

### Risk Factors

- Tobacco smoke (casue of almost 90% of COPD cases)
- $\alpha$ 1-Antitrypsin deficiency (risk is even worse in combination with smoking)
- Environmental factors (such as second-hand smoke)
- Chronic asthma
- People affected are usually > 35 years old

### Difference

Chronic Bronchitis	Emphysepma
It is a clinical diagnosis: chronic cough productive of sputum for at least 3 months per year for at least 2 consecutive years.	It is a pathologic diagnosis: permanent enlargement of air spaces distal to terminal bronchioles due to destruction of alveolar walls.



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