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# HSN'S FORMULARY ALTERNATIVES FOR STABLE COPD

Which drug comes with which device?

# Long-Acting Bronchodilators

## LAMAs

- LONG ACTING MUSCARINIC ANTAGONISTS

*Blocks acetylcholine-mediated bronchoconstriction (M3)*

- ▣ Aclidinium
- ▣ Glycopyrronium
- ▣ Tiotropium
- ▣ Umeclidinium

## LABAs

- LONG ACTING BETA AGONIST

*Direct relaxant activity on airway smooth muscle ( $\beta_2$ )*

- ▣ Indacaterol
- ▣ Formoterol
- ▣ Olodaterol
- ▣ Salmeterol
- ▣ Vilanterol

# Which did we already have on formulary?

## Long-Acting Bronchodilators

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# LAMA Monotherapies

## LAMAs

- Acclidinium
- Glycopyrronium
- Tiotropium
- Umeclidinium

## Brand Name

## Device

*Incruse*



**Ellipta**

*Seebri*



**Breezhaler**

*Spiriva*



**HandiHaler  
Respimat**

*Tudorza*



**Genuair**

# LABA Monotherapies

## LABA Monotherapies

▣ Formoterol

▣ Indacaterol

▣ Salmeterol

## Brand Name

**Oxeze**

**Onbrez**

**Serevent**

## Device

**Turbuhaler**



**Breezhaler**



**Diskus**



# Fixed-Dose Combination (FDCs) LAMA/LABAs

LAMA

+

LABA

Combination Brand

Device

Umeclidinium

Vilanterol

Anoro



Ellipta

Tiotropium

Olodaterol

Inspilto



Respimat

Glycopyrronium

Indacaterol

Ultibro



Breezhaler

Acclidinium

Formoterol

Duaklir



Genuair



# Only Respimat **Device** Options

Respimat Options

Tiotropium

Tiotropium Olodaterol

Brand Name

Spiriva

Inspiolto

Device



\*All options are 2 inhalations once a day\*

# Only LAMA or LABA/LAMA Ellipta Device Options

Ellipta Options

Brand Name

Device

**Umeclidinium**

**Incruse**



**Umeclidinium Vilanterol**

**Anoro**



**\*All options are once a day\***



# Only Breezhaler Device Options

Breezhaler Options

Brand Name

Device

Glycopyrronium

Seebri



Indacaterol

Onbrez



Glycopyrronium Indacaterol

Ultibro



\*All options are once a day\*

# Only Genuair Options

Genuair Options

Brand Name

Device

**Aclidinium**

**Tudorza**



**Aclidinium**

**Formoterol**

**Duaklir**



\*All options are **twice** daily\*

# Let's See How I Did this Time!

- What drug (brand or generic) am I if I am.....?
  - ▣ Once a day
  - ▣ Respimat device
  - ▣ LAMA Monotherapy....



# Let's See How I Did this Time!

## LAMAs

▣ Acclidinium

▣ Glycopyrronium

▣ Tiotropium

▣ Umeclidinium

## Brand Name

*Incruse*

*Seebri*

*Spiriva*

*Tudorza*

## Device

# Let's See How I Did this Time!

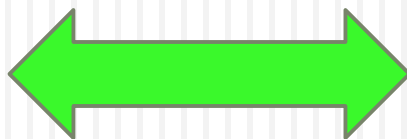
## LAMAs

▣ Acclidinium

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▣ Tiotropium

▣ Umeclidinium



## Brand Name

*Incruse*

*Seebri*

*Spiriva*

*Tudorza*

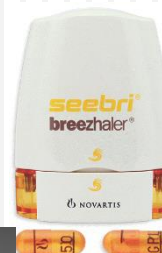
## Device

**Ellipta**

**Breezhaler**

**HandiHaler  
Respimat**

**Genuair**



# Let's See How I Did this Time!

- What drug (brand or generic) am I if I am.....?
  - ▣ Twice a day
  - ▣ Genuair Device
  - ▣ LAMA/LABA COMBO...



# Fixed-Dose Combination (FDCs) LAMA/LABAs

| LAMA + LABA                  | Combination Brand | Device |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Umeclidinium + Vilanterol    | Anoro             |        |
| Tiotropium + Olodaterol      | Inspilto          |        |
| Glycopyrronium + Indacaterol | Ultibro           |        |
| Aclidinium + Formoterol      | Duaklir           |        |

# Fixed-Dose Combination (FDCs) LAMA/LABAs

| LAMA + LABA                  | Combination Brand | Device     |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Umeclidinium + Vilanterol    | Anoro             | Ellipta    |
| Tiotropium + Olodaterol      | Inspilto          | Respimat   |
| Glycopyrronium + Indacaterol | Ultibro           | Breezhaler |
| Aclidinium + Formoterol      | Duaklir           | Genuair    |

LAMA

+

LABA

Combination Brand

Device

Umeclidinium

Vilanterol

Anoro



Ellipta

Tiotropium

Olodaterol

Inspilto



Respimat

Glycopyrronium

Indacaterol

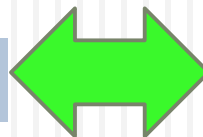
Ultibro



Breezhaler

Aclidinium

Formoterol



Duaklir



Genuair



# Let's See How I Did this Time!

- What drug (brand or generic) am I if I am.....?
  - ▣ Once a day
  - ▣ Ellipta device
  - ▣ LAMA Monotherapy....



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## BACKGROUND

Most guidelines recommend either a long-acting beta-agonist (LABA) plus an inhaled glucocorticoid or a long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) as the first-choice treatment for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who have a high risk of

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## FIGURE 1



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### BACKGROUND

Treatment with inhaled glucocorticoids in combination with long-acting bronchodilators is recommended in patients with frequent exacerbations of severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). However, the benefit of inhaled glucocorticoids in addition to two long-acting bronchodilators has not been fully explored.

Full Text of Background

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## Brand Name

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***Incruse***

▣ Glycopyrronium

***Seebri***

▣ Tiotropium

***Spiriva***

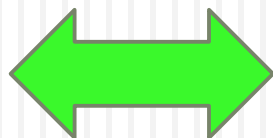
▣ Umeclidinium

***Tudorza***

# Let's See How I Did this Time!

## LAMAs

▣ Acclidinium



▣ Glycopyrronium

▣ Tiotropium

▣ Umeclidinium

## Brand Name

*Incruse*

*Seebri*

*Spiriva*

*Tudorza*

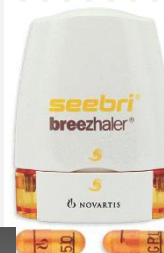
## Device

**Ellipta**

**Breezhaler**

**HandiHaler  
Respimat**

**Genuair**



# Short-Acting Bronchodilators (SAMA & SABA)

| Class | Drug                      | Device                       | Dose                 | MOA  | Onset    | Duration | Cost   |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------|----------|--|
| SABA  | Salbutamol<br>(Ventolin)  | Diskus<br>200mcg             | 1 puff<br>QID prn    | Binds to $\beta$ 2<br>pulmonary<br>receptors, which<br>increases cAMP;<br>cAMP<br>responsible for<br>the relaxation of<br>bronchial smooth<br>muscle | <5 min   | 4-6h     | Diskus:<br>\$38<br>MDI: \$17*<br>Neb: \$107*<br>(LU: 265,<br>266, 267,<br>268) |
|       |                           | MDI 100mcg                   | 1-2 puffs<br>QID prn |  |          |          |  |
|       |                           | Nebules 1.25,<br>2.5, 5mg/mL | 2.5mg<br>QID prn     |  |          |          |  |
|       | Terbutaline<br>(Bricanyl) | Turbuhaler<br>500mcg         | 1 puff<br>QID prn    |  |          |          | \$20*  |
| SAMA  | Ipratropium<br>(Atrovent) | MDI 20mcg                    | 2 puffs<br>QID prn   | Binds to M3<br>pulmonary<br>receptors, which<br>blocks<br>acetylcholine;<br>resulting in<br>relaxation of<br>bronchial smooth<br>muscle              | <20 mins | 6-8h     | MDI: \$33*<br>Neb: \$195*<br>(LU: 265,<br>266, 267,<br>268)                    |
|       |                           | Nebules 250,<br>500mcg/2mL   | 1 neb<br>QID prn     |  |          |          |  |

