COPD AAPA 2022

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Big Goals

Review the three categories of medications available to treat COPD

Key in on the diagnosis and treatment, why PFT numbers should not guide treatment

Best practices and personalizing COPD treatment

Asthma vs COPD

Asthma and COPD

Asthma – bronchoconstriction, airway inflammation, mucous production

COPD – Tissue destruction, chronic cough, due to exposure

Asthma – Three key features: bronchoconstriction, airway inflammation and mucous production.



COPD – Chronic (long term, you get this over time), Obstructive (elasticity is gone, things get floppy and weak, alveoli break down)



COPD – Big, floppy lungs. Flattened diaphragm. Harder to inhaler but MUCH hard to exhale, air is trapped, stale.



Normal Lungs

Hyperinflated Lungs







COPD Medication Terms

- SABA = Short Acting Beta-Agonist = Albuterol = rescue inhaler = puffer, Proair, Ventolin, Proventil
- LABA = Long Acting Beta-Agonist, Serevent, Salmeterol
- ICS = Inhaled Corticosteroid, Flovent, fluticasone, QVAR, Pulmicort
- SAMA= Short Acting Muscarinic Antagonist, ipratropium bromide
- LAMA = Long Acting Muscarinic Antagonist, Spiriva, tiotropium
- MDI = Metered Dose Inhaler
- DPI = Dry Powdered Inhaler Advair, Breo, Trelegy

COPD: Part 1

We have three categories of medications



COPD Medication Categories

Albuterol – short acting bronchodilator, relaxes smooth muscle. Binds to beta receptors on smooth muscle, causing about a billion things to happen that drop the calcium in the cell and it relaxes.

Salmeterol/formoterol/vilanterol – Same thing as above but lasts 12 or 24 hours

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COPD: Part 1

We have three categories of medications



COPD Medication Categories: Steroids

Prednisone is metabolized by the liver to prednisolone. A glucocorticoid agonist corticosteroid

One of the first effects is to decreased the leukocyte migration to sites of Inflammation.

Corticosteroids then bind to the glucocorticoid receptor mediates changes in gene expression that lead to multiple downstream effects over hours to days.

COPD Medication Categories: Steroids

Glucocorticoids inhibit WBC movement by slowing demargination; they inhibit phospholipase A2, which decreases the formation of arachidonic acid derivatives; they inhibit NF-Kappa B and other inflammatory transcription factors; they promote antiinflammatory genes like interleukin.

Much of this happening in the nucleus

COPD Medication Categories: Steroids

Many actions, all with a central goal of reducing inflammation at the source, most aspects of inflammation are affected

Steroids are a true two edged sword



COPD: Part 1

We have three categories of medications



COPD Medication Categories: SAMA/LAMA

Ipratropium bromide (and other short and long-acting muscarinic antagonists) are often listed as bronchodilators?

Are they? The exert minimal direct effect on smooth muscle. . .

COPD Medication Categories: SAMA/LAMA

Ipratropium bromide

- Made from the combination of Isopropyl alcohol and atropine. The name comes from these two words. Isopropyl alcohol and atropine
- Works by INCREASING the degradation of cGMP and by DECREASING Ca2+ in the cells, thus blocking contraction. They don't dilate anything really.
- 3. Onset of action . . . 20 minutes or so. Ipratropium half life is 2 hours.

COPD Medication Categories: SAMA/LAMA

Why helpful if minimal bronchoconstriction?

These help block contraction but also reduce RESTING TONE.

So even if not overly constricted, can be helpful.

