



What is ARDS?

Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) is defined as an acute process, which results in moderate to severe loss of lung function.

Is ARDS common?

There are about 150,000 cases reported per year in the US.

What causes ARDS?

New causes of ARDS are continually being reported with more than 60 different causes having been identified already. This means that there is still a lot of information that we don't know and there is a continuing need for further research.

The most common causes of ARDS are pneumonia, sepsis (an overwhelming infection in the body), aspiration of fumes, food or stomach contents into the lung, and trauma. These conditions cause the body to manufacture substances that may cause inflammation in the lungs. Once inflamed, the alveoli (air sacs) are then unable to perform the normal oxygenation of the blood.

What is the Survival Rate from ARDS?

Recent data show that about 40% of patients die from ARDS. These statistics have vastly improved from a 70% mortality reported in the past. Increased awareness, better understanding of the disease process, better control of the ventilator, and improved diagnosing and therapy have been responsible for the improvement in survival.



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March for Miracles
2005

Chicago Botanic Garden

Saturday,
August 13, 2005

March for Miracles 2004



Join the ARDS Foundation for their March for Miracles 2005 Walk at the Beautiful Chicago Botanic Garden on Saturday, August 13, 2005.

Admission to the event is \$15 per person or \$30 per family. Parking at the Garden is an additional \$12 for cars.

Events to be held in Parking Lot 3 of the garden. The walk will begin with registration at 7:30 in Parking Lot 3 followed by a light breakfast, and then you will begin your walk through the garden, enjoying the many beautiful sites.

After the walk, you will return to parking lot 3 where you will be joined by others for Activities including face painting for the children, a raffle and time for fellowship.

All proceeds from the walk are to benefit ARDS support, education and research. The ARDS Foundation is a 501 © 3 organization, so all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Response Form

If you would like to receive a participant packet, please fill in this response card, detach it and mail it to 3100 Dundee Rd Ste. 402, Northbrook, IL 60062 or e-mail us at info@ardsusa.org

Yes, I would Like to participate please send me a packet

I cannot attend, but please accept my donation

I cannot attend, but please send me _____ raffle tickets at \$2 per ticket

I cannot attend, but please send me _____ ribbon magnets at \$5 per magnet



I cannot attend, but please send me _____ ARDS awareness bracelets at \$5 per bracelet



Comments:

Name _____

Address _____

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