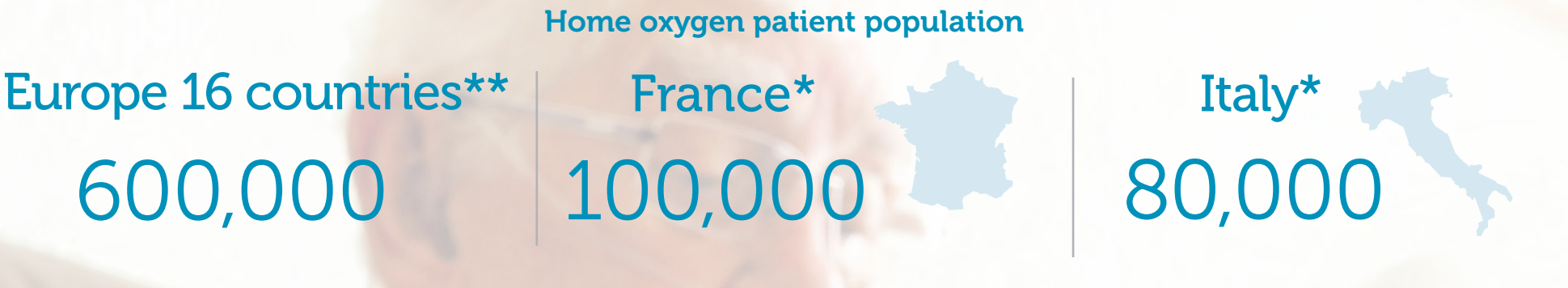


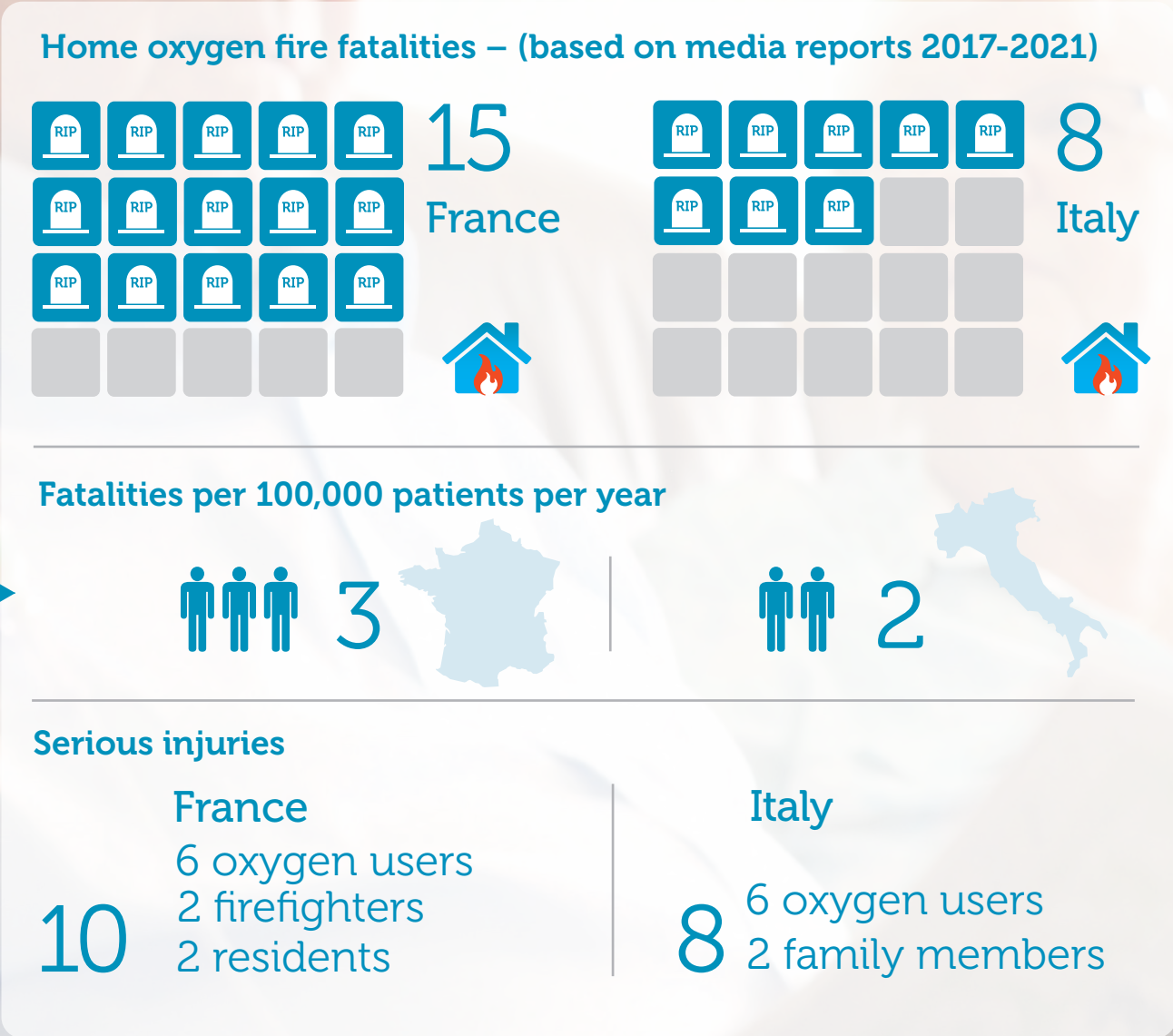
The under-reported problem of home oxygen fires in Europe

Recognising, reporting and reducing the impact of home oxygen fires in Europe

Each year, home oxygen fires cause a significant number of avoidable deaths and severe burn-related injuries across Europe. New analysis of media reports in France and Italy (between January 2017 and December 2021) suggests that many such incidents are going unreported.



A gap between reports and reality?



The figures suggest that home oxygen fires are a material public health issue in Europe. But without knowing the true scale of the problem, the industry cannot work together effectively to prevent further harm.

A lack of clarity around reporting, alongside incomplete data, also prevents regulators from understanding and addressing the issue and helping to keep home oxygen patients and their communities safe.

* Estimates

** Estimated patient population in 16 EU countries covered by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA) member survey. EIGA estimates that there were 2 million patients over the course of its 5 year survey.

*** In a survey of its members, EIGA found 15 fatalities resulting from home oxygen-related fires in 16 countries in the EU between 2013 and 2017. TB/36-20, Analysis of Fire Incidents in Homecare Oxygen Therapy Based on Data Review and Literature (July 2020)