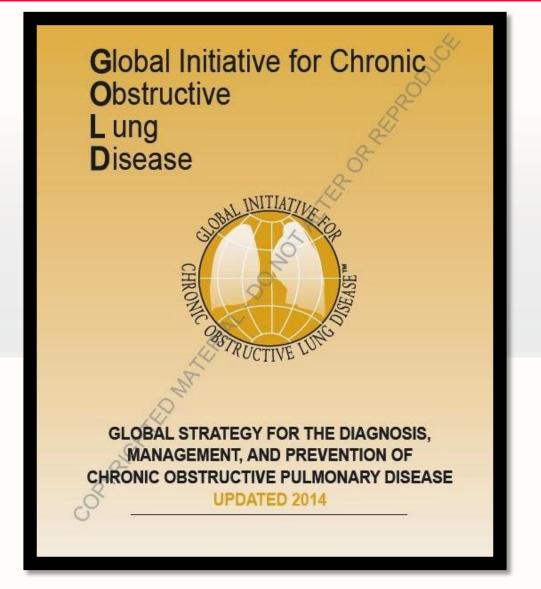


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### COPD



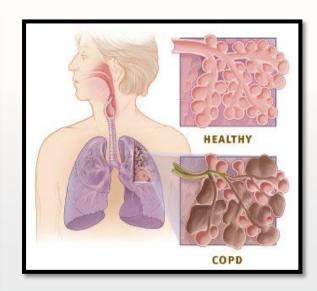


### COPD



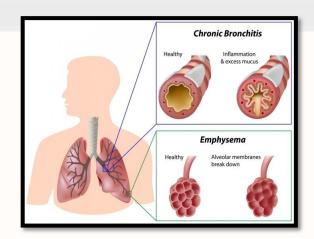
#### Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

- a common preventable and treatable disease
- progressive disease
- characterized by persistent airflow limitation
- associated with chronic inflammatory response



COPD is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality

COPD results in an economic and social burden

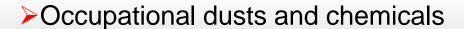


### RISK FACTORS



➤ Tobacco smoke

➤ Indoor air pollution

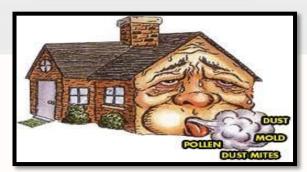


- Outdoor air pollution
- Hereditary deficiency of alpha-1 antitrypsin









➤ Any factor that affects lung growth during gestation and childhood

## Diagnosis



#### Key indicators

- Dyspnea progressive, worse with exercise, persistent
- Chronic cough may be intermittant or unproductive
- Chronic sputum any pattern
- History of exposure to risk factors
- Family history of COPD





### DIAGNOSIS



- Spirometry is required to make clinical diagnosis of COPD
- ➤ The presence of post-bronchodilator FEV1/FVC < 0.70

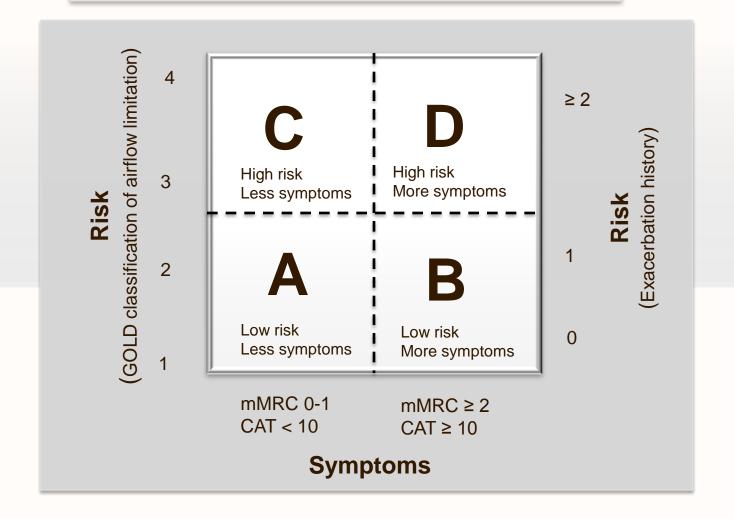
## Classification of Severity of Airflow Limitation (Post-bronchodilator FEV1)

