## Pursed-lip breathing

Pursed-lip breathing is one technique that can help you feel less short of breath.

# Have you heard about the pursed-lip breathing technique? If yes, are you using it? How and when?

#### Goal:

• With this technique, you breathe out slowly, which allows you to exhale more air, thus leaving less air trapped inside your lungs.

#### Benefits:

- 1. Reduces breathing frequency and shortness of breath.
- 2. Helps you return to your normal breathing pattern after exercise or effort.
- 3. Improves your ability to perform different activities.
- 4. Increases your sense of control over your own breathing.

#### Points to remember:

- The focus should be on expiration.
- Expiration should be longer than inspiration, but not forced.
- First master this breathing technique while at rest. Then you will be able to use it with activities requiring effort.

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- 1. Inhale slowly through your nose until you feel that your lungs are filled with air, without forcing.
- 2. Purse your lips as you would if you were whistling or about to kiss someone.
- 3. Exhale slowly while keeping your lips pursed. Make sure to take longer to breathe out than you would to breathe in. Remember to keep your lips pursed.
- 4. Do not force your lungs to empty.