



## The Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS)

is a scientific nonprofit association of physicians, nurses, physiotherapists and scientific researchers with interest in lung diseases.

💡💡 The main objectives of the BeRS are to promote respiratory health in Belgium and to fight respiratory diseases. 💡💡



## The main activities of the BeRS

- The BeRS organizes the **“Belgian Pneumology Days”**, a clinical scientific congress that is offering an annual update in the field of pneumology. It is the largest event in the field of respiratory medicine in Belgium where all stakeholders are represented.
- The BeRS **offers continuous education for pulmonologists**, pulmonologists in training, physiotherapists and nurses by organizing courses, symposia and hands-on workshops on specific topics in the field of respiratory diseases.
- The BeRS **supports scientific research** through clinical studies, registries, surveys, national guidelines, scientific awards and research mandates.
- The BeRS **provides scientific advice** to all official instances of health care in Belgium, media and press.
- The BeRS **disseminates information** and takes part to the public debate on topics related to respiratory diseases.

## Promote health respiratory

- The BeRS wants to disseminate important clinical and **scientific knowledge with regard to the respiratory system, by conducting or supporting scientific, educational, societal and social activities.**

### The BeRS focusses on various tasks:

- She **promotes basic and clinical research** in the field of Respiratory Medicine in a national and international context.
- She **encourages and organizes contacts** and exchanges between its members.
- She **develops and supports specific training in pneumology** to promote evidence-based medicine in Belgium.
- She **disseminates its expertise** in the field of respiratory diseases by communicating to its members, partners and lay public.
- She **promotes and safeguards the scientific representation of Belgian pulmonologists** with regard to the public authorities, the pharmaceutical industry and its communications.

The BeRS guarantees independent and transparent scientific operation and ensures that communication is and remains of high quality. Its Board of Directors is composed of members elected by and among its members for a period of two years.

Its activities **are based on the voluntary participation of its members who contribute their expertise by participating in specific working groups** in the field of pulmonary diseases.

**Today, the BeRS has more than 675 members and 15 working groups.**

Thanks to the valuable collaboration between different working groups, several tools and platforms have been developed. These include the "MyPuff" application and website, the "MaRevaPulmonaire" and "MyRespiCompanion" websites, and the "BeRS Academy" the e-learning platform for lung function courses and other future training sessions.

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