\* Denotes Ontario Drug Benefit coverage

# Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonists (LAMA)

| Drug                    | Device           | Dose                 | MOA  | Onset    | Duration | Cost                                 |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Tiotropium (Spiriva)    | Handihaler 18mcg | 1 cap inh once daily | Slow to dissociate from pulmonary M3 receptors, leading to long acting decreased smooth muscle contraction | 5mins    | 24h      | Both \$87 (*Handihaler only covered) |
|                         | Respimat 2.5mcg  | 2 puffs once daily   |  |          |          |                                      |
| Aclidinium (Tudorza)    | Genuair: 400mcg  | 1 puff BID           |  | 10mins   | 12h      | \$73*                                |
| Glycopyrronium (Seebri) | Breezhaler 50mcg | 1 cap inh once daily |  | 5mins    | 24h      | \$73*                                |
| Umeclidinium (Incruse)  | Ellipta 62.5mcg  | 1 puff once daily    |  | 5-15mins | 24h      | \$81                                 |

\* Denotes Ontario Drug Benefit coverage

# Long-Acting Beta-Agonists (LABA)

| Drug                     | Device              | Dose                 | MOA  | Onset | Duration | Cost                  |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|-------|----------|-----------------------|
| Formoterol<br>(Oxeze)    |                     |                      |  | <5min | 12h      | Aerolizer:<br>\$69**  |
|                          | Turbuhaler 6, 12mcg | 6-12mcg inh BID      | Slow to dissociate from pulmonary B2 receptors, leading to long acting bronchodilation |       |          | Turbuhaler:<br>\$63** |
| Salmeterol<br>(Serevent) | Diskus 50mcg        | 1 puff BID           |  | 2h    | 12h      | \$77*(LU:<br>391)     |
| Indacaterol<br>(Onbrez)  | Breezehaler 75mcg   | 1 cap inh once daily |  | <5min | 24h      | \$65*(LU:<br>443)     |

\* Denotes Ontario Drug Benefit coverage; \*\*Denotes ODB coverage only for asthma



# Combination Products

| Class     | Drug                                   | Device                           | Dose                  | Cost   |
|-----------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| SABA+SAMA | Salbutamol + Ipratropium (Combivent)   | Nebules 2.5/0.5mg per 2.5mL      | 1 neb inh QID prn     | \$44*(generic coverage, 85% brand, LU: 256, 257, 258, 259) |
|           |  | Respimat 20/100mcg               | 1 puff QID prn        | \$113  |
| LAMA+LABA | Umeclidinium + Vilanterol (Anoro)      | Ellipta 62.5/25 mcg              | 1 puff once daily     | \$107* (LU: 459)   |
|           | Glycopyrronium + Indacaterol (Ultibro) | Breezhaler 50/110mcg             | 1 puff once daily     | \$105*(LU: 459)  |
|           | Tiotropium + Olodaterol (Inspiro)      | Respimat 2.5/2.5mcg              | 2 puffs once daily    | \$85   |
|           | Aclidinium + Formoterol (Duaklir)      | Genuair 340/12mcg                | 1 puff BID            | \$98   |
| LABA+ICS  | Vilanterol + fluticasone (Breo)        | Ellipta 25/100mcg                | 1 puff once daily     | \$153* (LU: 456)   |
|           | Salmeterol + fluticasone (Advair)      | Diskus 50/100, 50/250, 50/500mcg | 50/250mcg inhaled BID | \$126**  |
|           | Formoterol + budesonide (Symbicort)    | Turbuhaler 6/100, 6/200mcg       | 12/400mcg inh BID     | \$110**  |

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# Questions you may have ...

- Where do these agents fit in the treatment algorithm for patients with COPD?
- How does combination efficacy compare with monotherapy?
- What about inhaled corticosteroids (ICS)?

# Presentation Outline

- **Clinical Drug Review**
  - Introduction to HSN's New Formulary Review Process
- **Available Devices**
  - Personalized therapy
- **Adherence**
  - Ease of use
  - Device knowledge and competence
- **Available Therapeutic Agents**
  - Medication onset, mechanism of action, and goals of therapy for each agent
  - Introduction of Case Presentation
- **Clinical Drug Review Case Presentation**
  - Therapeutic Alternative Efficacy Data and Safety Data



**CLINICAL DRUG  
REVIEW  
CASE PRESENTATION**



# Meet SC

- 71 year old female, admitted 4 days ago for new onset T2DM (A1C 14%)
  - SC is being management on basal bolus insulin and her doses are being titrated daily
- She is eager to get her diabetes under control and taking to insulin administration well
- Lives at home alone, husband passed way in 2013
- 20 pack year history, quit 10 years ago, when she retired from teaching

# SC's Chief Complaint

- 4 days after being admitted, the RN raises a concern with the MRP regarding symptoms of dyspnea on exertion.
- When SC walks to the washroom or up and down the hallway she takes frequent breaks to catch her breath.
- The patient's nurse asks SC if this is normal for her when she's at home?

# History of Presenting Illness

- SC explains she walks 1 night a week with some friends and usually has to stop the group a few times to catch her breath.
  - ▣ SC said she would walk more often with her friends if it were not for her SOB
  - ▣ SC expressed her frustration with symptoms of fatigue when trying to exert herself

# History of Presenting Illness

- SC denied a productive cough in the recent past or currently, but explained that she coughs often when she's SOB
- SC says she last saw her family doctor a year and a half ago and she doesn't recall her symptoms being as bad as they are currently



# Exam, Labs, Investigation and Evaluation

- Troponin negative, ECG normal, CTA of Chest— No PE
- Vitals, CBC, Electrolytes normal: normal, RR at rest 19
- ABG: normal
- SpO2 Saturation: 93%
- CXR normal
- No wheezing or crackles; slightly prolonged expiration
- Dyspnea scale CAT score: 15
  - (> 10 is “**more symptoms**”)

# SC's Past Medical History

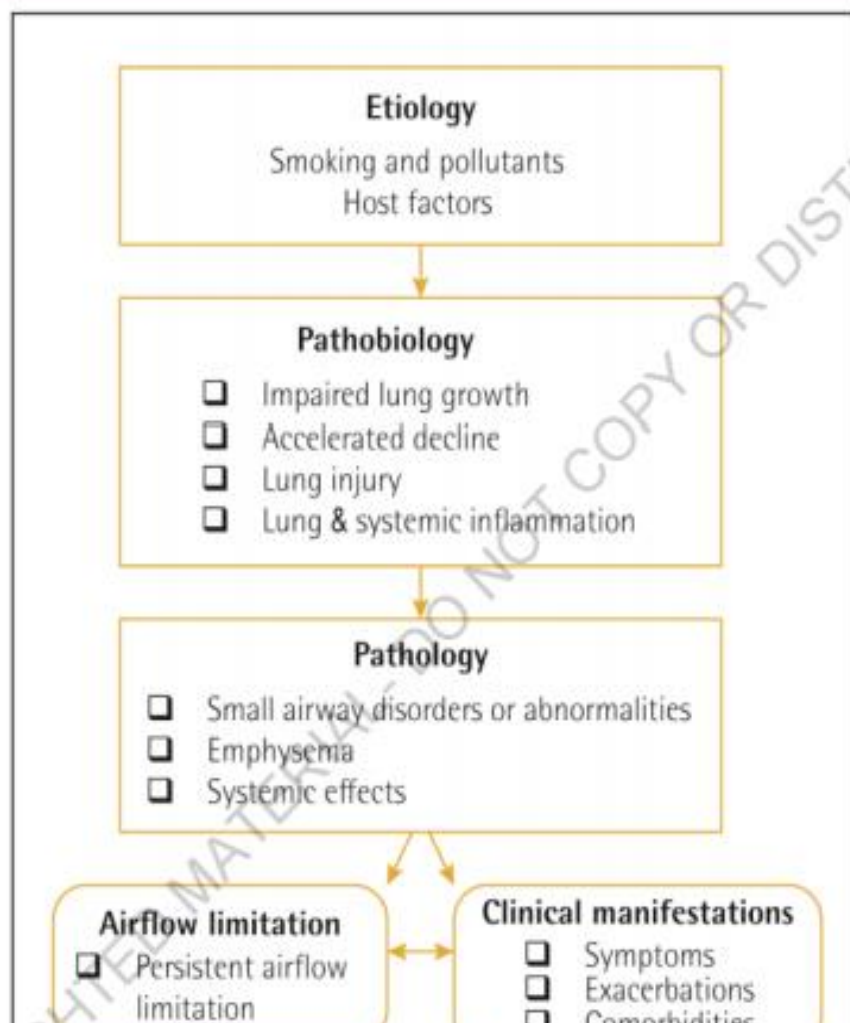
- Quit smoking 15 years ago when she retired from teaching
- Major Depression since (2012)
- Hypertension (2002)
- COPD diagnosed 2011,  $FEV^1/FVC = 0.66$  (Sept 2014)
  - No exacerbation history, has never had a hospital admission or antibiotics for COPD
  - Demonstrated excellent inhaler technique, never misses dose
  - Other symptoms of dyspnea occur when SC goes up stairs

