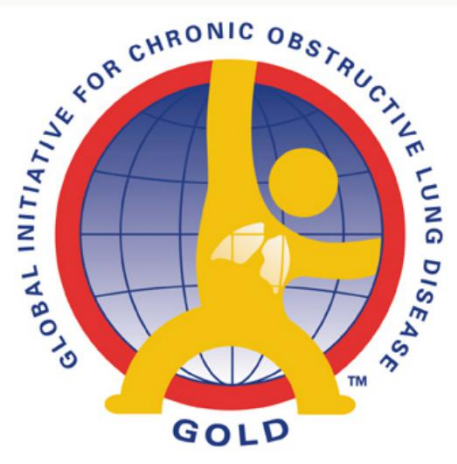




# *Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*

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# *Introduction*

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

- the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death globally
- is projected to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death by 2020



# *Definition(2020)*

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- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a common, preventable and treatable disease that is characterized by **persistent respiratory symptoms** and **airflow limitation** that is due to airway and/or alveolar abnormalities usually caused by significant exposure to **noxious particles** or **gases** and influenced by host factors including **abnormal lung development**. Significant **comorbidities** may have an impact on morbidity and mortality.



# *Definition*

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- COPD is a preventable and treatable disease with some significant extrapulmonary effects.
- Characterized by airflow limitation that is not fully reversible.





# *Definition*

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- The airflow limitation is usually progressive and associated with the chronic inflammatory response of the lung to noxious particles or gases.
- Acute exacerbations and other complications influence the severity of the disease.



# *Burden of COPD*

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- a **leading cause** of morbidity and mortality worldwide and results in an economic and social burden that is both substantial and increasing.
- COPD prevalence, morbidity, and mortality vary across countries and across different groups within countries.



# *Burden of COPD*

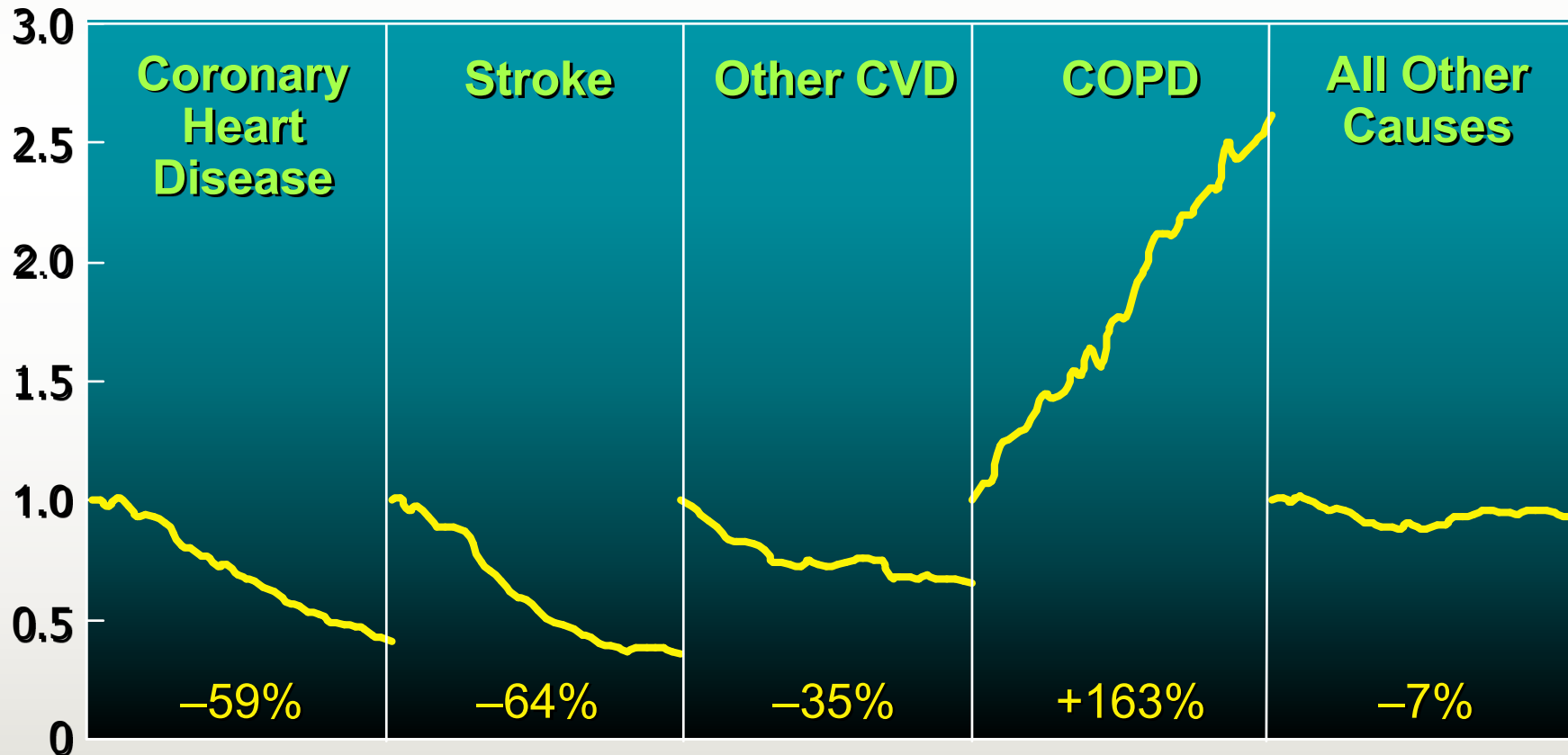
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- The burden of COPD is projected to increase in the coming decades due to continued exposure to COPD risk factors and the changing age structure of the world's population.



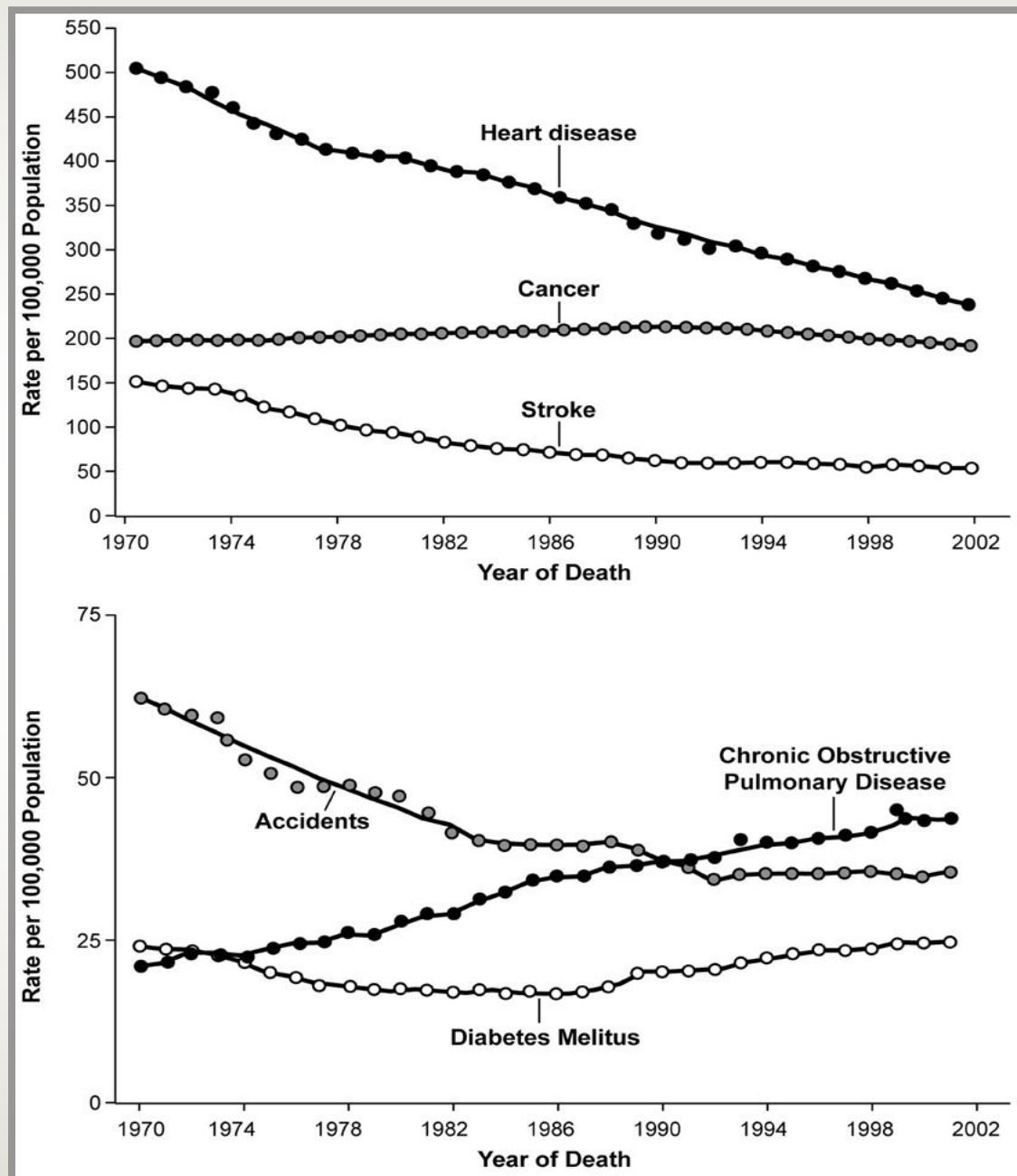
# Percent Change in Age-Adjusted Death Rates, U.S., 1965-1998

Proportion of 1965 Rate





*Of the six leading causes of death in the United States, only COPD has been increasing steadily since 1970*