Minimal systemic absorption



COPD: Part 2

We have three categories of medications



BRONCHODILATORS IN STABLE COPD

- Inhaled bronchodilators in COPD are central to symptom management and commonly given on a regular basis to prevent or reduce symptoms (Evidence A).
- Regular and as-needed use of SABA or SAMA improves FEV₁ and symptoms (Evidence A).
- Combinations of SABA and SAMA are superior compared to either medication alone in improving FEV₁ and symptoms (Evidence A).
- LABAs and LAMAs significantly improve lung function, dyspnea, health status, and reduce exacerbation rates (Evidence A).
- LAMAs have a greater effect on exacerbation reduction compared with LABAs (Evidence A) and decrease hospitalizations (Evidence B).
- Combination treatment with a LABA and LAMA increases FEV₁ and reduces symptoms compared to monotherapy (Evidence A).
- Combination treatment with a LABA/LAMA reduces exacerbations compared to monotherapy (Evidence B).
- Tiotropium improves the effectiveness of pulmonary rehabilitation in increasing exercise performance (Evidence B).
- Theophylline exerts a small bronchodilator effect in stable COPD (Evidence A) and that is associated with modest symptomatic benefits (Evidence B).

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DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS OF EVIDENCE

EVIDENCE CATEGORY	SOURCES OF EVIDENCE	DEFINITION
Α	Randomized controlled trials (RCTs)	Evidence is from endpoints of well-designed RCTs that provide consistent findings in the population for which the recommendation is made without any important limitations.
	Rich body of high quality evidence without any significant limitation or bias	Requires high quality evidence from ≥ 2 clinical trials involving a substantial number of subjects, or a single high quality RCT involving substantial numbers of patient without any bias.
В	Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) with important limitations	Evidence is from RCTs that include only a limited number of patients, post hoc or subgroup analyses of RCTs or meta analyses of RCTs.
	Limited Body of Evidence	Also pertains when few RCTs exist, or important limitations are evident (methodologic flaws, small numbers, short duration, undertaken in a population that differs from the target population of the recommendation, or the results are somewhat inconsistent).
С	Non-randomized trials Observational studies	Evidence is from outcomes of uncontrolled or non-randomized trials or from observational studies.
D	Panel consensus judgment	Provision of guidance is deemed valuable but clinical literature addressing the subject is insufficient.
		Panel consensus is based on clinical experience or knowledge that does not meet the above stated criteria.



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COPD Defined

'A common preventable and treatable disease, is characterized by persistent airflow limitation that is usually progressive and associated with an enhanced chronic inflammatory response in the airways and the lung to noxious particles or gases. Exacerbations and comorbidities contribute to the overall severity in individual patients.'

COPD Defined

 Chronic bronchitis: chronic productive cough for 3 months in each of two successive years (other causes excluded)

Emphysema: abnormal and permanent enlargement of the airspaces distal to the terminal bronchioles that is accompanied by destruction of the airspace walls

KEY INDICATORS FOR CONSIDERING A DIAGNOSIS OF COPD

Consider COPD, and perform spirometry, if any of these indicators are present in an individual over age 40. These indicators are not diagnostic themselves, but the presence of multiple key indicators increases the probability of a diagnosis of COPD. Spirometry is required to establish a diagnosis of COPD.

Dyspnea that is:	Progressive over time. Characteristically worse with exercise. Persistent.	
Chronic Cough:	May be intermittent and may be unproductive. Recurrent wheeze.	
Chronic Sputum Production:	Any pattern of chronic sputum production may indicate COPD.	
Recurrent Lower Respiratory	Tract Infections	
History of Risk Factors:	Host factors (such as genetic factors, congenital/developmental abnormalities etc.). Tobacco smoke (including popular local preparations). Smoke from home cooking and heating fuels. Occupational dusts, vapors, fumes, gases and other chemicals.	
Family History of COPD and/or Childhood Factors:	For example low birthweight, childhood respiratory infections etc.	

PATHWAYS TO THE DIAGNOSIS OF COPD



COPD Diagnosis and Treatment

In a patient with the right history and symptoms (or a previous assumed dx of COPD) get the testing done.