# SC's Current Medications

- Salbutamol MDI 1-2 inhalations q6hrs PRN
- Escitalopram 10 mg po Daily
- Calcium 500 mg po BID
- Vitamin D3 1000 IU PO Daily
- Tiotropium 18 micrograms HandiHaler once daily
- Hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg po daily
- Amlodipine 5 mg po daily
- Insulin Glargine 16 units subQ at bedtime
- Insuline Glulisine 6 units subQ TIDCC

# COPD Definition, Etiology, Pathophysiology...

Figure 1.1. Etiology, pathobiology and pathology of COPD leading to airflow limitation and clinical manifestations

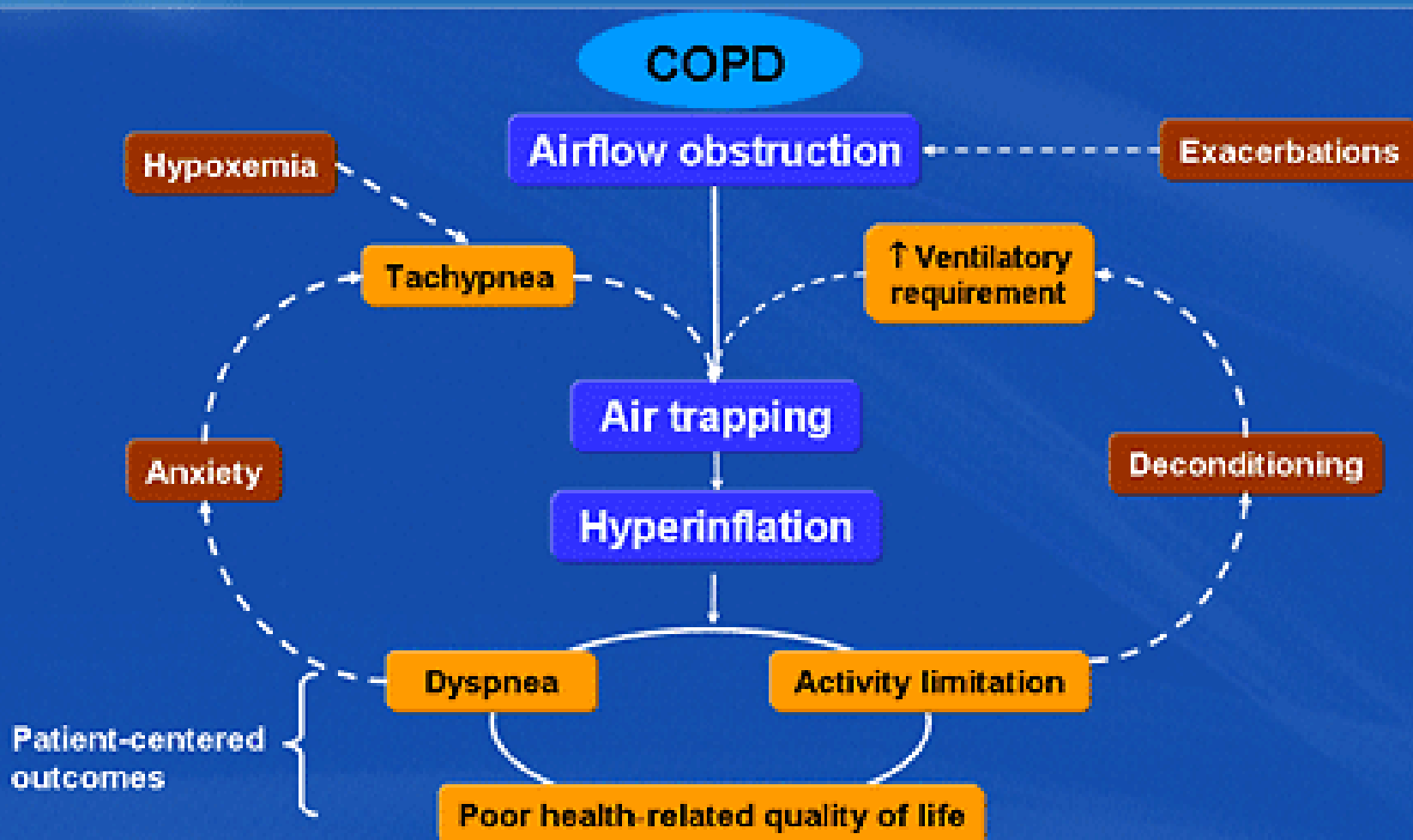


# Burden of COPD

- In 2002 COPD was the fifth leading cause of death.
- Total deaths from COPD are projected to increase by more than 30% in the next 10 years unless urgent action is taken to reduce the underlying risk factors, especially tobacco use.
- Estimates show that COPD becomes in 2030 the third leading cause of death worldwide



# Air Trapping Links Pathophysiology and Patient-Centered Outcomes in COPD



Cooper et al. *Am J Med*. In press.

# Goals of Pharmacological Management of COPD

## Reduce Symptoms

- Relieve symptoms
- Improve exercise tolerance
- Improve health status

## Reduce Risk

- Prevent and treat exacerbations
- Prevent disease progression
- Reduce mortality

# MRP's Assessment

- FVC/FEV1 < 0.7 standard for diagnosis
- FEV1 % Predicted: important prognostic tool