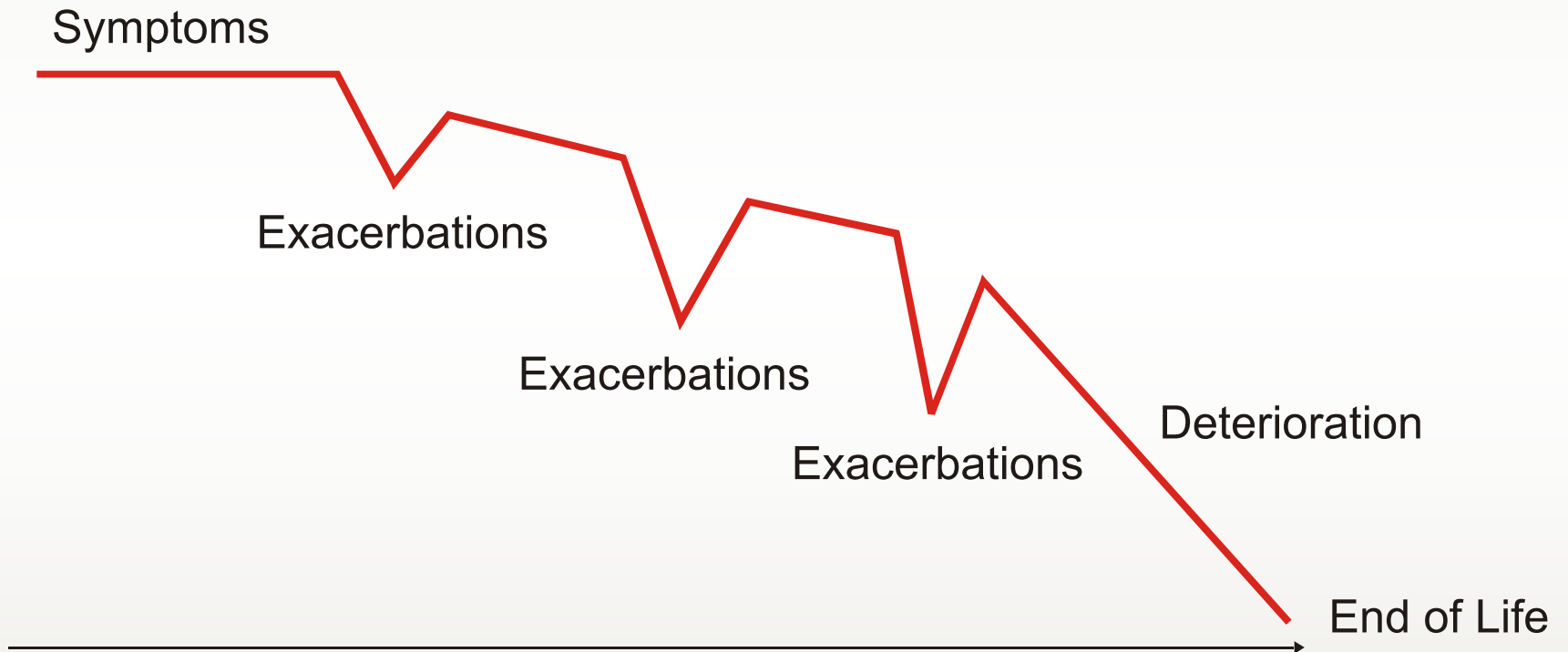


Source: Jemal A. et al. JAMA 2005



# *Disease Trajectory of a Patients with COPD*

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# *Risk Factors*

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## Exposure to particles

- Tobacco smoke
- Occupational dusts, organic and inorganic
- Indoor air pollution from heating and cooking with biomass in poorly ventilated dwellings
- Outdoor air pollution

Lung growth and development

Oxidative stress

Gender

Age

Genes

Respiratory infections

Socioeconomic status

Nutrition

Comorbidities

Jobs

HIV





# Risk Factors

Cigarette smoke

Occupational dust and chemicals

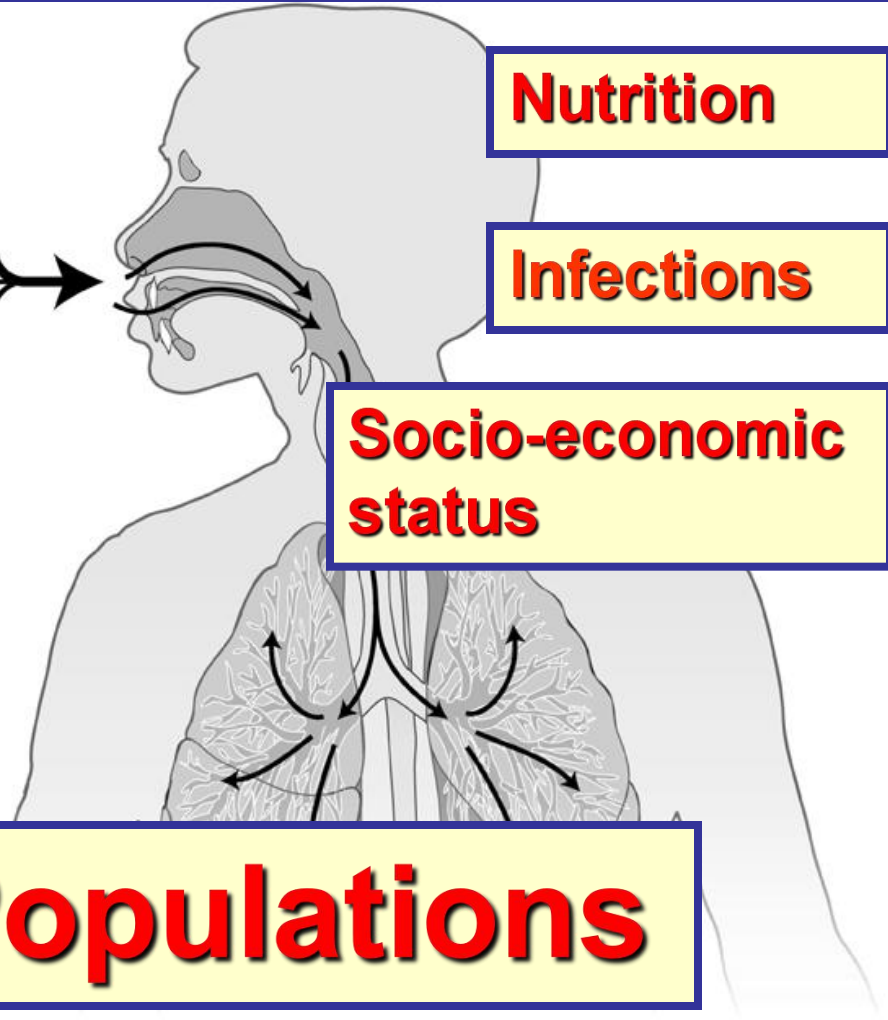
Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS)

Indoor and outdoor air pollution

**Nutrition**

**Infections**

**Socio-economic status**



**Aging Populations**

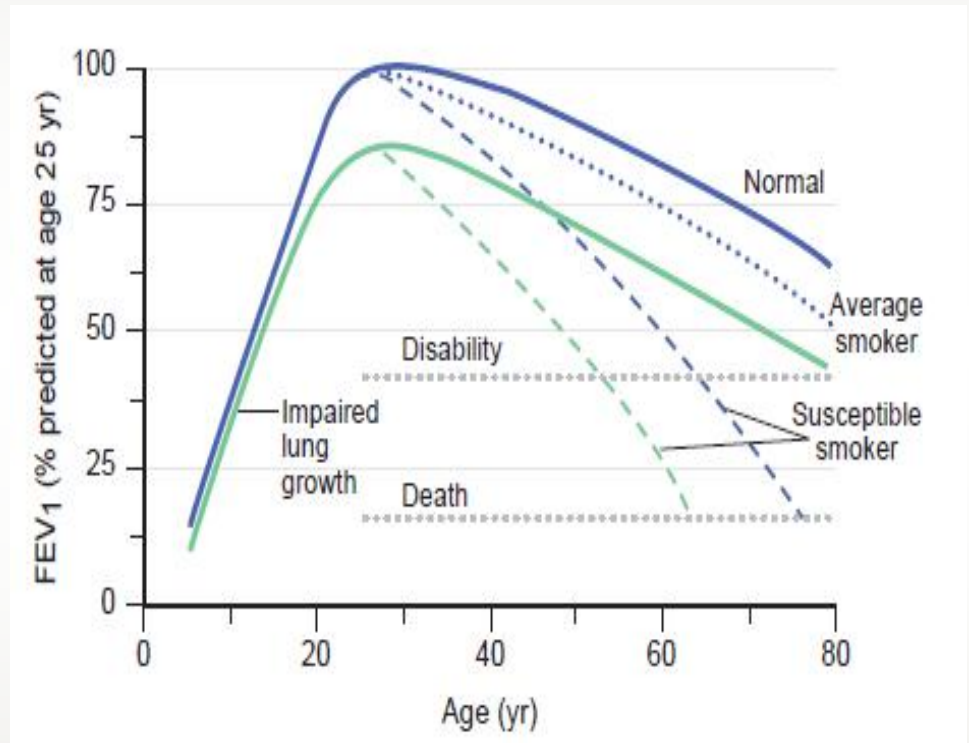


# Cigarette smoking and aging

FEV1 reaches a maximum at 25 years of age and steadily declines owing to **aging**.

Lung function declines more rapidly in **smokers**.

A proportion of “**susceptible smokers**” lose lung function much **faster** than the average smokers.





# Pathology

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Pathological changes of COPD are found in:

- proximal airways
- peripheral airways
- lung parenchyma
- pulmonary vasculature.

These changes include **chronic inflammation and structural changes** resulting from repeated injury and repair.



# *Pathology*

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- Inhaled cigarette smoke and other noxious particles cause lung **inflammation**, a normal response which appears to be amplified in patients who develop COPD.



- Lung inflammation is further amplified by **oxidative stress** and an excess of **proteases** in the lung.
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## INFLAMMATION IN COPD