CLASSIFICATION OF AIRFLOW LIMITATION SEVERITY IN COPD (BASED ON POST-BRONCHODILATOR FEV₁)

In patients with FEV1/FVC < 0.70:

GOLD 1:	Mild	$FEV_1 \ge 80\%$ predicted
GOLD 2:	Moderate	$50\% \le FEV_1 < 80\%$ predicted
GOLD 3:	Severe	$30\% \le FEV_1 < 50\%$ predicted
GOLD 4:	Very Severe	FEV ₁ < 30% predicted

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This is comparing the patient to themselves

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This is comparing the patient to a peer based on height, weight, age, gender and ethnicity.

COPD Diagnosis and Treatment



So do this once, then, the good news . . .

COPD Diagnosis and Treatment



COPD Diagnosis and Treatment

Spirometry or PFT



Category or Treatment

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Set this aside and ask them how they are doing

CAT™ ASSESSMENT

For each item below, place a mark (x) in the box that best describes you currently. Be sure to only select one response for each question.

EXAMPLE: I am very happy	0 2 3 4 5	I am very sad	SCORE
l never cough	012345	I cough all the time	
l have no phlegm (mucus) in my chest at all	012345	My chest is completely full of phlegm (mucus)	
My chest does not feel tight at all	012345	My chest feels very tight	
When I walk up a hill or one flight of stairs I am not breathless	012345	When I walk up a hill or one flight of stairs I am very breathless	
l am not limited doing any activities at home	012345	l am very limited doing activities at home	
I am confident leaving my home despite my lung condition	012345	I am not at all confident leaving my home because of my lung condition	
I sleep soundly	012345	I don't sleep soundly because of my lung condition	
I have lots of energy	012345	I have no energy at all	
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Reference: Jones et al. ERJ 2009; 3	4 (3); 648-54.	TOTAL SCORE	

MODIFIED MRC DYSPNEA SCALE^a

PLEASE TICK IN THE BOX THAT APPLIES TO YOU | ONE BOX ONLY | Grades 0 - 4

mMRC Grade 0.	I only get breathless with strenuous exercise.	
mMRC Grade 1.	I get short of breath when hurrying on the level or walking up a slight hill.	
mMRC Grade 2.	I walk slower than people of the same age on the level because of breathlessness, or I have to stop for breath when walking on my own pace on the level.	
mMRC Grade 3.	I stop for breath after walking about 100 meters or after a few minutes on the level.	
mMRC Grade 4.	I am too breathless to leave the house or I am breathless when dressing or undressing.	

Single Question Symptom Check

Can you walk at a reasonable pace on level ground without stopping to catch your breath?





INITIAL PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT

≥ 2 moderate exacerbations or ≥ 1 leading to hospitalization	Group C LAMA	Group D LAMA or LAMA + LABA* or ICS + LABA** *Consider if highly symptomatic (e.g. CAT > 20) **Consider if eos ≥ 300
0 or 1 moderate exacerbations (not leading to hospital admission)	Group A A Bronchodilator	Group B A Long Acting Bronchodilator (LABA or LAMA)
	mMRC 0-1, CAT < 10	mMRC \geq 2, CAT \geq 10

0 or 1 moderate exacerbations (not leading to hospital admission)

Group A

A Bronchodilator

mMRC 0-1, CAT < 10

0 or 1 moderate exacerbations (not leading to	Group B A Long Acting Bronchodilator (LABA or LAMA)
hospital admission)	



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Inhaled Steroids (ICS) –

If not needed don't use them!

Increased risk of all URIs and increased risk of pneumonia and exacerbations

Fluticasone is the worst

Group D	LAMA or
	LAMA + LABA* or
	ICS + LABA**
*Consider if hi **Consider if o	ighly symptomatic (e.g. CAT > 20) eos ≥ 300

Meta-Analysis > Int Immunopharmacol. 2019 Dec;77:105950. doi: 10.1016/j.intimp.2019.105950. Epub 2019 Oct 17.