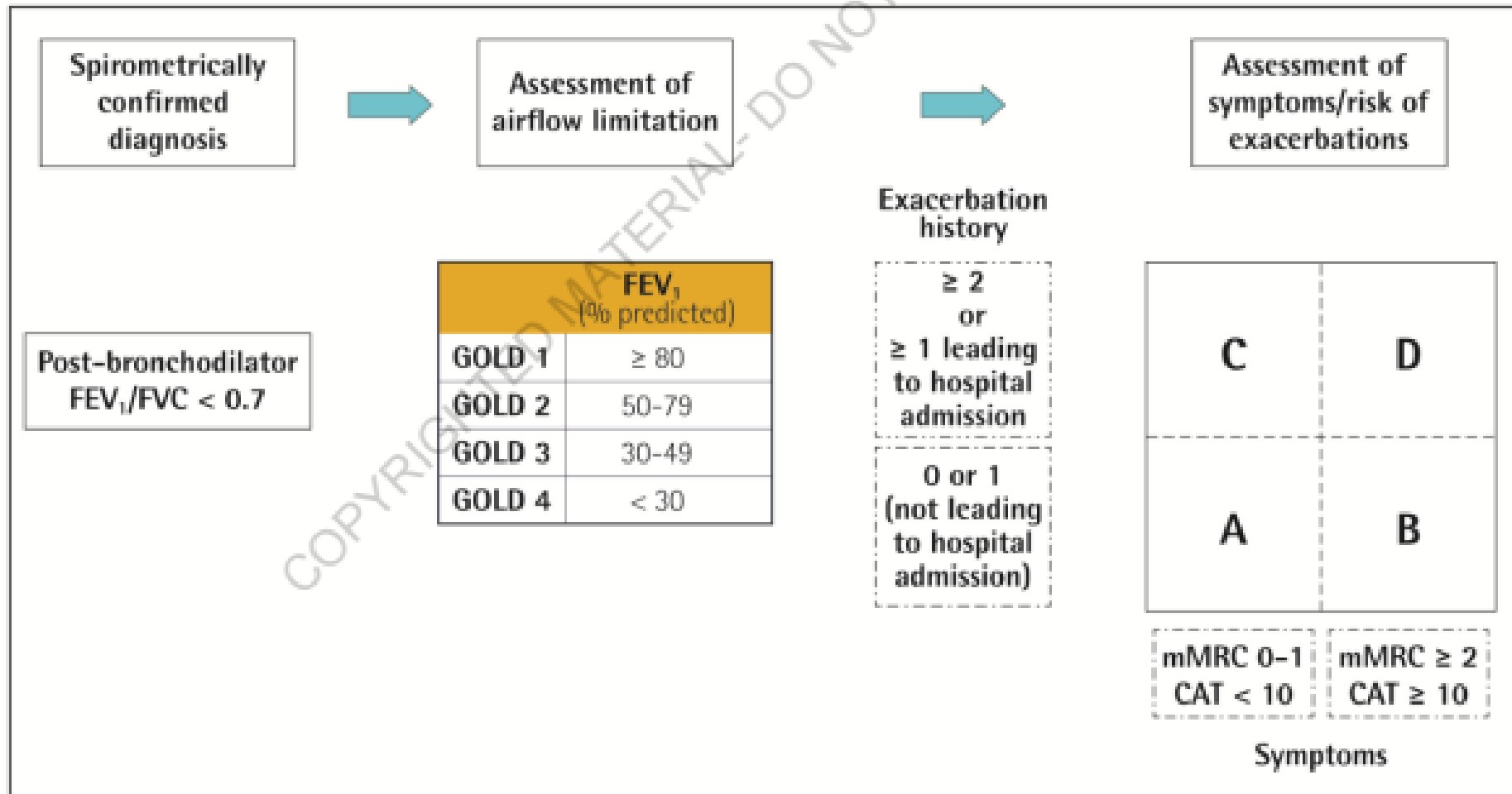
GOLD 2017 FEV1 not recommended to be used to make drug therapy treatment decisions as it can fluctuates too much and lacks sensitivity for guiding drug therapy decisions.....

- GOLD 2017 recommend treating based on
  - Symptom Scale (CAT or MMRC)**and**
  - Exacerbation history



# GOLD 2017 Guidelines

Figure 2.4. The refined ABCD assessment tool



# COPD Assessment Test (CAT)

Figure 2.3. 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) (X) (2) (3) (4) (5) I am very sad

|   |                         |  |  | SCORE                            |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| I never cough   | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | I cough all the time   |  |                                  |
| I have no phlegm (mucus) in my chest at all                       | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | My chest is completely full of phlegm (mucus)                          |  |                                  |
| My chest does not feel tight at all                               | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | My chest feels very tight  |  |                                  |
| When I walk up a hill or one flight of stairs I am not breathless | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | When I walk up a hill or one flight of stairs I am very breathless     |  |                                  |
| I am not limited doing any activities at home                     | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | I am very limited doing activities at home                             |  |                                  |
| I am confident leaving my home despite my lung condition          | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | I am not at all confident leaving my home because of my lung condition |  |                                  |
| I sleep soundly   | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | I don't sleep soundly because of my lung condition                     |  |                                  |
| I have lots of energy   | (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) | I have no energy at all  |  |                                  |
|   |                         |  |  | TOTAL SCORE <input type="text"/> |

Reference: Jones et al. ERJ 2009; 34 (1): 648-54.

# MMRC scale

**Table 2.5. Modified MRC dyspnea scale\***

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.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| mMRC Grade 1. I get short of breath when hurrying on the level or walking up a slight hill.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| mMRC Grade 3. I stop for breath after walking about 100 meters or after a few minutes on the level.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| mMRC Grade 4. I am too breathless to leave the house or I am breathless when dressing or undressing.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

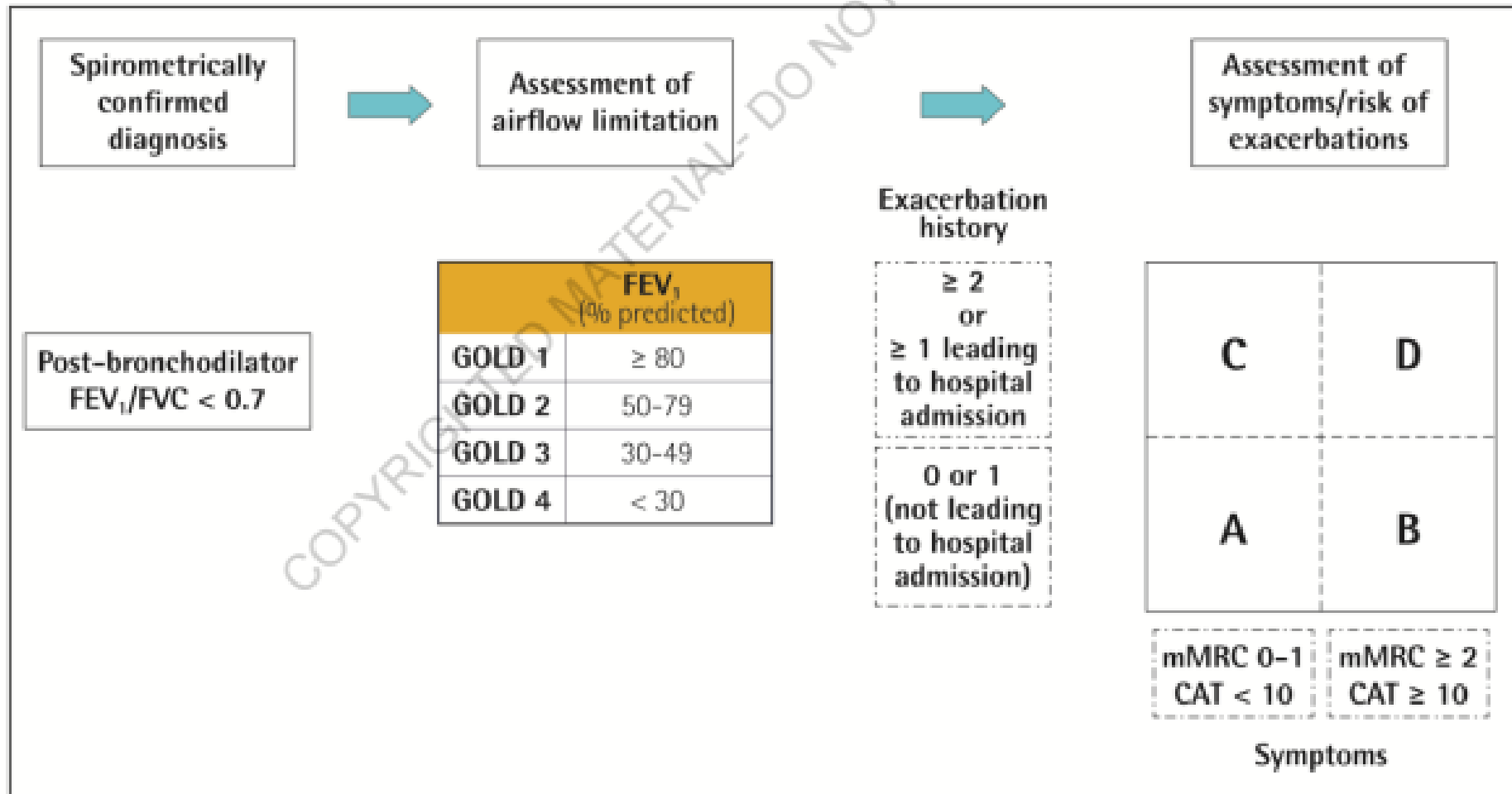
\* Fletcher CM. BMJ 1960; 2: 1662.