### Small airway disease

Airway inflammation  
Airway remodeling

### Parenchymal destruction

Loss of alveolar attachments  
Decrease of elastic recoil

**AIRFLOW LIMITATION**



**Cigarette smoke**

**Biomass particles**

**Particulates**

**indoor air pollution**



**Pathogenesis of  
COPD**

**Host factors  
Amplifying mechanisms**

**LUNG INFLAMMATION**

**Anti-oxidants**

**Anti-proteinases**

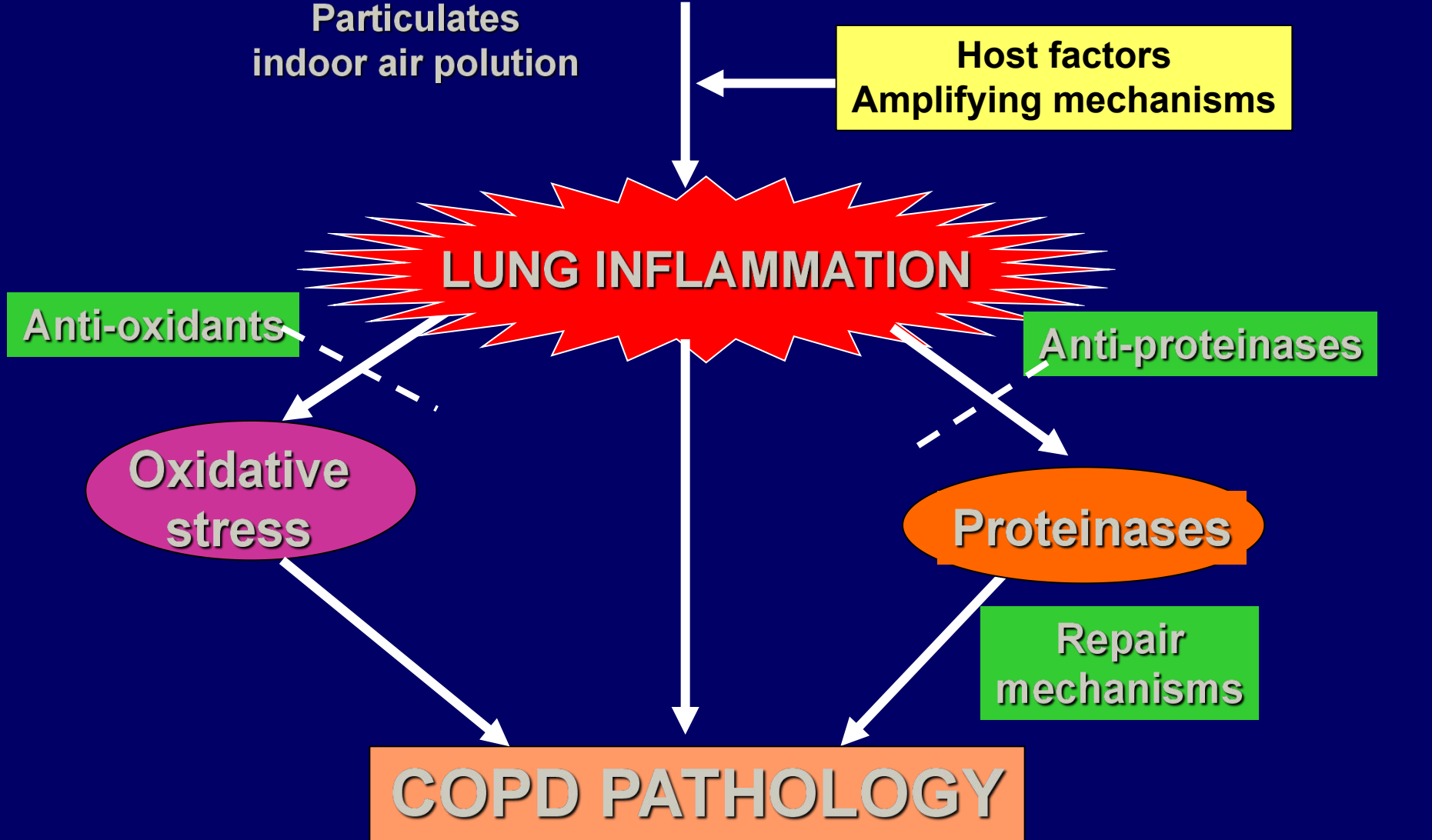
**Oxidative  
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**Proteinases**

**Repair  
mechanisms**

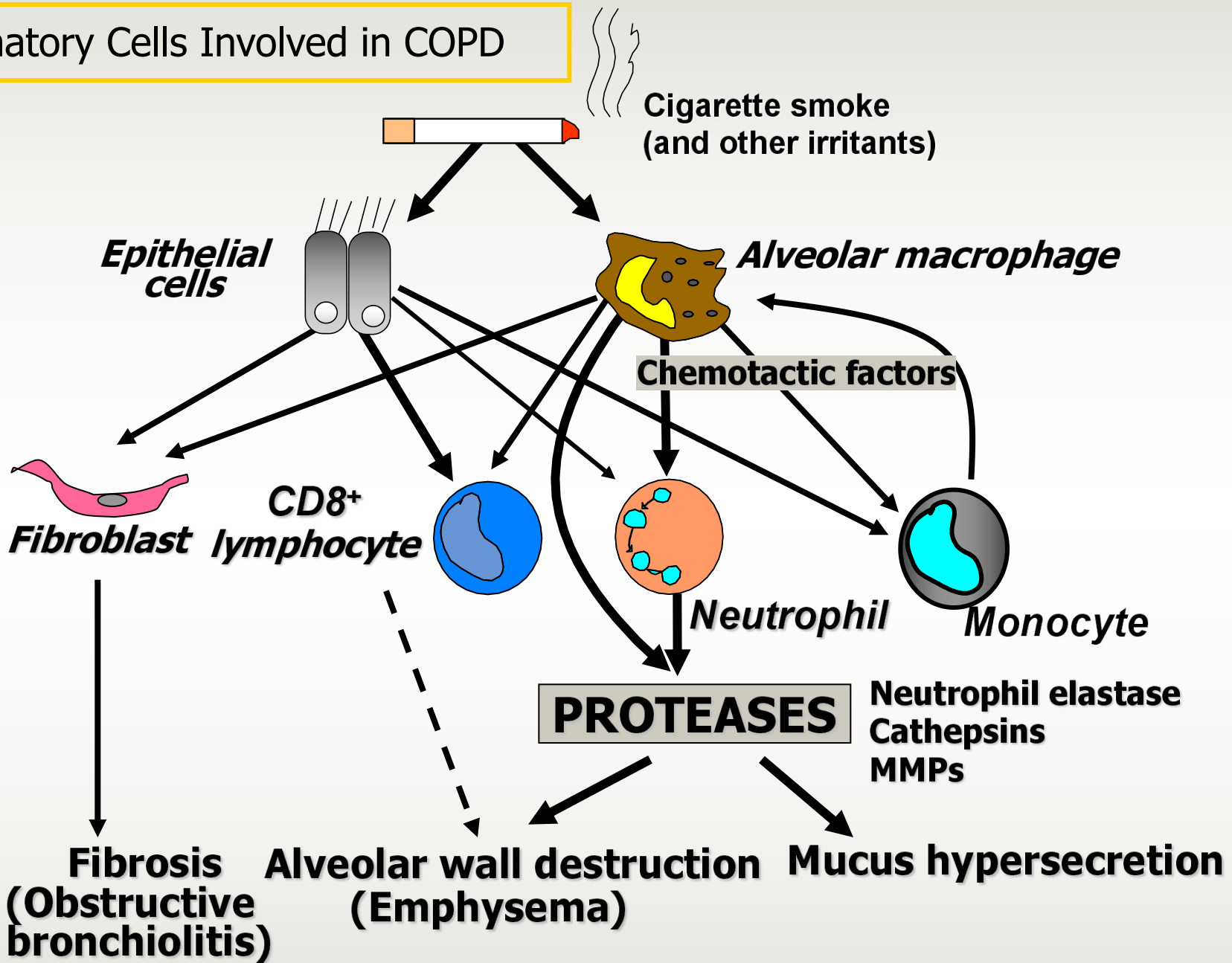
**COPD PATHOLOGY**

**Source: Peter J. Barnes, MD**





# Inflammatory Cells Involved in COPD



Source: Peter J. Barnes, MD



# Oxidative Stress in COPD

Macrophage Neutrophil



↓ Anti-proteases  
SLPI     $\alpha_1$ -AT  
↓  
↑ Proteolysis

↓ HDAC2  
↓  
↑ Inflammation  
Steroid resistance

$O_2^-$ ,  $H_2O_2$   
 $OH\cdot$ ,  $ONOO^-$

NF- $\kappa$ B  
↓    ↓  
IL-8   ←   TNF- $\alpha$   
↓  
Neutrophil recruitment

↑ Mucus secretion

A diagram of a mucus gland with a drop of mucus being secreted.

Isoprostanes

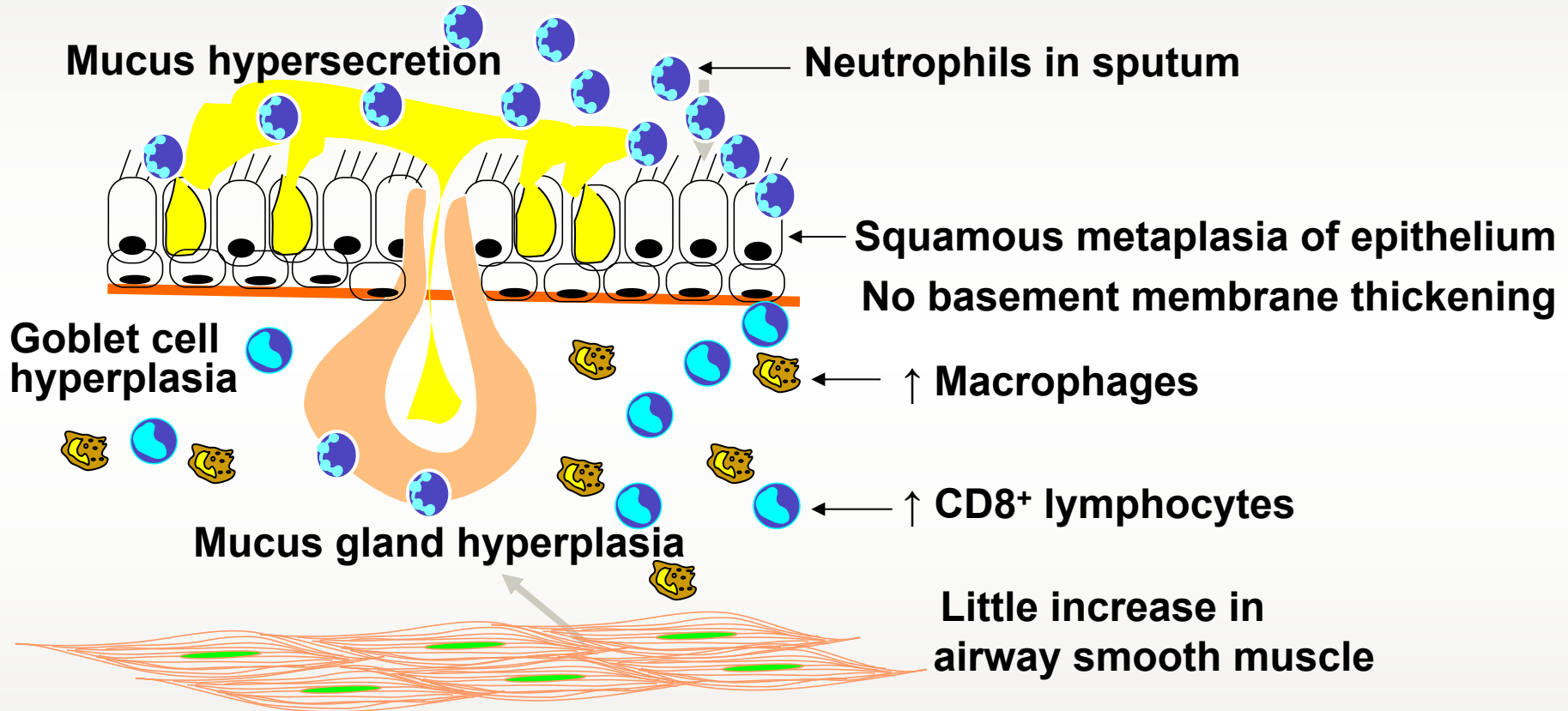
Plasma leak

A diagram of a red blood cell membrane.

