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| **Impact of peer support on consumers with chronic lung conditions.** |
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| **Introduction/Aim:** A Lung Foundation Australia (LFA) persona mapping report showed Peer Support is highly valued by consumers to connect, feel supported, and learn from others with a lived experience. Yet there remains limited evidence in the literature quantifying the impact this valuable adjunct to care has on those living with a chronic lung condition. LFA set out to measure this impact, focusing on the effect that participating in online Peer Support had on dimensions of social isolation and self-management. **Methods:** An opt-in survey was sent to all consumers joining LFA’s online Peer Support network after September 2021, requesting members self-report on a variety of scales. A follow-up survey was then sent to those same members 6-months later to measure change and gauge the impact that participating in an online Peer Support group had on facets of social isolation and self-management.**Results:** As of June 2023, members reported a 19.6% increase in confidence to manage their lung condition, a 35.7% increase in access to resources information and knowledge about their lung condition, and a variety of behaviour changes since joining Peer Support including participation in pulmonary rehabilitation and research trials. They also reported a 36.5% increase in feeling supported and understood by others and a 76.5% increase in feeling connected to peers with a lung condition.**Conclusion:** The data from online Peer Support group members exhibits the measurable benefit Peer Support provides to consumers living with a chronic lung condition. It also suggests preliminary applications for how this adjunct service can support the healthcare system. As a larger sample size becomes available this data serves as an addition to the literature demonstrating the value of Peer Support and may direct further research into the development of a validated outcome measure for this unique service.**Grant Support:** The LFA Peer Support program is supported by Queensland Health. |