# COPD Assessment Test (CAT)

- GOLD 2017 defines “**more symptoms**” as a CAT > 10 or MMRC  $\geq$  2
- GOLD 2017 define “**less symptoms**” as CAT <10 or MMRC less than 2

# GOLD 2017 Guidelines

Figure 2.4. The refined ABCD assessment tool



# Assessment: *GOLD B*

- Group B patients have more significant symptoms but still low exacerbation risks.
  - ▣ Less than 2 exacerbation / year, none leading to hospitalization.

## **AND**

- ▣ “More Symptoms”: CAT > 10 or MMRC  $\geq$  2
  - Dyspnea symptoms with ***mild*** exertion or symptoms of dyspnea interfering with daily activity
  - Short of breath when hurrying on level ground or walking up a slight hill

# *Problem*

- Tiotropium has failed SC in meeting her goals of therapy for symptom management of COPD for a GOLD B patient
  - SC has a low exacerbation risk history and CAT > 10 indicating her persistent symptoms of dyspnea particularly in that she has to walk slower than her friends sometimes due to breathlessness and also symptoms of breathlessness in the morning when dressing.
- SC is experiencing symptoms of dyspnea that regularly interfere with her activities of daily living and she requires a switch to a more effective drug therapy to resolve or reduce these symptoms of dyspnea

# LAMA FAILURE!





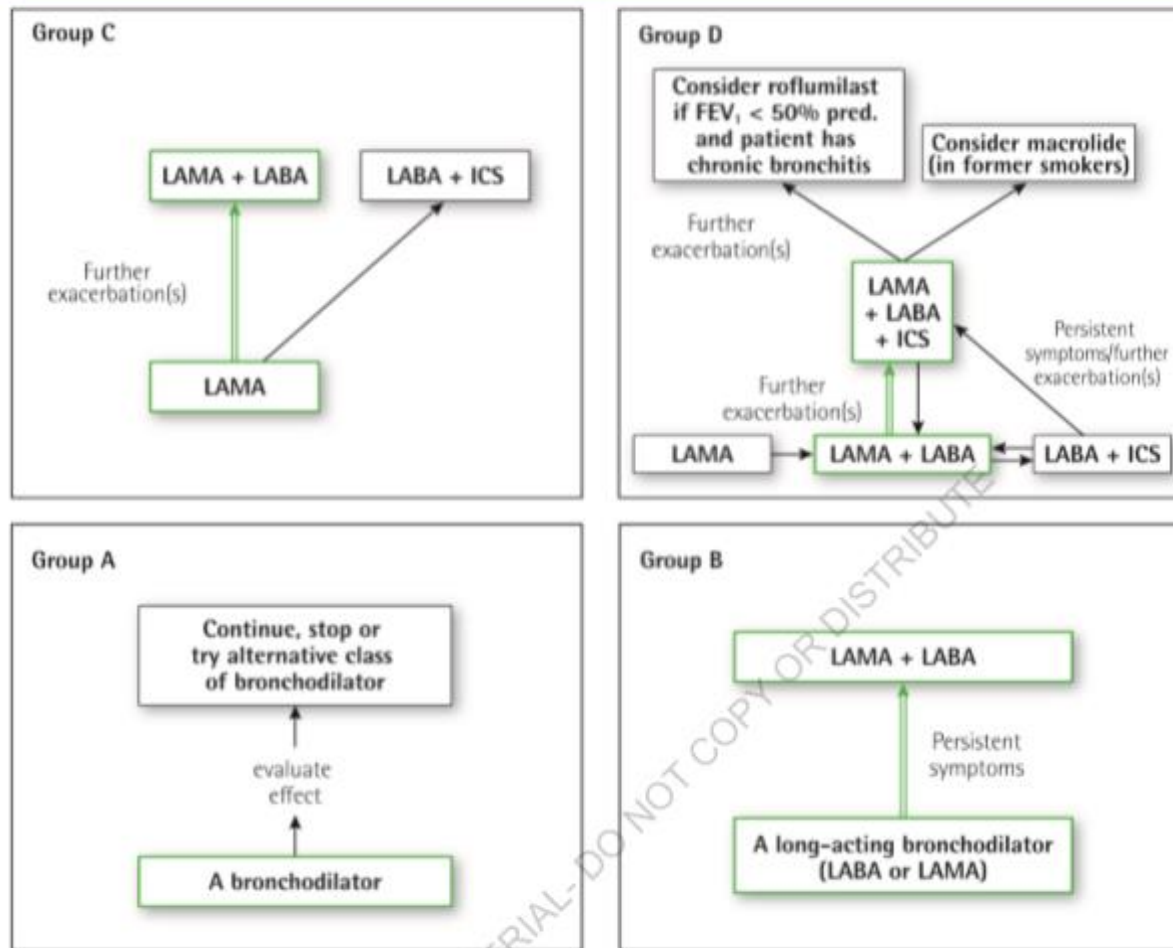
# Therapeutic Alternatives for SC

- ❑ \*LABA Monotherapy
- ❑ \*Different LAMA Monotherapy?
- ❑ \*LABA + LAMA Combination
- ❑ ICS Monotherapy
- ❑ ICS/LABA Combination

# GOLD 2017 Treatment Algorithm

Figure 4.1. Pharmacologic treatment algorithms by GOLD Grade [highlighted boxes and arrows indicate preferred treatment pathways]