Inhaled corticosteroids and risk of pneumonia in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Abstract

Objective: Inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) are generally used to treat patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who suffer from repeated exacerbations. Recently, it was reported that ICS treatment increased the risk of pneumonia in COPD patients. But it is controversial. The objective of this paper is to clarify the associations between ICS treatment and the risk of pneumonia in COPD patients.

Methods: PubMed, Cochrane Library, Clinical Trials.gov, and Embase were searched from February 2019 to June 2019. Randomized clinical trials (RCTs) were incorporated that compared ICS with non-ICS treatment on the risk of pneumonia in COPD patients. Meta-analyses were conducted by the Peto and Mantel-Haenszel approaches with corresponding 95% CIs.

Results: Twenty-five trials (N = 49,982 subjects) were included. Pooled results demonstrated a significantly increased risk of pneumonia with ICS use in COPD patients (RR, 1.59, 95% CI, 1.33-1.90; I² = 51%). ICS treatment also increased the risk of severe pneumonia (RR, 2.17, 95% CI, 1.47-3.22; I² = 29%). The results of subgroup analysis based on doses of ICS were consistent with the above. However, subgroup analyses based on types of ICS revealed that fluticasone therapy was associated with an increased risk of pneumonia but not budesonide. In addition, medium- and low-doses of budesonide treatment also did not increase the risk of pneumonia.

Conclusions: Use of ICS increases the risk of pneumonia in patients with COPD. The above is prominent for fluticasone-containing ICSs but not for budesonide-containing ICSs.





Inhaled Steroids (ICS) – more likely to help: Allergic or asthma history Eosinophils over 300 cells/ul History if benefit

Can always do a steroid challenge, a good idea really, 40 mg PO for 7 days and see how they respond





Diagnose with Spirometry or PFT

Once this is done set aside the numbers and focus on symptoms and exacerbations/hospitalizations

Use the CAT and figure out what category (A-D) and corresponding medication type, make changes

Questions on this so far?

Smoking Cessation



NON-PHARMACOLOGIC MANAGEMENT OF COPD*

PATIENT GROUP	ESSENTIAL	RECOMMENDED	DEPENDING ON LOCAL GUIDELINES
Α	Smoking Cessation (can include pharmacologic	Physical Activity	Flu Vaccination
~	treatment)		Pneumococcal Vaccination
			Pertussis Vaccination
			Covid-19 Vaccination
B, C and D	Smoking Cessation	Physical Activity	Flu Vaccination
	(can include pharmacologic treatment)		Pneumococcal Vaccination
	Pulmonary Rehabilitation		Pertussis Vaccination
			Covid-19 Vaccination
*Can include pharm	nacologic treatment.		



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Practice Guidelines

Medications for Smoking Cessation: Guidelines from the American Thoracic Society

PRINT PCOMMENTS

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Key Points for Practice

Varenicline is more effective than nicotine patches and bupropion with similar or fewer adverse events, even with comorbid psychiatric or substance abuse conditions.

Combining varenicline with nicotine patches appears to be more effective than using varenicline alone
based on limited evidence.

- For people who smoke and are not ready to quit, prescribing varenicline increases six-month abstinence with an NNT of 6 compared with waiting for readiness.
- Extending treatment beyond 12 weeks increases abstinence, with an NNT of 19 compared with shorter treatment durations.

From the AFP Editors



Exacerbations are not "bumps" in the road like they are for asthma

Moderate to severe exacerbations are life altering, patients never recover fully.

COPD exacerbations & Effect on FEV₁



What does an exacerbation mean to a patient?



Causes – viral make up about 80% of flares in a standard COPD population.

Bacterial infections, increased BLM smoke or toxin exposure

Ran out of meds/noncompliance

Generally, PO steroids are used: Consider shorter and lower

40 mg for 3 days and 20 mg for 3 days

Patient controlled taper - 40 mg till they are 50% better then 20 mg till they are close to normal

Macrolides (or other) should be used for moderate or worse exacerbations.