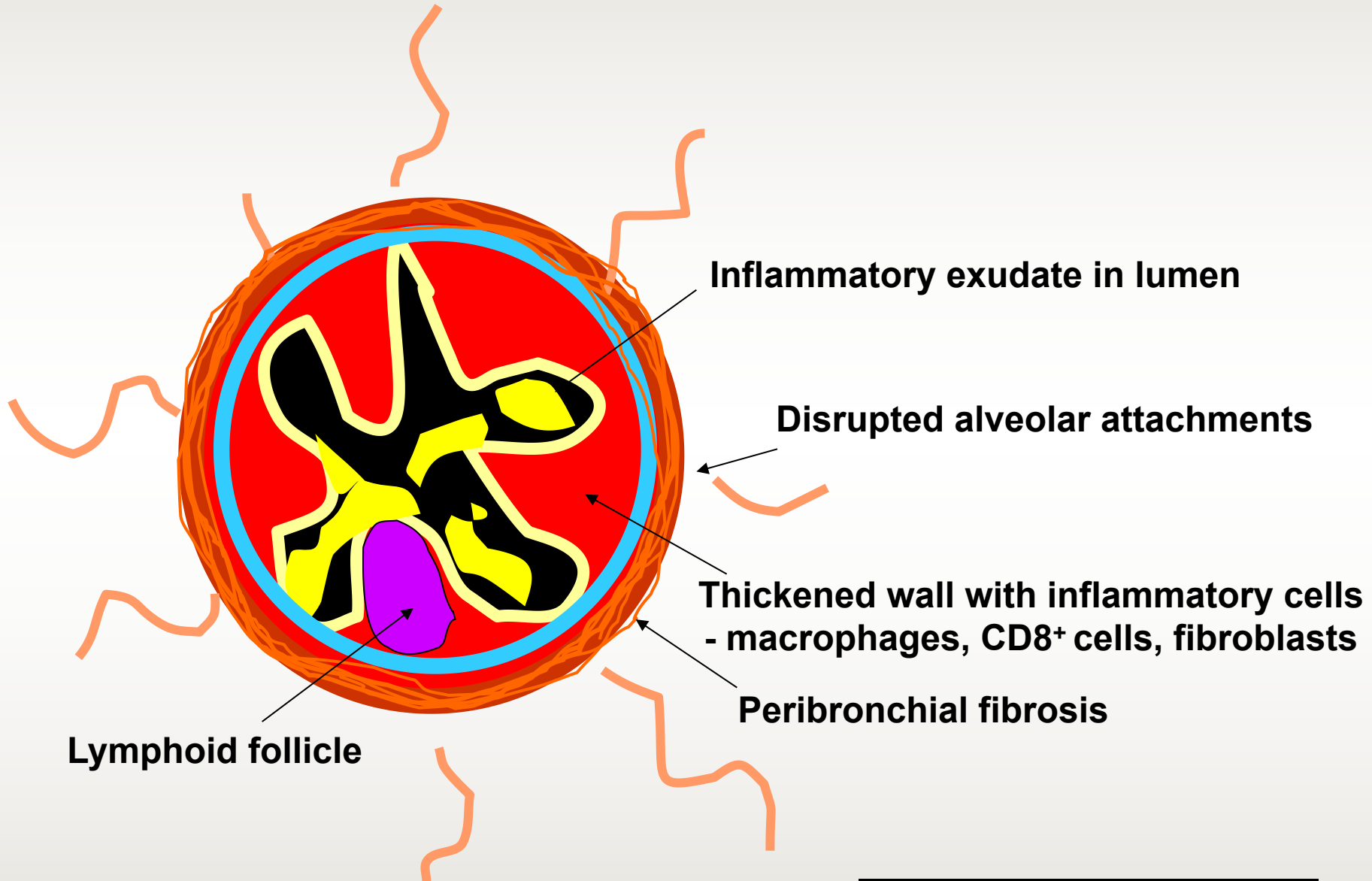
Bronchoconstriction

A diagram of a bronchiole with smooth muscle cells.

# Changes in Large Airways of COPD Patients

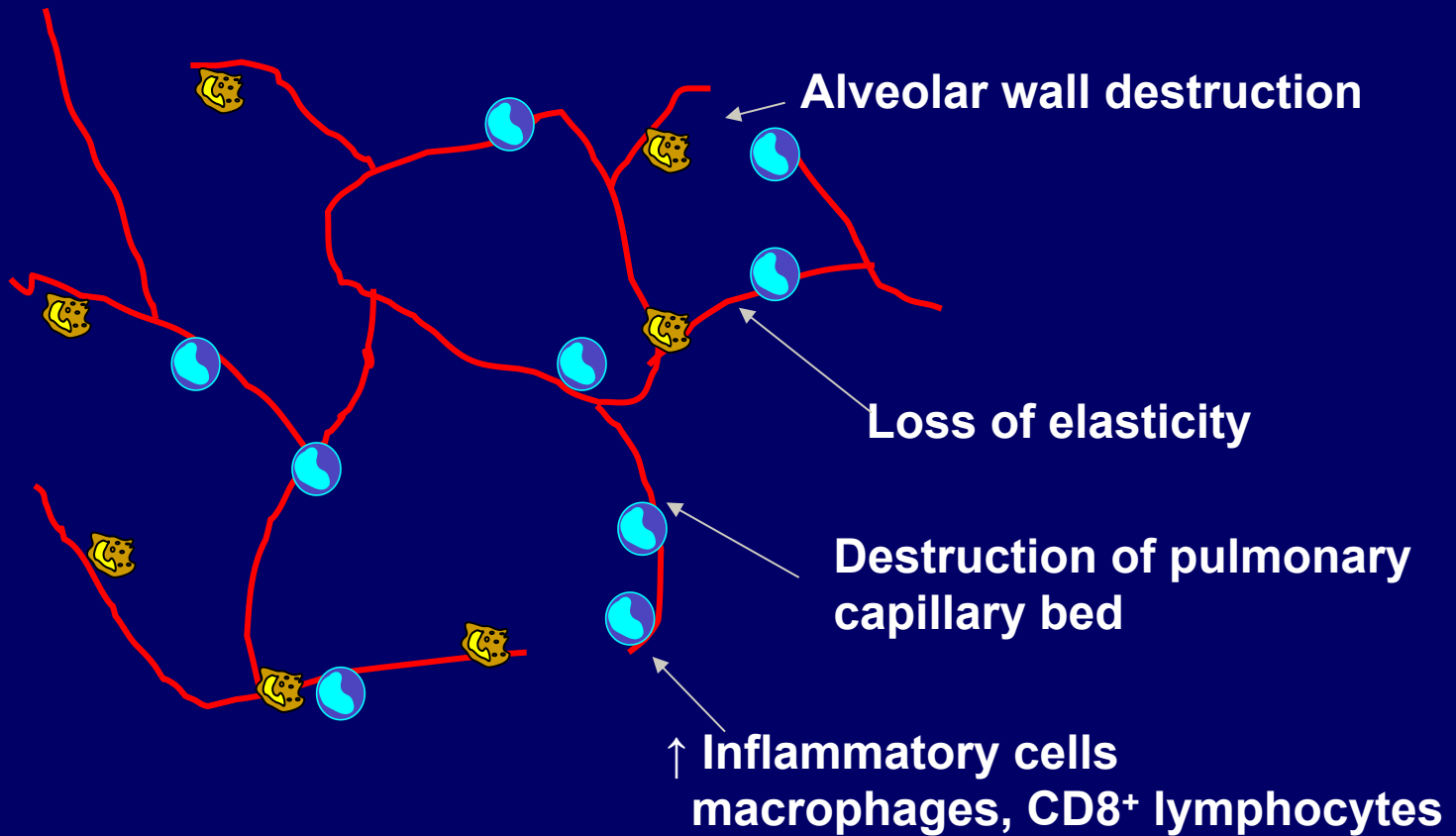
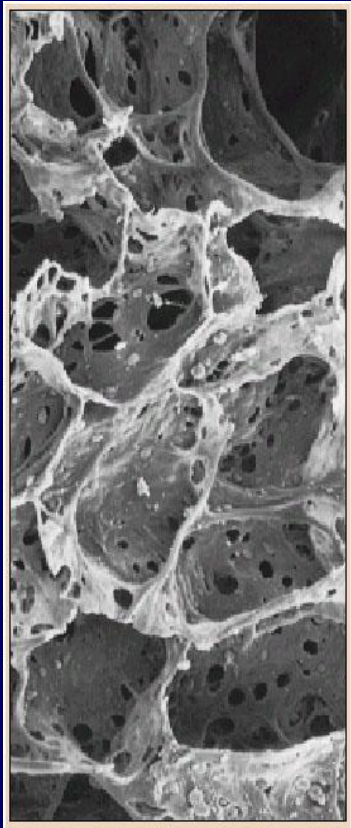


