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### **ACCP and 2010 Year of the Lung: *From Prevention to Intervention***

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As part of the YOL, the ACCP will encourage worldwide lung health from Prevention to Intervention, with core initiatives focusing on the areas of tobacco prevention, as well as the diagnosis and management of COPD and lung cancer. The ACCP will coordinate with all national and international members to integrate YOL messages and promote YOL initiatives, including targeted Web pages that highlight ACCP clinical and patient tools and education material.

- **Tobacco Prevention**

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Beyond the [Lung Lessons](#) SM program, the ACCP and [The CHEST Foundation](#) will showcase and distribute the ACCP [Evils of Tobacco](#), a culturally-sensitive CD-ROM-based program that illustrates the severe hazards of tobacco use. The program, which includes talking points and material for presenters, has been developed in seven languages and has already been shared with thousands of children around the world.

- **COPD**

Through its regional COPD education program, [COPD: What Really Works? A Best Practices Workshop for Primary Care](#), the ACCP will provide pertinent COPD screening, diagnosis, and treatment information to primary care health clinicians. In 2010, the programs will be hosted in 20 major markets around the country and will be a timely vehicle for spreading the YOL messages, especially as they relate to COPD.

- **Lung Cancer**

The ACCP publishes [Diagnosis and Management of Lung Cancer](#), one of the leading evidence-based guidelines in lung cancer diagnosis, staging, and management. Throughout the 2010 YOL, the ACCP will build on the strong foundation of the guidelines to increase awareness regarding lung cancer prevention, diagnosis, and management. The ACCP also will provide education material for clinicians, patients, and patient families regarding critical care units and end-of-life and [critical care family assistance](#).

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