If you'd like to avoid steroids try Azithromycin 250 mg daily for 10 days.

Have them do their rescue medication Q4H or Q6H for a couple days then move back to PRN.

Prevent these with vaccines, talks over compliance and cost.

Provide a "Flare Kit" with prednisone and a macrolide, have them start this then call

- Add a macrolide. The best available evidence exists for the use of azithromycin, especially in those who are
 not current smokers.^(21,22) Consideration to the development of resistant organisms should be factored into
 decision-making.
- Stopping ICS. This can be considered if there are adverse effects (such as pneumonia) or a reported lack of efficacy. However, a blood eosinophil count ≥ 300 cells /µL identifies patients with the greatest likelihood of experiencing more exacerbations after ICS withdrawal and who subsequently should be followed closely for relapse of exacerbations.^(23,24)

Can your patient fully inhale their medication?

Different inhalers require more or less force to inhale the medications



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Review article

Inhalation device requirements for patients' inhalation maneuvers

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Drug Deposited in Stage 2 at Various Inspiratory Flow Rates



Measure this with an In-Check Device (below)

Can also see if they can "make noise" with their inhaler

Can they hold a Post-it note to their lips?

Do they feel nebulized medication is sig better?



Consider moving patients over to nebulized medications, can be life altering. All three categories have options now (list next slide)

COMMONLY USED MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS IN COPD*

	DELIVERY OPTIONS Inhaler Type Nebulizer Oral Injection Duration							D	
Generic Drug Name	Inhale	er Type	Ne	ebul	izer	Oral	Inject	tion	Duration Of Action
BETA2-AGONISTS SHORT-ACTING (SABA)									
Fenoterol	N.	ЛDI	V	_		oill, syrup			4-6 hours
Levalbuterol		//DI	V V		ŀ	nii, syrup			6-8 hours
Salbutamol (albuterol)		& DPI	V V	_	r	oill, syrup		V	4-6 hours
Salbatanioi (albateroi)	IVIDI	Q DIT	v			ed releas		v	12 hours (ext. release
Terbutaline	Г	PI			externa	pill	e tublet	V	4-6 hours
LONG-ACTING (LABA)						P			
Arformoterol				V					12 hours
Formoterol	D	PI		V					12 hours
Indacaterol		PI							24 hours
Olodaterol		MI							24 hours
Salmeterol	MDI	& DPI							12 hours
ANTICHOLINERGICS									
SHORT-ACTING (SAMA)									
Ipratropium bromide	N	/IDI		V					6-8 hours
Oxitropium bromide	N	/IDI							7-9 hours
LONG-ACTING (LAMA)									
Aclidinium bromide	DPI	, MDI							12 hours
Glycopyrronium bromide) PI				solution	V		12-24 hours
Tiotropium		MI, MDI							24 hours
Umeclidinium		DPI							24 hours
Glycopyrrolate				V					12 hours
Revefenacin			_	V					24 hours
COMBINATION SHORT-ACT	NC RET			-	пснон	NEPCIC			
Fenoterol/ipratropium		MI	15111105	V	TCHOL	TENGIC	IN ONL	DEVIC	6-8 hours
Salbutamol/ipratropium		, MDI		V		-	-		6-8 hours
COMBINATION LONG-ACTI		,			CHOU	EPCIC II		EVIC	
Formoterol/aclidinium		DPI	JIFLUJF	1111	CHOLI	ALIVOIC II	V ONL D	LVICI	12 hours
		MDI							12 hours
Formoterol/glycopyrronium Indacaterol/glycopyrronium		0049455000							
		DPI							12-24 hours
Vilanterol/umeclidinium		DPI	_						24 hours
Olodaterol/tiotropium		SMI							24 hours
METHYLXANTHINES						1.11			
Aminophylline						solution	V		Variable, up to 24 hour
Theophylline (SR)						pill	V		Variable, up to 24 hour
COMBINATION OF LONG-A	CTING BE			JS C	ORTICO	OSTEROID	O IN ONE	E DEV	
Formoterol/beclometasone		MDI, DP							12 hours
Formoterol/budesonide		MDI, DP	1						12 hours
Formoterol/mometasone		MDI							12 hours
Salmeterol/fluticasone propi		MDI, DP	1						12 hours
Vilanterol/fluticasone furoa		DPI							24 hours
TRIPLE COMBINATION IN O			/LAMA/I	CS)					
Fluticasone/umeclidinium/v			DPI						24 hours
Beclometasone/formoterol/	glycopyr	ronium	MDI						12 hours
Budesonide/formoterol/gly			MDI						12 hours
PHOSPHODIESTERASE-4 INI									
Roflumilast						pill			24 hours
MUCOLYTIC AGENTS									
Erdosteine						pill			12 hours
Carbocysteine ⁺						pill			
N-acetylcysteine ⁺						pill			