# Changes in Small Airways in COPD Patients

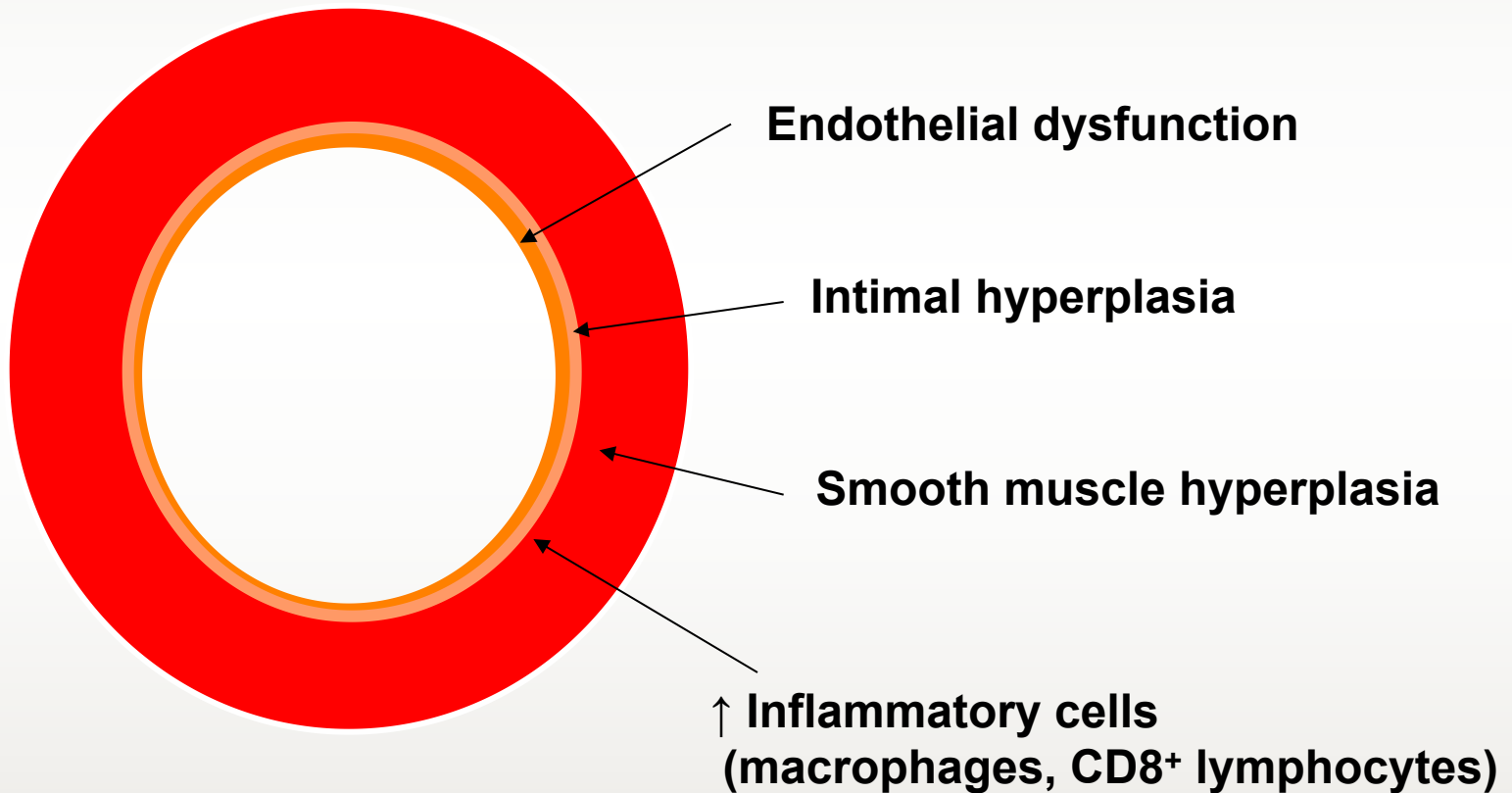


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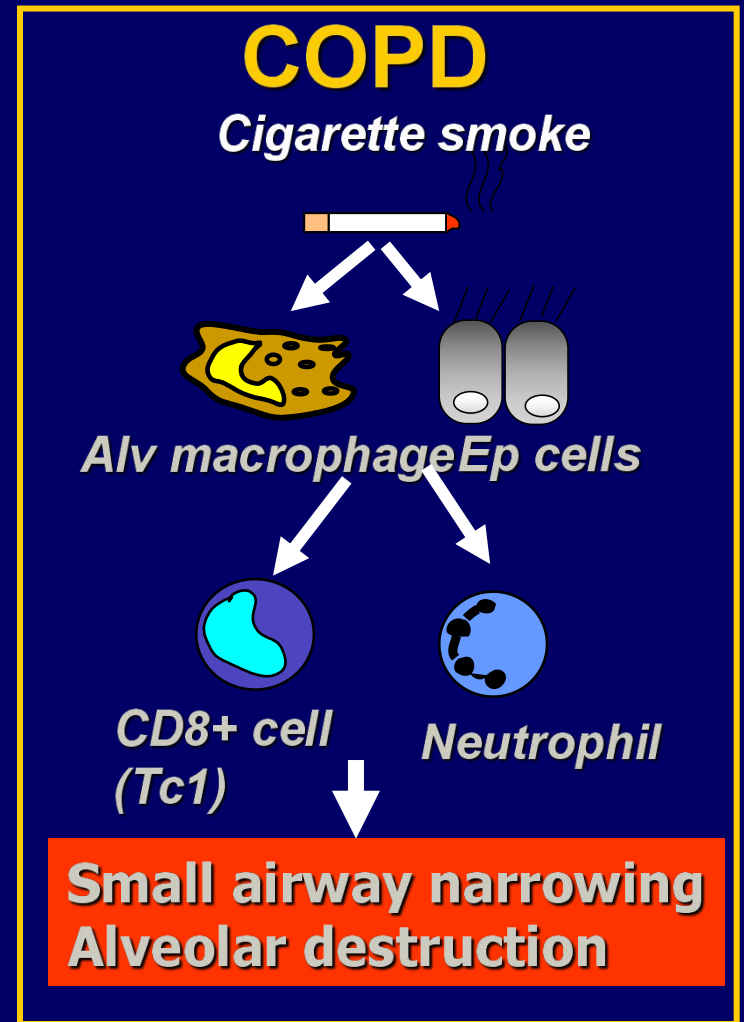
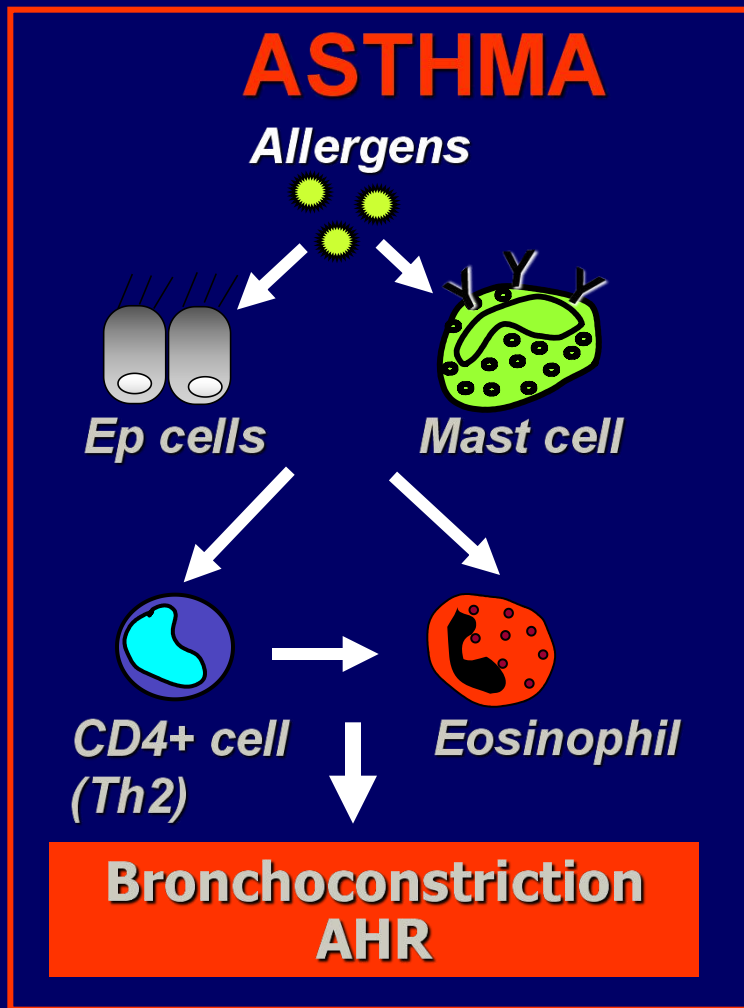
# Changes in Lung Parenchyma in COPD



# Changes in Pulmonary Arteries in COPD Patients



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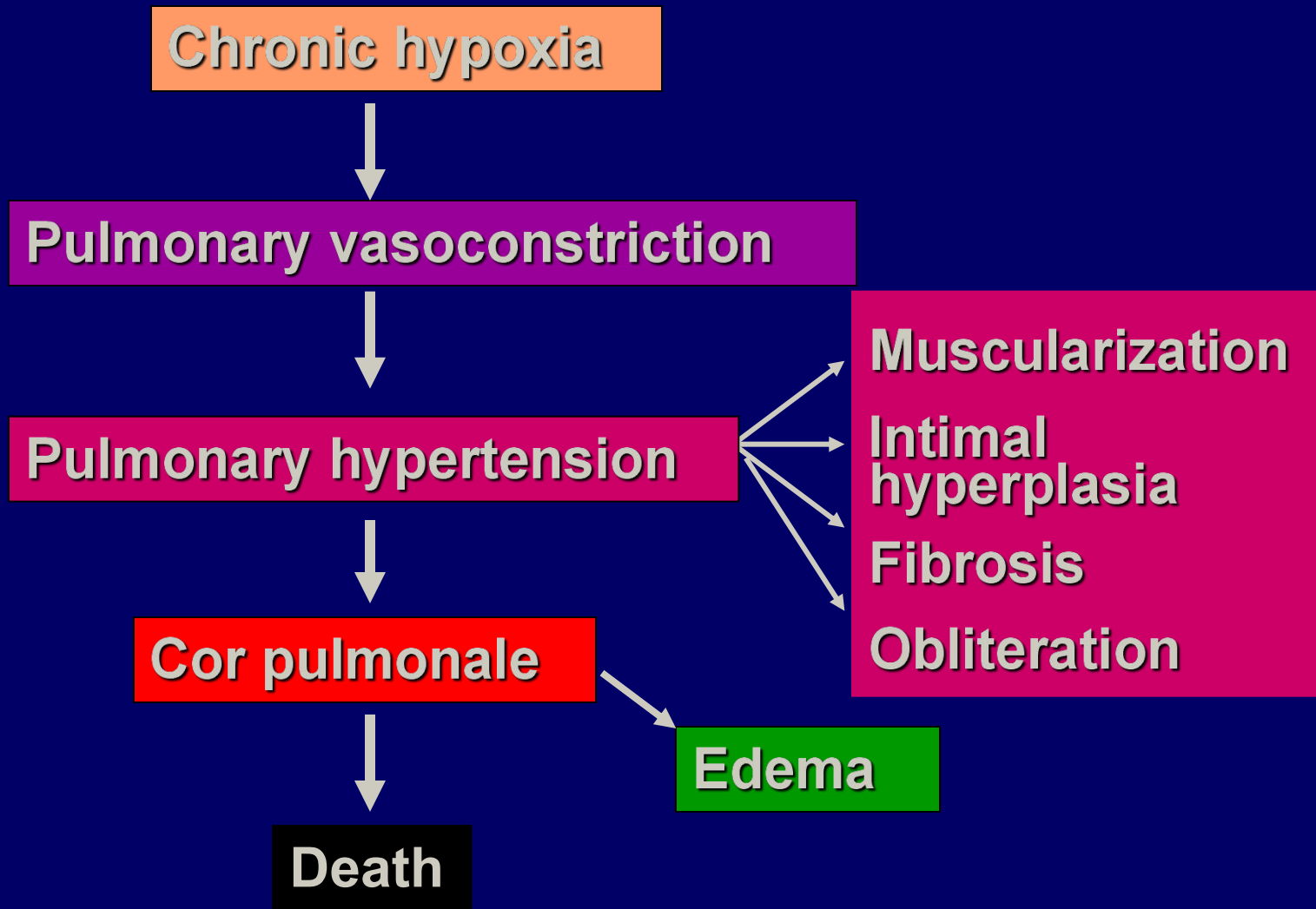