GOLD 1	Mild	FEV1 ≥ 80% predicted
GOLD 2	Moderate	50% ≤ FEV1 < 80% predicted
GOLD 3	Severe	30% ≤ FEV1 < 50% predicted
GOLD 4	Very severe	FEV1 < 30% predicted

### **ASSESSMENT**



#### Combined assessment of COPD



### DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS



#### COPD

- Onset in mid-life
- Symptoms slowly progressive
- History of tobacco smoking or exposure to other types of smoke

#### **Asthma**

- ➤ Onset early in life
- Symptoms worse at night/early morning
- Allergy, rhinitis and/or eczema also present
- Family history of asthma

#### Congestive Heart Failure

- Dilated heart on chest x-ray
- Pulmonary function tests indicate volume restriction



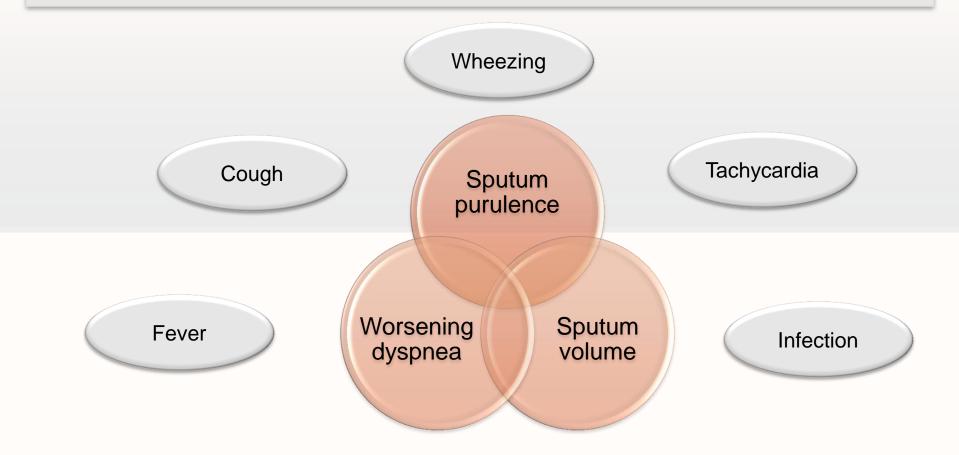


### **EXACERBATION**



#### **COPD** exacerbation

An acute event characterized by a worsening of the patient's respiratory symptoms



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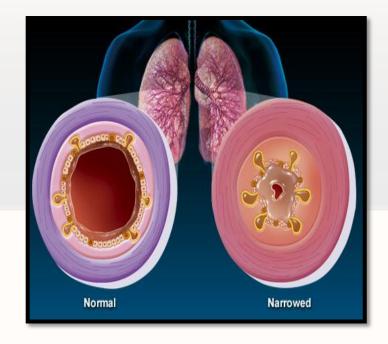
#### **Medical History**

Severity of COPD based on degree of airflow limitation

Duration of worsening or new symptoms

- Number of previous episodes
- **Comorbidities**

- ➤ Present treatment regimen
- Previous use of mechanical ventilation



#### Signs of Severity

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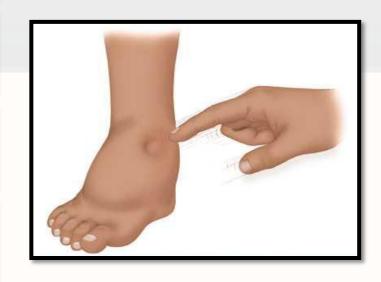
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- ➤ Use of accessory respiratory muscles
- Paradoxical chest wall movements

