Respiratory Disorders
Asthma
- smooth muscle constriction in the bronchioles
- airway becomes constricted
Bronchitis
-chronic bronchiole infection
Pneumonia

- infection in the alveoli
- air sacs fill with pus
Emphysema

- chronic respiratory disorder found mostly in the elderly
- loss of elasticity in the alveoli
- (mining, smoking, asbestos exposure)
Pneumothorax
-collapsed lung that causes air to leak out of the respiratory tract
-usually caused by a traumatic injury (gunshot, car wreck, fractured rib)
Pleurisy

- inflammation of the pleural membrane
- causes pain due to friction between the visceral and parietal pleura