**Airflow Limitation**

Reversible      Irreversible



# Pulmonary Hypertension in COPD





# Air Trapping in COPD

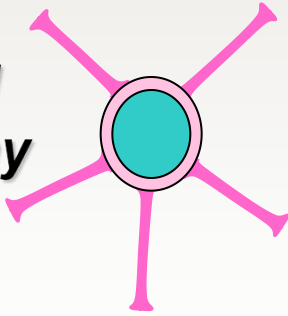
## Normal

## Mild/moderate COPD

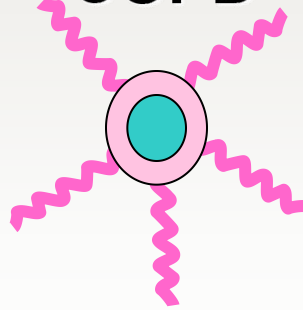
## Severe COPD

Inspiration

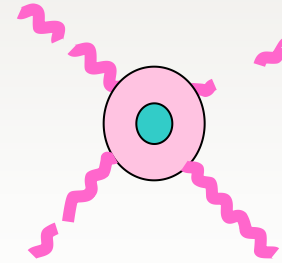
*small airway*



*alveolar attachments*

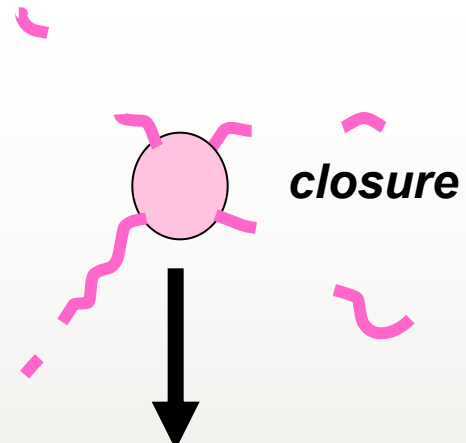
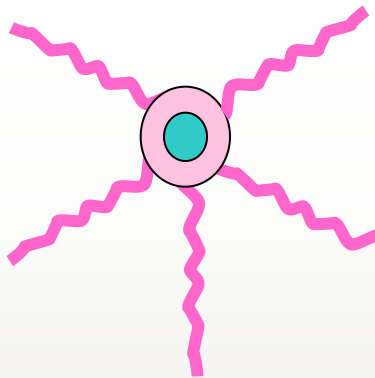
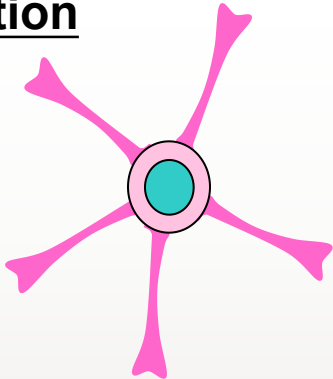


*loss of elasticity*



*loss of alveolar attachments*

Expiration



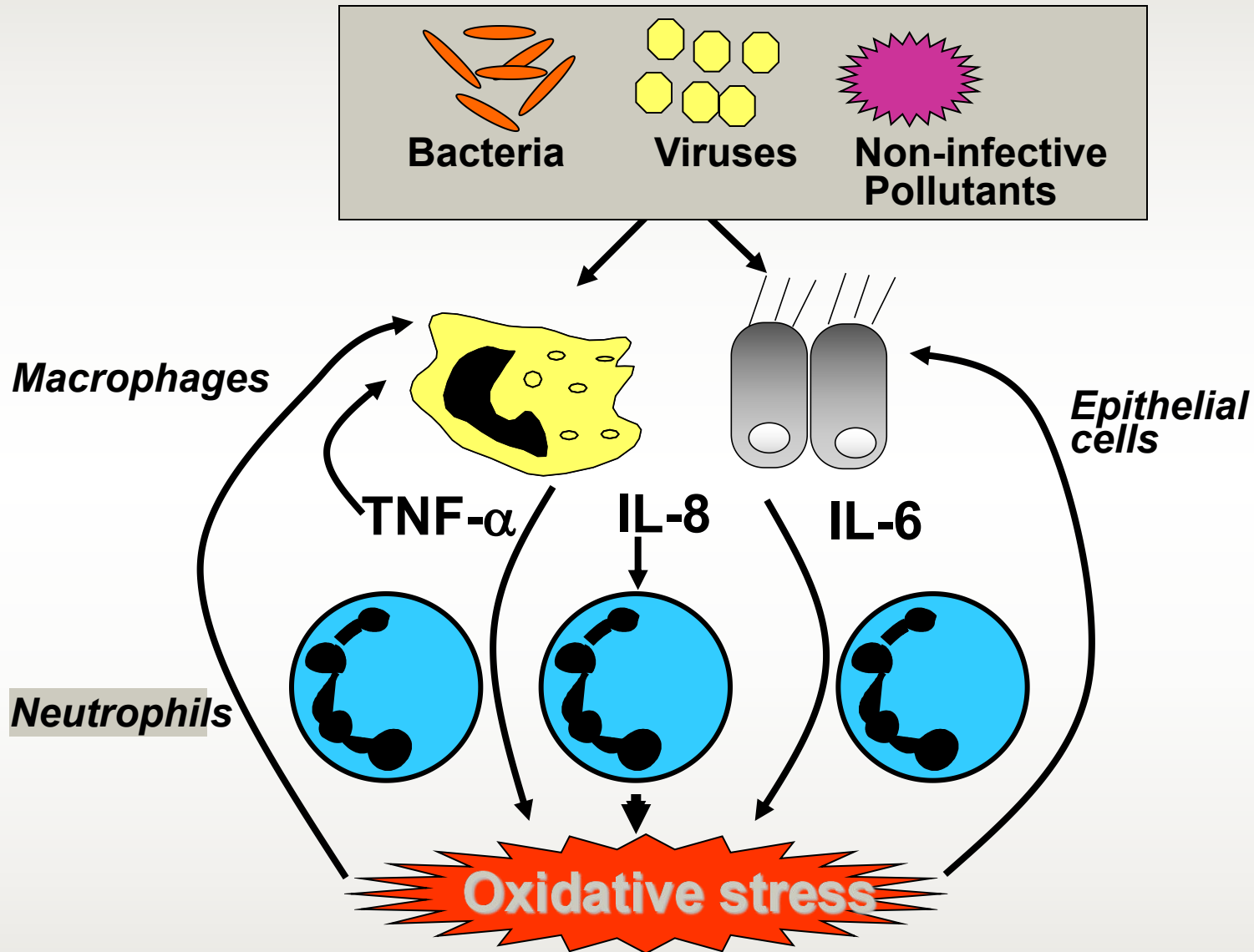
↓ **Health status**

**Dyspnea**  
↓ **Exercise capacity**

**Air trapping**  
**Hyperinflation**

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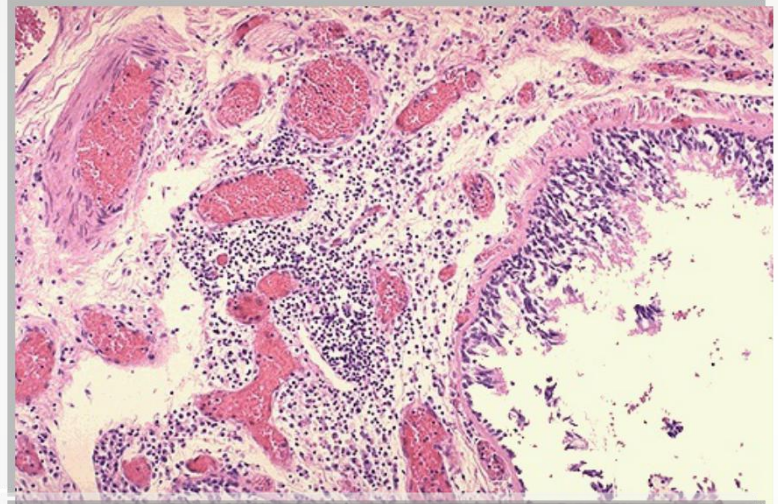
# Inflammation in COPD Exacerbations





# Chronic bronchitis

- Chronic bronchitis is an inflammation and eventual scarring of the lining of the bronchial tubes.
- Symptoms of chronic bronchitis include:
  - chronic cough
  - increased mucus
  - frequent clearing of the throat
  - shortness of breath



Normal bronchi

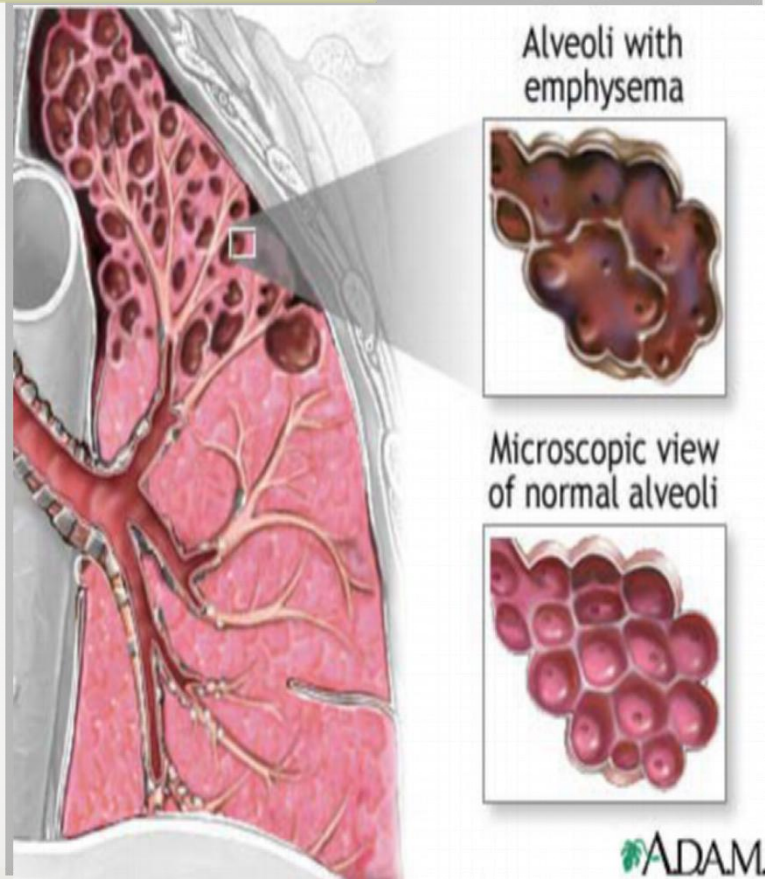


Bronchitis





# Emphysema



Emphysema induces **irreversible** lung damage:

The walls between the air sacs within the lungs **lose** their ability to **stretch and recoil**.

**Elasticity of the lung tissue** is lost, causing air to be trapped in the air sacs and impairing the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide.

**The Support of the airways** is lost, allowing for obstruction of airflow.





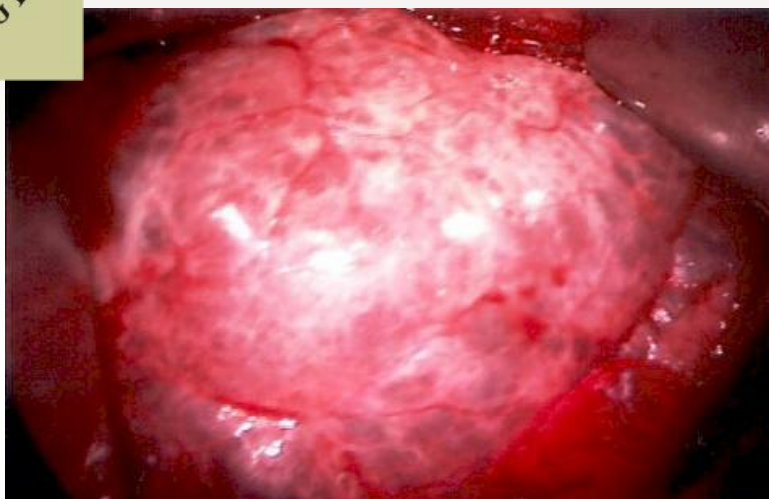
# *Emphysema*

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- Symptoms of emphysema include:
  - cough
  - shortness of breath
  - a limited exercise tolerance
- Diagnosis is made by pulmonary function tests, along with the patient's history, examination and other tests.