- Worsening or new onset central cyanosis
- Development of peripheral edema
- Hemodynamic instability
- Deteriorated mental status



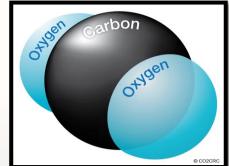


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#### Laboratory

- ▶PaO2 < 60 mmHg</p>
- ►PaCO2 > 50 mmHg





- ➤ CBC may show polycythemia, anemia, leukocytosis
- ➤ Biochemical tests may show electrolyte disturbances, hyperglycemia

- Chest radiographs are useful in excluding alternative diagnosis
- **ECG** may aid in diagnosis of coexisting cardiac problems

#### Laboratory



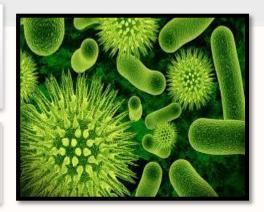
The presence of purulent sputum can be sufficient indication for starting empirical antibiotic treatment

Most common bacterial pathogens

- Hemophilus influenzae,
- Streptococcus pneumoniae,
- Moraxella catarrhalis



- ➤In GOLD 3 and GOLD 4 patients
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa becomes important
- Spirometry is not recommended during an exacerbation



## EXACERBATIONS TREATMENT



Treatment goals for COPD exacerbations

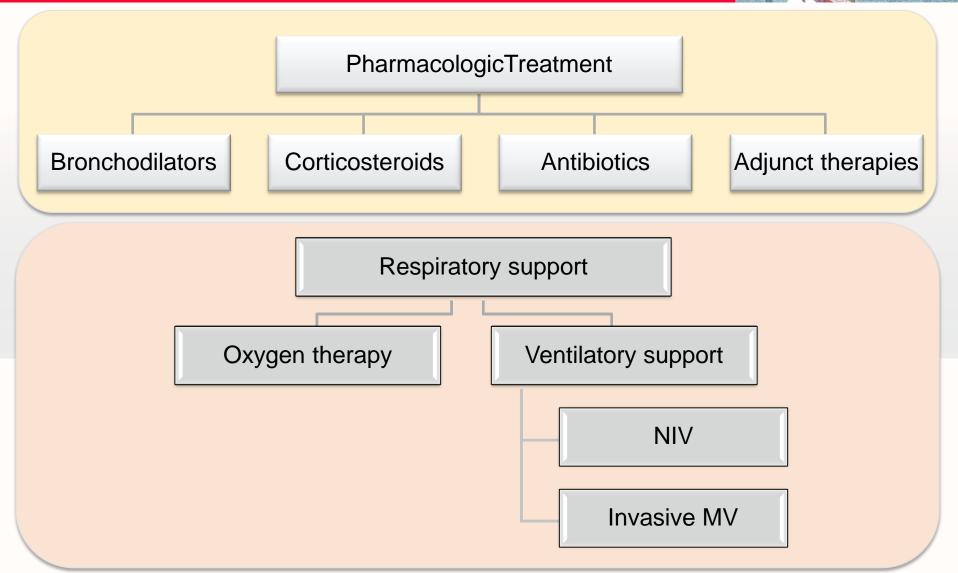
- ➤ Minimize the impact of the current exacerbation
- > Prevent the development of subsequent exacerbations





## EXACERBATIONS TREATMENT





## EXACERBATIONS BRONCHODILATORS



Short-acting inhaled beta-2 agonists with/without anticholinergics (Evidence C)

- Increase doses and/or frequency of short-acting bronchodilators
- Combine short-acting beta-2 agonists and anticholinergics
- Use spacers or air-driven nebulizers
- ➤ No clinical studies about the use of long-acting bronchodilators with or without inhaled corticosteroids

Intravenous methylxanthines (theophylline or aminophylline)

Second-line therapy, only to be used in selected cases (Evidence B)







