# CrossOver Healthcare Ministry COPD Diagnosis, Treatment, & Monitoring Best Practices

#### Diagnosis

History	Risk Factors	Testing
Age>40	Smoking	Spirometry* – Post-bronchodilator
Dyspnea	Outdoor, occupational, or indoor air	FEV1/FVC <0.70
Chronic cough	pollution	
Chronic sputum production		
		*Required for diagnosis

#### **Combined COPD Assessment**

Symptoms	
CAT (or CCQ)	Score (0-5)
I never cough (0)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5) I cough all the time	
I have no phlegm/mucus in my chest at allMy chest is completely full of phlegm	
My chest does not feel tight at allMy chest feels very tight	
When I walk up a hill or one flight of stairs I am not breathlessWhen I walk up a hill or one flight of stairs I am very breathless	
I am not limited doing any activities at homeI am very limited doing activities at home	
I am confident leaving my home despite my lung conditionI am not at all confident leaving my home because of my lung condition	
I sleep soundlyI don't sleep soundly because of my lung condition	
I have lots of energyI have no energy at all	
Total (0 – 40)	

<u>Spirometry</u>		
Severity of Airflow Limitation (Based on Post-Bronchodilator FEV1)		
Mild	FEV1 ≥80% predicted	
Moderate	50%≤ FEV1 <80% predicted	
Severe	30%≤ FEV1 <50% predicted	
Very Severe	FEV1 <30% predicted	

### **Risk Group Assignment**



Exacerbation History in last 12 mos.
1 (not leading to hospitalization)
≥2 or ≥1 leading to hospital admission



## Therapy

\*medicines in **BOLD** available at CrossOver, *italicized bold* denotes available by mailorder

Smoking Cessation		
Nicotine replacement products	Gum, patch, lozenges, sublingual	
	tablet, nasal spray	
	Inhaler (Nicotrol)	
Pharmacotherapy	Varenicline (Chantix)	
	Bupropion SR	
	Nortriptyline	

Risk group	1 <sup>st</sup> line	Alternatives
A	Short-acting bronchodilator as needed	Short-acting bronchodilator combo OR long- acting bronchodilator
В	Long-acting bronchodilator	Long-acting bronchodilator combo
С	Long-acting bronchodilator + inhaled corticosteroid	Long-acting bronchodilator combo OR (if chronic bronchitis) PPD4 inhibitor & long-acting bronchodilator
D	Long-acting bronchodilator (+/- combo) + inhaled corticosteroid	

Short-acting (SA	) bronchodilator	Long-acting (LA) bronchodilator		Inhaled corticosteroids	<u>Other</u>	
Anti-	β2-agonist	Anti-cholinergic	β2-agonist			
cholinergic						
Ipratropium	Albuterol	Tiotropium	Formoterol	Fluticasone (Flovent	Theophylline	
(Atrovent)	(salbutamol,	(Spiriva	(Perforomist,	HFA, Flovent Diskus)	(Elixophyllin)	
	AccuNeb, ProAir,	HandiHaler,	Foradil)			
	Proventil,	Respimat)				
	Ventolin)					
Oxitropium	Levalbuterol	Aclidinium	Arformoterol	Budesonide (Pulmicort)	PPD4 inhibitor	
	(Xopenex)	(Tudorza Pressair)	(Brovana)		(Roflumilast)	
	Terbutaline	Glycopyrronium	Indacaterol	Beclomethasone (Qvar)		
			(Arcapta)			
	Metaproterenol	Umeclidinium	Salmeterol	Mometasone (Asmanex		
	(Alupent)	(Incruse Ellipta)	(Serevent	Twisthaler, Asmanex		
			Diskus)	HFA)		
	Fenoterol		Tulobuterol			
Combination br	onchodilators					
Short-acting			Long-acting			
Fenoterol/iprate	ropium		Formoterol/a	Formoterol/aclidinium		
Albuterol/ipratr	opium ( <b>Combivent</b> , D	DuoNeb)	Indacaterol/g	Indacaterol/glycopyrronium		
				Vilanterol/umeclidinium (Anoro Ellipta)		
Combination LA	bronchodilator + inh	aled corticosteroid				
Formoterol/bec	lometasone					
Formoterol/bug	desonide (Symbicort)					
Formoterol/mo	metasone (Dulera)					

Salmeterol & fluticasone (Advair HFA, Advair Diskus) Vilanterol/fluticasone (Breo Ellipta)

Exercise important as part of overall	Pulmonary rehabilitation		
rehabilitation program or in isolation	Helps with:	Exercise training	
		Social isolation	
		Altered mood states	
		Muscle wasting	
		Weight loss	

O2 Therapy		
Indication	SaO2 ≤88% (PaO2 ≤55mmHg)	Resting PaO2 or saturation repeated
	SaO2 ≤90% (PaO2 ≤60mmHg) if	twice over 3 weeks in a stable
	evidence of pHTN, CHF, or	patient
	polycythemia	
Administration	>15hrs/day	

## Vaccination

Vaccine	Details	
Influenza	Yearly during flu season	
Pneumococcal	PPSV23 (available @ crossover)	
	Once before age 65. Once at age ≥65	
	The 2 shots must be separated by 5 years	
	PCV13 (not available @ crossover)	
	If already vaccinated with PPSV23, the vaccination series should be started	
	at least 12 months after PPSV23	

#### Monitoring

Smoking status	Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange		
Symptom assessment	Changes since last visit (cough, sputum, breathlessness, fatigue, activity limitation, sleep disturbances)		
Exacerbation history	Frequency – Unscheduled visits to providers, ED, hospitals		
	Severity – Need for increased bronchodilator medication, corticosteroids, antibiotic treatment Likely causes		
Current therapeutic regimen	Dosages, adherence, technique Side effects		
	Effectiveness Have you noticed a difference since starting this treatment? Are you less breathless? Can you do more? Can you sleep better? Described what difference it has made to you. Is that change worthwhile to you?		
Spirometry	Yearly screen for rapid decline in lung function		