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Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) Deficiency

AAT is a genetic form of COPD

Lab testing is the only way to diagnose

There is treatment available

AAT, alpha₁-antitrypsin; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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Low Levels of AAT Leave Lung Tissue Vulnerable



Alpha-1 Is Not a Rare Disease but One That Is Rarely Diagnosed¹

The Problem

- Up to 25 million Americans have an abnormal allele (S or Z)²
- An estimated 100,000 Americans have alpha-1³
- >90% remain undiagnosed^{4,5}
- Early diagnosis and treatment is associated with health benefits⁶
- Most common inherited risk factor for COPD (1 in 10 COPD patients)⁶

Alpha-1 in the US³



COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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American Thoracic Society Guidelines Recommend Testing ALL Symptomatic COPD Patients

The American Thoracic Society Guidelines

- Test all adults with symptomatic COPD, regardless of smoking history
- Test all adults with symptomatic emphysema, regardless of smoking history
- Test all adults with symptomatic asthma whose airflow obstruction is incompletely reversible after bronchodilator therapy
- Test asymptomatic patients with persistent obstruction on pulmonary function tests and with identifiable risk factors (eg, smoking, occupational exposure)
- Test siblings of individuals with alpha-1

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2003;168(7):818-900.



· Coughing up blood

My COPD Action Plan

Patients and healthcare providers should complete this action plan together. This plan should be discussed at each visit and updated as needed.

The green, yellow and red zones show symptoms of COPD. The list of symptoms is not complete. You may experience other symptoms. In the "Actions" column, your healthcare provider will recommend actions for you to take. Your healthcare provider may write down other actions in addition to those listed here.

Green Zone: I am doing well today Actions Usual activity and exercise level Take daily medicines Usual amounts of cough and phlegm/mucus Use oxygen as prescribed Continue regular exercise/diet plan · Sleep well at night Avoid tobacco product use and other inhaled irritants · Appetite is good Yellow Zone: I am having a bad day or a COPD flare · More breathless than usual Continue daily medication . I have less energy for my daily activities Use quick relief inhaler every _____ hours · Increased or thicker phlegm/mucus Start an oral corticosteroid (specify name, dose, and duration) Using guick relief inhaler/nebulizer more often · More swelling in ankles Start an antibiotic (specify name, dose, and duration) · More coughing than usual . I feel like I have a "chest cold" Use oxygen as prescribed · Poor sleep and my symptoms woke me up Get plenty of rest My appetite is not good Use pursed lip breathing · My medicine is not helping Avoid secondhand smoke, e-cigarette aerosol, and other inhaled irritants Call provider immediately if symptoms do not improve Actions Red Zone: I need urgent medical care · Severe shortness of breath even at rest Call 911 or seek medical care immediately · Not able to do any activity because of breathing While getting help, immediately do the following: · Not able to sleep because of breathing · Fever or shaking chills Feeling confused or very drowsy · Chest pains

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