## EXACERBATIONS CORTICOSTEROIDS





Systemic corticosteroids in COPD exacerbations

- ✓ shorten recovery time (Evidence A)
- ✓ improve lung function, arterial hypoxemia (Evidence A)
- ✓ reduce the risk of early relapse, treatment failure, length of hospital stay



Oral or intravenous corticosteroids



30-40 mg prednisolone per day for 10-14 days (Evidence D)





## EXACERBATIONS ANTIBIOTICS



Antibiotics should be given to patients with exacerbations of COPD

- ➤ Have three cardinal symptoms increase in dyspnea, sputum volume, and sputum purulence (*Evidence B*)
- ➤ Have two of cardinal symptoms if increased purulence of sputum is one of the two symptoms (*Evidence C*)
- Require mechanical ventilation (noninvasive or invasive) (Evidence B)

➤ The recommended length of antibiotic therapy is 5-10 days (Evidence D)



- ➤ Supplemental oxygen should be titrated with a target saturation of 88-92%
- Arterial blood gases should be checked 30-60 minutes later
  - to ensure satisfactory oxygenation without carbon dioxide retention or acidosis

➤ Assess the patient for requirement of mechanical ventilation (Evidence B)





## EXACERBATIONS TREATMENT



- ➤ Monitor fluid balance and nutrition
- ➤ Consider subcutaneous heparin or LMWH
- Identify and treat associated conditions
- Closely monitor condition of the patient







#### INDICATIONS FOR NONINVASIVE MV

- ➤ Respiratory acidosis (arterial pH<7.35 and/or PaCO2 >45 mmHg)
- Severe dyspnea with clinical signs suggestive of
  - ✓ Respiratory muscle fatigue
  - ✓Increased work of breathing
    - ✓ Use of respiratory accessory muscles
    - ✓ Paradoxical motion of the abdomen
    - ✓ Retraction of the intercostal spaces



Randomized controlled trials showing a success rate of 80-85%



#### INDICATIONS FOR INVASIVE MV

➤ Unable to tolerate NIV or NIV failure

- Respiratory or cardiac arrest
- ➤ Massive aspiration



- Respiratory pauses with loss of consciousness or gasping for air
- ➤ Diminished consciousness, psychomotor agitation inadequately controlled by sedation



#### INDICATIONS FOR INVASIVE MV

- Persistent inability to remove respiratory secretions
- ➤ Heart rate < 50/min with loss of alertness
- Severe ventricular arrhythmias
- Severe hemodynamic instability without response to fluids and vasoactive drugs
- Life-threatening hypoxemia in patients unable to tolerate NIV





### **EXACERBATIONS**



#### INDICATIONS FOR HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT OR ADMISSION

- ➤ Marked increase in intensity of symptoms
- ➤ Severe underlying COPD
- Frequent exacerbations
- ➤ Onset of new physical signs, e.g cyanosis
- Older age, serious comorbidities
- ➤Insufficient home support
- Failure of an exacerbation to initial medical management







#### INDICATIONS FOR ICU ADMISSION

- Severe dyspnea that responds inadequately to initial emergency therapy
- Persistent or worsening hypoxemia (PaO2 < 40 mmHg)</p>
- Severe/worsening respiratory acidosis (pH<7.25)</p>
- Need for invasive ventilation

- ➤ Changes in mental status
- Hemodynamic instability/need for vasopressors



### **EXACERBATIONS**



#### DISCHARGE CRITERIA

- ➤ Able to use long-acting bronchodilators
- ➤ Inhaled short-acting beta2-agonists required no more frequently than every 4 hours
- Patient is able to across room.

- Stable arterial blood gases for 12-24 hour
- Clinically stable patient for 12-24 hours





### **EXACERBATIONS**



#### DISCHARGE CRITERIA

- ➤ Patient is able to eat and sleep without frequent awakening by dyspnea
- ➤ Patient/home caregiver fully understands correct use of medications
- Follow-up and home care arrangement have been completed
- Patient, family, and physician are confident that the patient can manage successfully at home





### THANK YOU



