negitive stuff.i
really am ok most of the
time.ive changed my
diet am trying to do
better.I think im in the
first stages.is there any
organic help for
someone like me???
What is life expectancy?
?? Im a very young 60.
Thank you sheila

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Carol
says:

April 18,
2018 at
9:46 PM

Do you have a
oxy meter? You
can get them at
Walmart for
30\$. Your body
is working hard
to repair but
avoiding
allergys,colds,s
moke (as much
as possible).
Drink loads of
water and pray.

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Mary
Lawson
says: November 20,
2017 at 11:03
AM

The same with me ,they
always make this med.
But the people that
needs it can't afford it

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Chuck
Bannon
says: November 29,
2017 at 8:48
PM

"Stem cells have been
called everything from
cure-alls to miracle
treatments. But don't
believe the hype. Some
unscrupulous providers
offer stem cell products
that are both

unapproved and unproven. So beware of potentially dangerous procedures—and confirm what’s really being offered before you consider any treatment.”

<https://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm286155.htm>

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Diana
says:

December 11,
2017 at 11:24
PM

It is very unfortunate that only the well off can afford some medical treatment. I am paying nothing like this to have it done in Australia by a nice doctor who specialises in sports medicine PRP and stem cells. You are being charged what the market will pay, but it doesn't cost them \$8,000 to give you back your own blood! Maybe try negotiating, begging etc.! Yes the treatment works of course it does. Sadly it is not enough to call it a cure, just a substantial improvement for MOST

people – about 80% will benefit. Do NOT smoke. Do breathing exercises, swim if you can, lose weight if you are fat.

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Mark
says:

January 4,
2018 at 1:13
PM

I can only tell you that COPD is no joke! I was diagnosed 5 years ago and I'm already in stage 3. I have chronic bronchitis. Those of you who have it know how much it changes your life. The way I see it is quite simply... what would you pay for another 5 years? For that matter another year?

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Kelly
Messier
says:

April 30, 2018
at 12:39 PM

My father is looking to have this done in June, I hope it works because his quality of life would improve so much!

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larry
says:

May 22, 2018
at 2:22 PM

I start to have copd about four years ago, but I had apnea before and I got the c pack or mask that I used for sleeping and it helps a lot with my copd. I also do cardio exercise at the gym and that helps a lot. I consider stem but it's too expensive.

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derrick
says: June 4,
2018 at
1:58 PM

I am in Canada and there is no place I know of to get cell treatment. As well my lung Dr. says it is a scam. I am in stage 4 diagnosed 2016, got a little better in 17, now I can't do hardly anything without losing my breath, very frustrating and scary. Starting all the tests for transplant, if

approved you
know 100% your
days are
numbered. kind
of damned if
you do or don't.

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Helena
says:

August 22,
2018 at 1:54
PM

Hi Kelly, Have your
father done this? My
father suffered
emphysema for 4 years,
and now he is hospital
because of pneumonia.
It is very dangerous this
time. Hope to get your
feed back. Thank you.

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Cherry D.
Collins
says:

August 27,
2018 at 10:26
AM

does Ins cover it, I have
medicare and blue cross
, blue sheild of
Michigan.
Cherry D Collins
317 600 1059

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