# Pathology of Emphysema



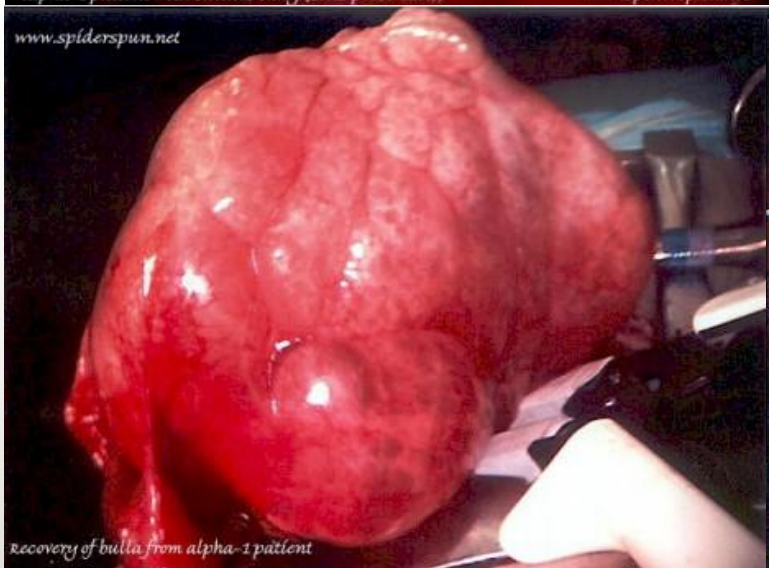
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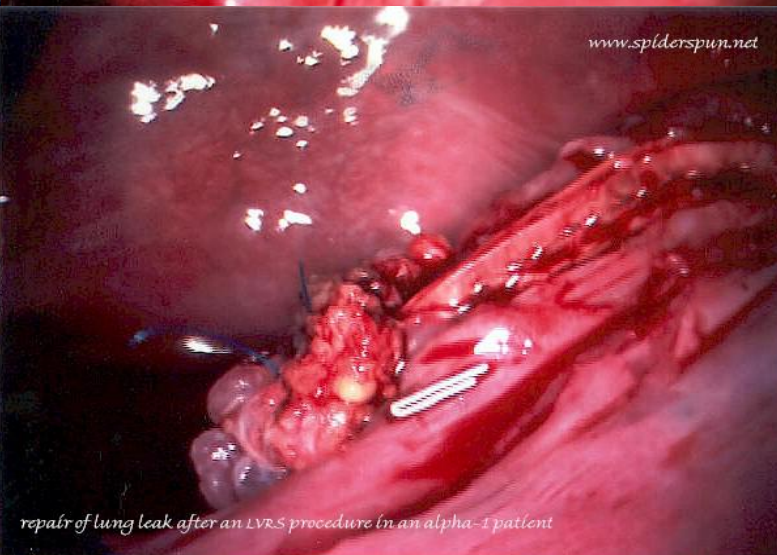
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recovery of bulla from alpha-1 patient



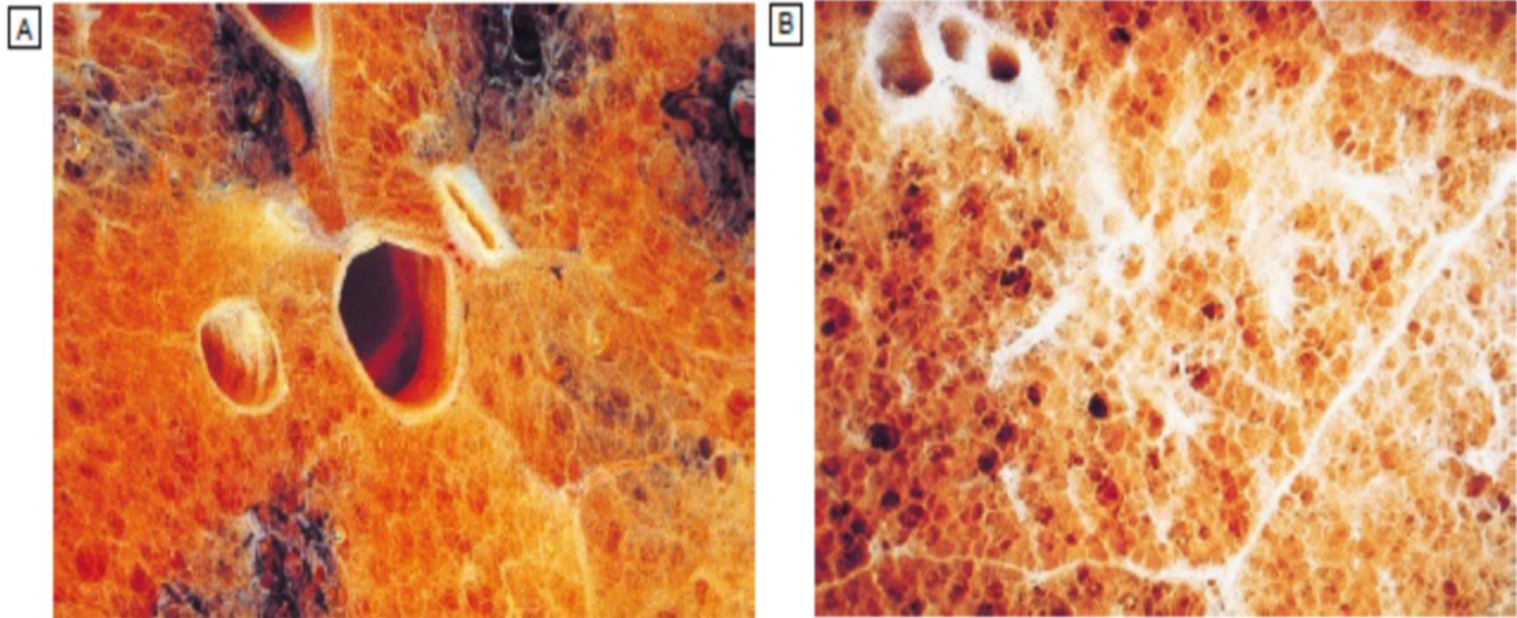
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repair of lung leak after an LVRS procedure in an alpha-1 patient





# Pathology of Emphysema



**Fig. 19.24** The pathology of emphysema. **A** Normal lung. **B** Emphysematous lung showing gross loss of the normal surface area available for gas exchange.

—Davidson's Principles and Practice of Medicine 21st Ed





# *Pathophysiology*

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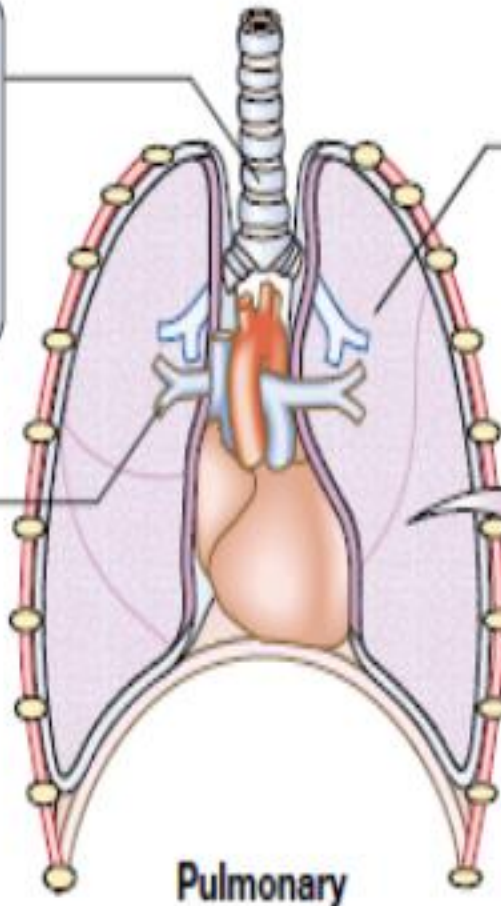
- Increased mucus production and reduced mucociliary clearance - cough and sputum production
- Loss of elastic recoil - airway collapse
- Increase smooth muscle tone
- Pulmonary hyperinflation
- Gas exchange abnormalities - hypoxemia and/or hypercapnia



# Pathophysiology

Enlargement of mucus-secreting glands and increase in number of goblet cells, accompanied by an inflammatory cell infiltrate, result in increased sputum production leading to chronic bronchitis

Pulmonary vascular remodelling and impaired cardiac performance



Loss of elastic tissue, inflammation and fibrosis in airway wall result in premature airway closure, gas trapping and dynamic hyperinflation leading to changes in pulmonary and chest wall compliance