Increasing Exacerbation Risk



Increased Symptoms

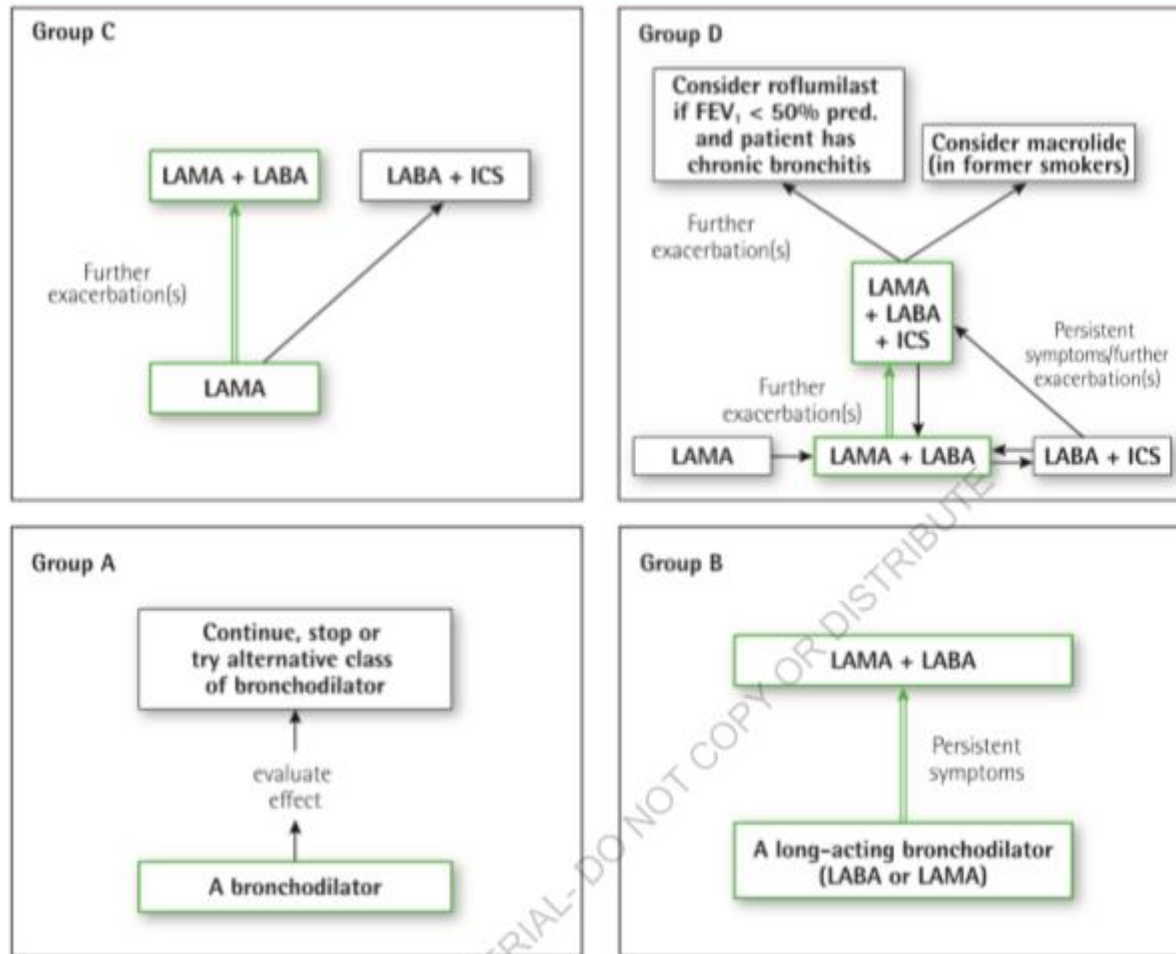
# GOLD 2017 Treatment Algorithm

Figure 4.1. Pharmacologic treatment algorithms by GOLD Grade [highlighted boxes and arrows indicate preferred treatment pathways]

**Exacerbation history**

$\geq 2$   
or  
 $\geq 1$  leading to hospital admission

$0$  or  $1$   
(not leading to hospital admission)



**CAT < 10**

**CAT ≥ 10**

**0 or 1  
(not leading  
to hospital  
admission)**

Group A

Continue, stop or  
try alternative class  
of bronchodilator

evaluate  
effect

A bronchodilator

Group B

LAMA + LABA

Persistent  
symptoms

A long-acting bronchodilator  
(LABA or LAMA)

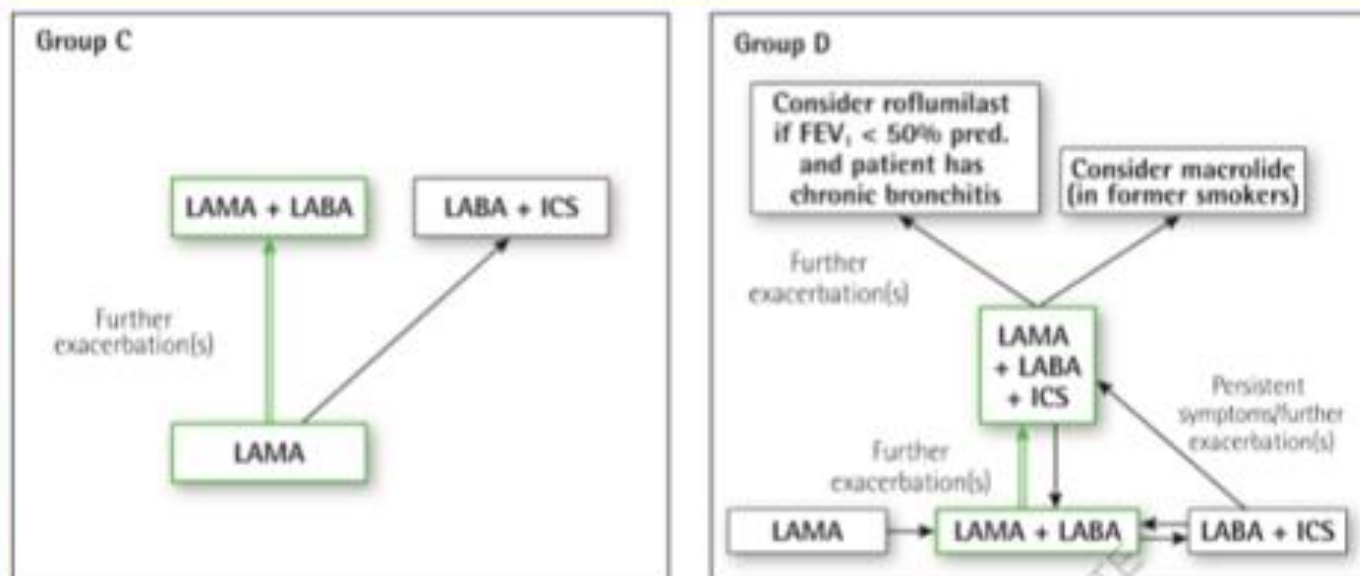
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Exacerbation history

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# Guidelines: Canadian 2008

## COPD RECOMMENDATIONS – 2008 PRIMARY CARE UPDATE

O'Donnell et al

### Canadian Thoracic Society recommendation for management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease – 2008 update – highlights for primary care

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Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a major respiratory illness in Canada that is preventable and treatable but unfortunately remains underdiagnosed. The purpose of this review article from the

Recommandations de la Société thoracologique pour prendre en charge la maladie pulmonaire obstructive chronique jour 2008 : Faits saillants des

La maladie pulmonaire obstructive chronique (COPD) est une maladie respiratoire au Canada. Elle peut être

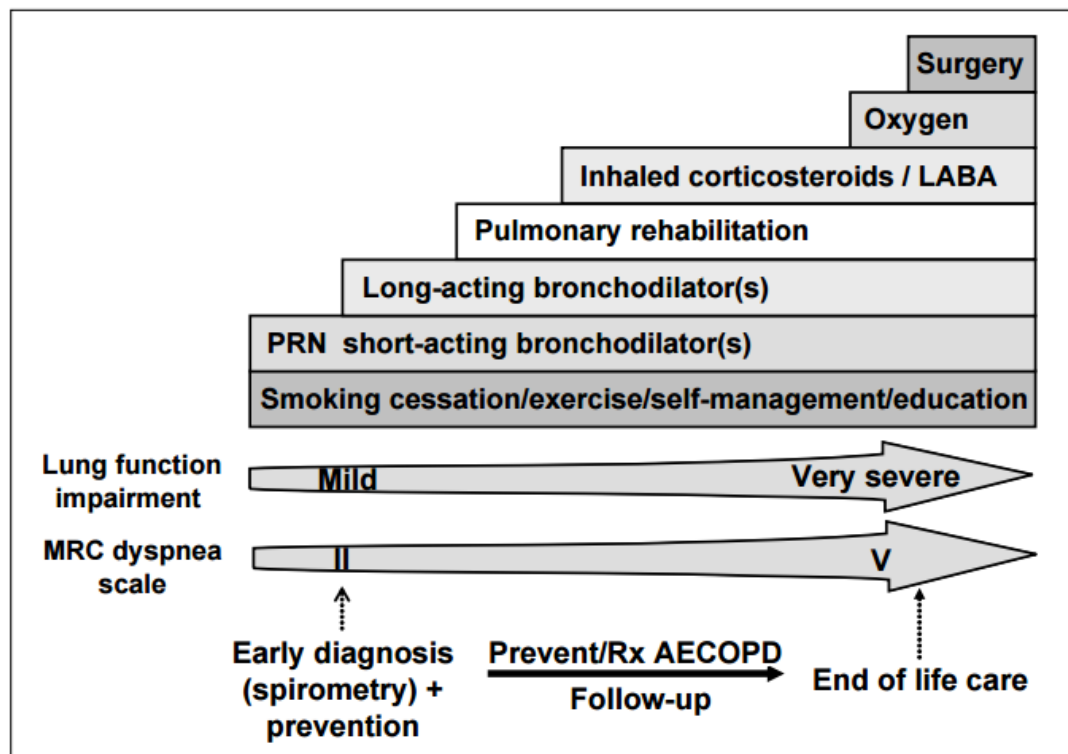


Figure 1) A comprehensive approach to the management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). AECOPD Acute exacerbation of COPD; LABA Long-acting beta<sub>2</sub>-agonist; MRC Medical Research Council; PRN As needed; Rx Treatment

# Efficacy Endpoints in 1<sup>o</sup> Literature

- FEV<sub>1</sub>
- Health-related quality of life
- Symptom scales (CAT, MMRC, SGRQ)
- COPD exacerbations
- Mortality
- Exercise tolerance

| Drug Class       | Guideline Indication | Effectiveness | Safety                           | Convenience                           |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| LABA Monotherapy | +                    | +             | +                                | +++<br>1-2 times per day              |
| LAMA Monotherapy | +                    | +             | +                                | +++<br>1-2 times per day              |
| LABA + LAMA      | ++                   | ++            | +                                | +++<br>1-2 times per day              |
| ICS Monotherapy  | -                    | +             | -<br>Risk of pneumonia<br>NNH 30 | -<br>Twice Daily<br>Additional Device |
| ICS/LABA         | -<br>(Gold B)        | +             |                                  |                                       |



# Head to Head Trials: Monotherapy with Long Acting Bronchodilators

Which LAMA or LABA ?

- Tiotropium > LABA: 2 RCTs, 7384 pts
  - Tiotropium reduced exacerbation NNT 19. No difference in mortality or quality of life.
  - Tiotropium > salmeterol, placebo. 2 RCTs Only tiotropium > placebo for clinically important improved quality of life NNT 11 and reduced hospitalization NNT 10

# Head to Head Trials: LAMA VS LAMA



# Head to Head Trials: Monotherapy with Long Acting Bronchodilators

## LAMA vs LAMA

- Umeclidinium = Aclidinium = Glycopyrronium = Tiotropium
- (FEV1 and symptoms of dyspnea)
  - Review 27 RCTs and 48,140 pts. (VS placebo)
    - The new LAMAs studied had at least comparable efficacy to tiotropium for FEV1, SGRQ, Exacerbations, Hospitalization
- Glycopyrronium **vs** Tiotropium 3 RCT
  - No statistical significance differences for
    - exacerbation, FEV1, SGRQ

# *Respimat Data:* Tiotropium

- Tiotropium Soft Myst Inhaler
  - Handihaler > Respimat. Systematic Review: 22 RCTs (23,309 pts)
    - NNH 143 for mortality for the Respimat
  - TIOSPIR (2.3 yrs, 17,135 pts):  
respimat mortality = handihaler; but healthy population is the criticism, FEV1 was > 60% predicted

# LAMAs are considered equivocal



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# Head to Head: LABA vs Steroid Monotherapy

- LABA vs Inhaled Steroid, Review 7 RCTs, 5997 pts
  - ▣ No difference in exacerbation or quality of life
  - ▣ Steroids increased pneumonia and approached statistically significant increased mortality
  - ▣ NNH 30 for pneumonia
  - ▣ NNH 27 for voice changes
  - ▣ NNH 30 for oral candidiasis
- **Gold 2017 Recommendation**
  - ▣ ICS/LAMA combination can be considered in patient with high risk history of exacerbation
  - ▣ Long-term ICS monotherapy no recommended

| <b>Drug Class</b>       | <b>Guideline Indication</b> | <b>Effectiveness</b> | <b>Safety</b>   | <b>Convenience</b>   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| <b>LABA Monotherapy</b> | <b>+</b>                    | <b>+</b>             | <b>+</b>  | <b>+++</b><br><b>1-2 times per day</b>                     |
| <b>LAMA Monotherapy</b> | <b>+</b>                    | <b>+</b>             | <b>+</b>  | <b>+++</b><br><b>1-2 times per day</b>                     |
| <b>LABA + LAMA</b>      | <b>++</b>                   | <b>++</b>            | <b>+</b>  | <b>+++</b><br><b>1-2 times per day</b>                     |
| <b>ICS Monotherapy</b>  | <b>-</b>                    | <b>+</b>             | <b>-</b><br><b>Risk of pneumonia</b><br><b>NNH 30</b> | <b>-</b><br><b>Twice Daily</b><br><b>Additional Device</b> |
| <b>ICS/LABA</b>         | <b>-</b><br><b>(Gold B)</b> | <b>+</b>             | <b>-</b><br><b>Risk of pneumonia</b><br><b>NNH 30</b> | <b>-</b><br><b>Twice Daily</b><br><b>Additional Device</b> |



# Remaining Therapeutic Alternatives

LAMA

+

LABA

Combination Brand

Device

Umeclidinium

Vilanterol

Anoro



Ellipta

Tiotropium

Olodaterol

Inspilto



Respimat

Glycopyrronium

Indacaterol

Ultibro



Breezhaler

Acclidinium

Formoterol

Duaklir



Genuair



# Remaining Therapeutic Alternatives

LAMA + LABA

## Efficacy/Safety Data

Glycopyrronium Indacaterol



**Ultibro**

### SPARK and SHINE Trial:

- superior to tiotropium, indacaterol and glycopyrronium monotherapies for exacerbation reduction, FEV1, Dyspnea
- Incidence of serious adverse events was similar between groups.

### Trial by Donahue and Systematic Review

- Superior to monotherapies for FEV 1, symptoms of dyspnea and Exacerbation
- Regarding safety issues, the incidence of AEs, CVEs, and mortality on treatment was similar across treatments.

Umeclidinium Vilanterol



**Anoro**

# Remaining Therapeutic Alternatives

LAMA + LABA

Efficacy/Safety Data

Aclidinium Formoterol



**Duaklir**

**ACLIFORM, AUGENT Trails, and Systematic Review:**

- superior to monotherapies to FEV1 and superior to placebo for symptoms of dyspnea, and exacerbation.
- In both trials, adverse effects were no different than placebo.

Tiotropium Olodaterol



**Inspirolo**

**TORNADO Trial and Systematic Review**

- Tiotropium + olodaterol respimat versus montherapies was found to be superior for FEV1 and symptoms of dyspnea.

# Remaining Therapeutic Alternatives

LAMA + LABA

Glycopyrronium Indacaterol



**Ultibro**

Umeclidinium Vilanterol



**Anoro**

Aclidinium Formoterol



**Duaklir**

Tiotropium Olodaterol



**Inspiolto**

## Device Convenience

### Advantages

- Rattling or whirring = correct inhalation
- Low inspiratory effort needed

### Disadvantages

- Multi-step process: May difficult for patients with poor manual dexterity or cognitive impairment
- Capsules are packaged in foil blisters; may be difficult to remove and are light and moisture sensitive

### Advantages

- Provides visual and audible (“click”) feedback when dose taken correctly
- Loading button lock to signal empty
- Simple to use and less errors during dose preparation

### Disadvantages

- Requires sharp, forceful inhalation of breath to get full dose • bitter taste

### Advantages

- Simple to use; one step to open and load dose
- Displays exact number of remaining doses with large numbers

### Disadvantages \* ONLY TWICE A DAY OPTION\*

- No way to determine if proper inspiratory effort is being achieved from protective packaging • Requires sharp, forceful inhalation of breath

### Advantages

- Slower actuation may improve technique vs. MDI
- Loading base locks to signal empty

### Disadvantages

- Requires reasonable strength to spring-load dose
- Incorrect rate of inhalation results in cough

# PLAN

- 1) Glycopyrronium/Indacaterol 110/50 microgram inhaled once daily.
- 2) Discontinue tiotropium Handihaler
- 3) Continue with salbutamol as ordered prn
- 3) Community pharmacist to review device technique at every refill and inquire about adverse effects at the same time.
- 4) Educate SC immediately on non-pharmacologic interventions that address behavioural risk factors such as avoiding smoking among other environment and occupation triggers, increase physical activity, ensuring adequate sleep and healthy diet.

# Monitoring

| Parameter  | Desired /Observed Change   |
|--|--|
| <b>Efficacy:</b> Dyspnea symptoms                    | No increase in symptoms, well controlled with pharmacotherapy, less frequent as a function of long acting bronchodilator.<br>No interference with daily activities and less than 2 on MMRC |
| <b>Efficacy:</b> salbutamol usage                    | Reduce to 1-3 times per week or less   |
| <b>Efficacy:</b> Exacerbation severity and frequency | None   |

# Monitoring

| Parameter  | Desired /Observed Change   |
|--|--|
| <b>Safety:</b> Ultibro Side Effects                                | Ultibro adverse effect: cough, heartburn, sore mouth, sore throat, upset stomach.  |
| <b>Efficacy:</b> Device technique demonstration                    | Able to demonstrate proper technique   |
| <b>Efficacy:</b> Exercise tolerance and increase physical activity | Increased physical activity and improve exercise tolerance specially shortness of breath during minimal exertion or while performing daily activities. |

# Clinical PEARLS Summary

- Inappropriate device choices for your patients severely limit the success of therapy.
- New devices, LAMAs, LABAs, and LAMA/LABA combinations are now available to help accommodate your COPD patient's needs.
- Evidence exist supporting LAMA/LABA efficacy superior to LAMA or LABA monotherapies



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# Thank You For Coming this AM!



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# Only Ellipta Device Options

Ellipta Options

Vilanterol /Fluticasone

Umeclidinium

Umeclidinium Vilanterol

Brand Name

Breo

Incruse

Anoro

Device



\*All options are **once** a day\*

# Only Respimat **Device** Options

## Respimat Options

Tiotropium

Tiotropium Olodaterol

Ipratropium Salbutamol

## Brand Name

Spiriva

Inspiolto

Combivent

## Device



\*All options are 2 inhalations **once** a day\*

| Monotherapy vs Placebo              | Efficacy |           |              |       | Safety   |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|
|                                     | FEV1     | SGDQ Mean | Exacerbation | Death |  |
| Indacaterol<br>13 RCTs (9961 pts)   | 149      | 3.6       | NNT 30       | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal NNT 19 vs placebo</li> <li>AE: Nasopharyngitis, tremor, cough, headache, nausea</li> </ul>   |
| Formoterol<br>10 RCTs (4564 pts)    | 45       | 2.66      | ns           | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal NNT 15 vs placebo</li> <li>AE: Diarrhea, headache, tremor, palpitations, URTI, cough</li> </ul>  |
| Salmeterol<br>14 RCTs ( 8973 pts)   | 101      | 1.64      | NNT 22       | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal NNT 29 vs placebo</li> <li>AE: Headache, HTN, dry mouth, nasopharyngitis, cough</li> </ul>   |
| Aclidinium<br>12 RCT (9547 pts)     | 90       | 2.3       | ns           | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal NNT 35 vs placebo</li> <li>AE: Diarrhea, dry mouth, cough, headache, vomiting</li> </ul>   |
| Glycopyrronium<br>2 RCTs (1888 pts) | 112      | 3.32      | NNT 14       | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal NNT 14 vs placebo</li> <li>Placebo AE &gt; glycopyrronium</li> <li>AE: Dry mouth, cough, URTI, flushing, headache, flushing</li> </ul> |
| Umeclidinium<br>4 RCTs (2,121 pts)  | 140      | 4.7-7.9   | ns           | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal NS vs placebo</li> <li>AE: tachycardia, blurred vision, urinary retention, dry mouth and abdo pain, cough</li> </ul>                   |
| Tiotropium<br>22 RCTs (23,309)      | 119      | 2.89      | NNT 16       | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Withdrawal NNT 19 vs placebo</li> <li>AE: dry mouth, cough, constipation, urinary retention, headache</li> </ul>                                  |
| Inhaled Steroids                    | 70       | 1.22      | NNT 22       | ns    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No withdrawal data</li> <li>Oral Candidiasis (NNH 27), Voice change (NNH 34), Bruising (NNH 32), Pneumonia (NNH 30)</li> </ul>                    |

# ***GOLD C: ICS/LABA or LAMA***

- Group C patients have few symptoms but a high risk of exacerbation.
  - FEV1 less than 50% predicted
  - One hospitalized exacerbation in the last year or 2 or more exacerbations per year.
  
- Symptoms: stop for breath after walking 100m or a few minutes on level ground.



# ***GOLD C: ICS/LABA or LAMA***

- ICS should not be prescribed before this stage as the risks of pneumonia and fractures outweigh the potential benefits.

# Head to Head: ICS/LABA (blue)

|                   | Combination Therapy<br>Head to Head     | Efficacy                              |           |              |        | Safety                                 |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------|--|
|                   |   | FEV1                                  | SGDQ Mean | Exacerbation | Death  |  |
| ICS/LABA RCTs     | ICS/LABA vs Plac                        | 90-160                                | 2.9-4.1   | NNT 22       | NNT 53 | Pneumonia NNH 70                       |
|                   | ICS/LABA vs ICS                         | 50-110                                | 0.3-2.8   | NS           | NNT 75 | -                                      |
|                   | ICS/LABA vs LABA                        | 70                                    | 1.58      | NNT 23       | NS     | Pneumonia NNH 48                       |
|                   | ICS/LABA vs Tio                         | NS ( 40% patient drop out from study) |           |              |        |  |
|                   | Fluticasone +<br>Vilanterol vs Vil      | 10.-20                                | -         | NS           | NS     | Pneumonia, hoarse<br>throat, fractures |
| LAMA/LABA<br>RCTs | Tio/LABA vs either                      | 70                                    | 1.61      | NS           | NS     | NS                                     |
|                   | Umeclidinium/<br>Vilanterol (vs either) | 60-110                                | -         | NNT 42       | NS     | Withdrawal NNT 19                      |
|                   | Glycopyrronium/<br>Indacaterol vs Tio*  | 60-100                                | 2.2-2.6   | NNT 19-25    | NS     | NS                                     |

# Head to Head: Combination Therapy (ICS, LABA, LAMA)

|                   | Combination Therapy<br>Head to Head     | Efficacy                              |           |              |        | Safety                                 |
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|                   | ICS/LABA vs ICS                         | 50-110                                | 0.3-2.8   | NS           | NNT 75 | -                                      |
|                   | ICS/LABA vs LABA                        | 70                                    | 1.58      | NNT 23       | NS     | Pneumonia NNH 48                       |
|                   | ICS/LABA vs Tio                         | NS ( 40% patient drop out from study) |           |              |        |  |
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|                   | Glycopyrronium/<br>Indacaterol vs Tio*  | 60-100                                | 2.2-2.6   | NNT 19-25    | NS     | NS                                     |

# GOLD D: 3X Therapy

- Adding Fluticasone/Salmeterol to Tiotropium Review, 6 RCTs, 1268 patients
  - ▣ FEV1 improved 55 mL
  - ▣ Exacerbation NNT 18
  - ▣ SGRQ: 4.63
  - ▣ Any adverse events: NNH 20

**Bottom-Line:** Adding dual therapy to Tiotropium will have what is likely a clinically insignificant change in FEV1 but improve COPD quality of life to a small, meaningful level. It also reduces exacerbation for one in 18 people over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a year.

# ***GOLD C/D: Summary***

- **Place in therapy:**
  - ▣ First line: ICS/LABA or LAMA is recommended.
  - ▣ *Alternative choice:* LAMA/LABA or a LAMA with an ICS for persistent dyspnea symptoms or intolerance to an ICS (pneumonia, hoarseness, bones, bruising, drug interactions)
    - Evidence exist supporting LAMA/LABA efficacy non-inferior and even superior, in some case to LAMAs including tiotropium relative to FEV1, SGRQ, and exacerbations.

# Adverse Events: Long Acting Bronchodilators

## Adverse Events: LABA Serious Adverse Events

- One meta-analysis of COPD suggested a mix of Beta-agonists (vs placebo) increased respiratory death (NNH= 131)
- Subsequent studies of LABA (RCT and Meta-analysis) refute this.
- **Bottom-line:** No clear support of increased serious respiratory adverse events with LABA in COPD

# ***GOLD C: ICS/LABA or LAMA***

- LABA/Steroid = Placebo

2 RCTs, 3 year, 6112 pts, 4 arms:

Fluticasone vs salmeterol vs combo vs placebo

- LABA vs placebo Hospitalization NNT 32
- ICS/LABA vs placebo Mortality NNT 56
- ICS/LABA vs ICS NNT 44
- Most of the effect seems to come from the LABA

# ***GOLD C: ICS/LABA or LAMA***

- LABA/Steroid = Tiotropium (3 RCTs 1323 pts) salmeterol/ fluticasone 50/500ug BID vs tiotropium.
  - No difference in exacerbations or quality of life.
  - Drop-out high (39%) and no outcome on drop-outs.