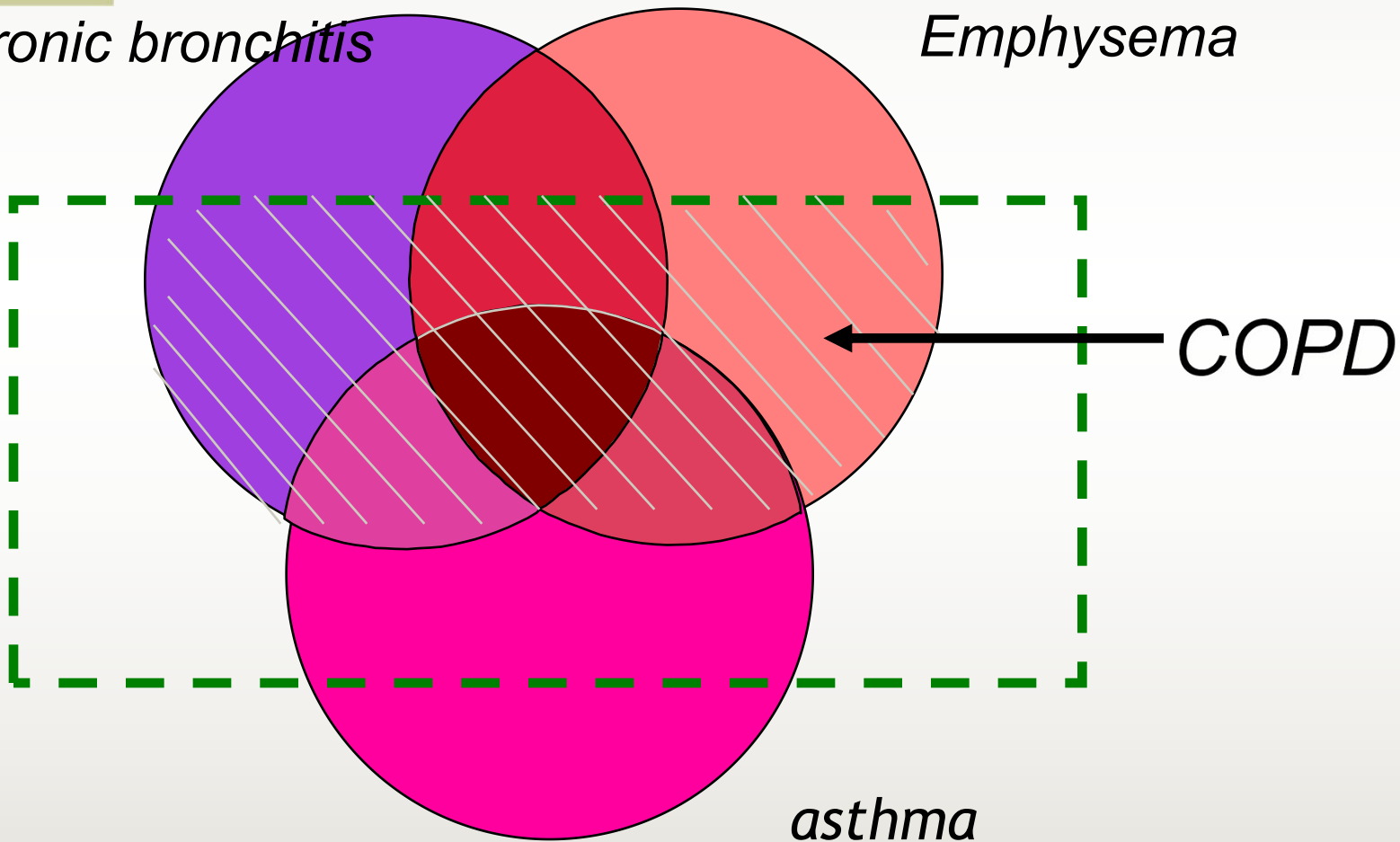
Unopposed action of proteases and oxidants leading to destruction of alveoli and appearance of emphysema

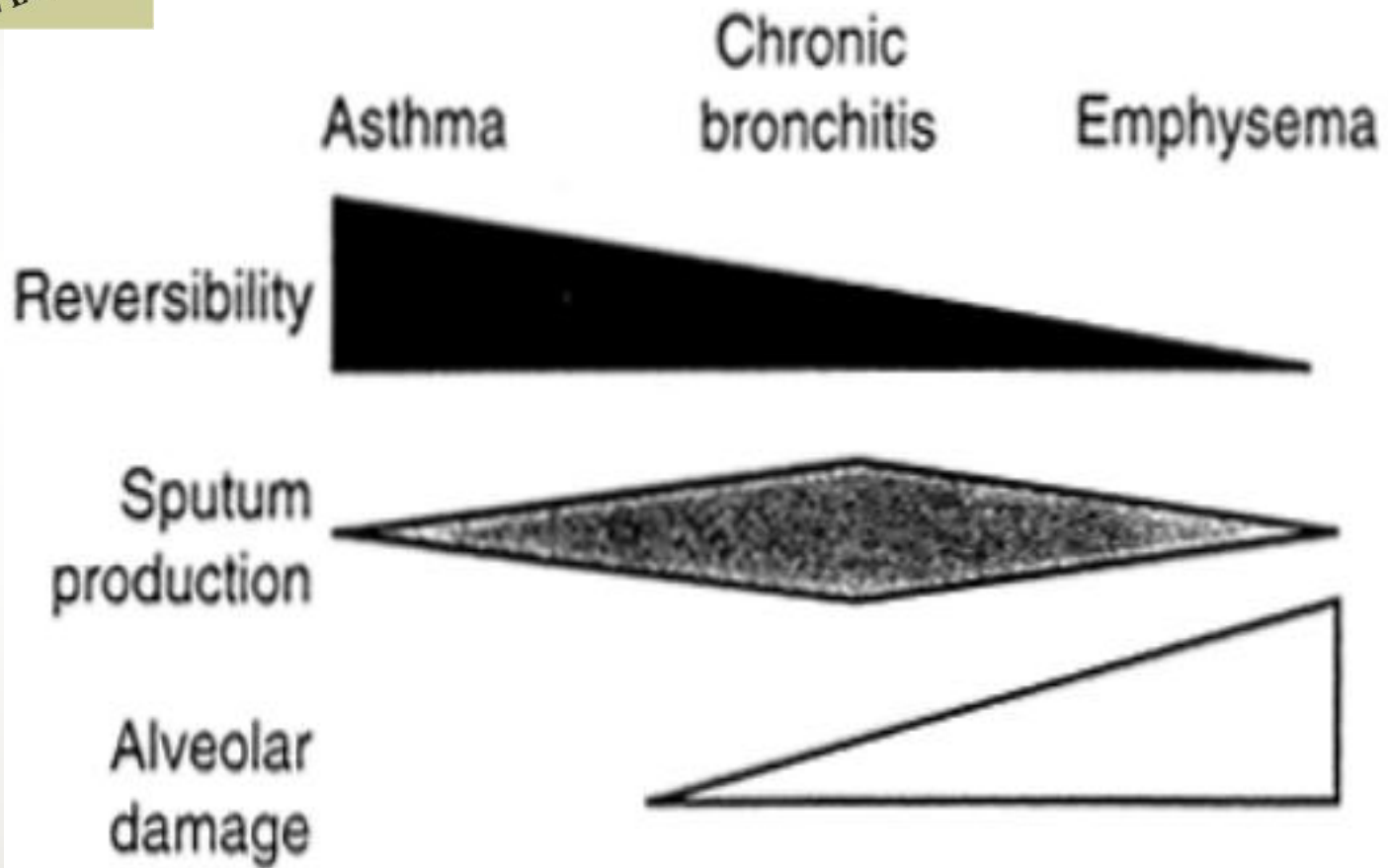
Pulmonary



*Chronic bronchitis*

*Emphysema*







# Assess and Monitor COPD: Key Points

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- A clinical diagnosis of COPD should be considered in any patient who has  
dyspnea  
chronic cough or sputum production  
and/or a history of exposure to risk factors



# Assess and Monitor COPD: Key Points

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- The diagnosis should be confirmed by **spirometry**.

A post-bronchodilator  $FEV_1/FVC < 0.70$  confirms the presence of airflow limitation that is not fully reversible.

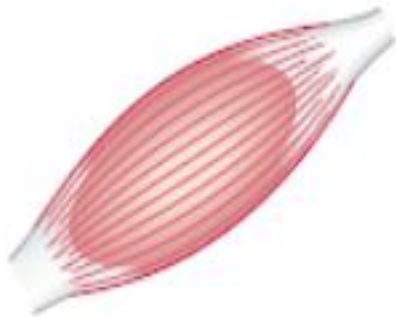




# Assess and Monitor COPD: Key Points

Extrapulmonary (systemic) effects are common in COPD and should be actively identified.

## Systemic



Muscular weakness reflecting deconditioning and cellular changes in skeletal muscles



Increased circulating inflammatory markers



Impaired salt and water excretion leading to peripheral oedema



Altered fat metabolism contributing to weight loss



↑ Prevalence of osteoporosis



# Pathways to the diagnosis of COPD

**SYMPTOMS**  
sputum  
chronic cough  
shortness of breath

**RISK FACTORS**  
Host Factors(2017)  
tobacco  
occupation  
indoor/outdoor pollution

**clinical diagnosis**

**SPIROMETRY**

**diagnosis**

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# Key Indicators for COPD Diagnosis(2020)

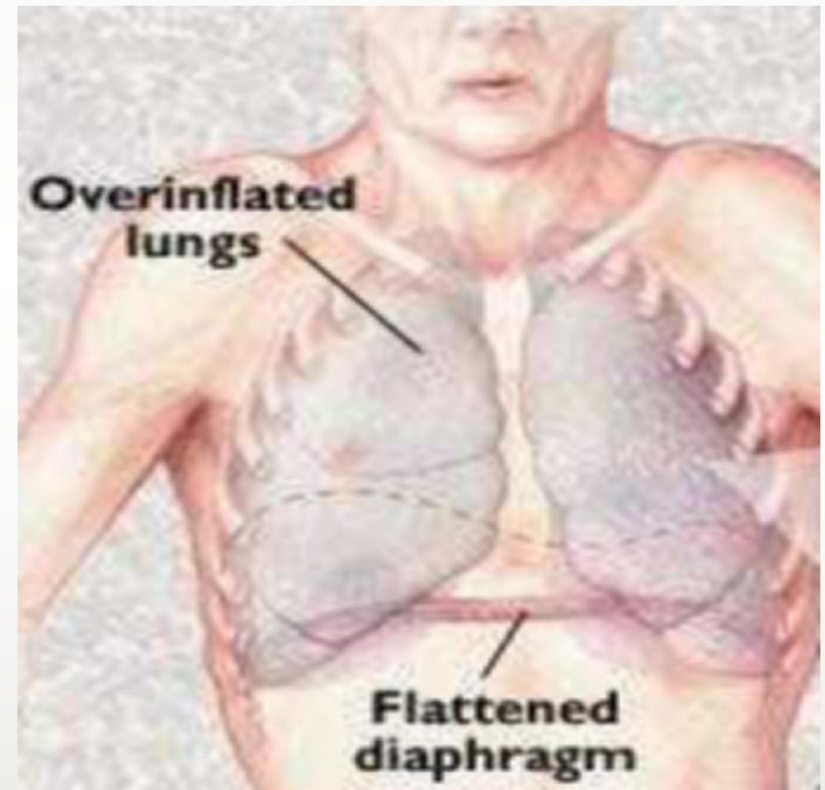
Chronic cough	May be intermittent and may be unproductive. <b>Recurrent wheeze.</b>
Chronic sputum production	Any pattern of chronic sputum production may indicate COPD.
Dyspnea that is	Progressive (worsen over time) Persistent (present every day) Characteristically worse with exercise.
<b>Recurrent lower respiratory tract infections.</b>	
History of exposure to risk factors	<b>Host factors</b> (such as genetic factors,congenital/developmental abnormalities). Tobacco smoke (including popular local preparation) . somoke from home cooking and heat fuels. Occupational dusts ,vapors,fumes,gases and other chemicals.
Family history of COPD and/or childhood factors	For example low birthweight,childhood respiratory infectios.



# Physical signs

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- Large barrel shaped chest (**hyperinflation**)
- Prominent use of **accessory muscle** in respiration
- Low, flat diaphragm
- Diminished breath sound





# Spirometry(肺功能)

- Diagnosis
- Assessing severity
- Assessing prognosis
- Monitoring progression





# Spirometry

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- **FEV<sub>1</sub>** – Forced expired volume in the first second
- **FVC** – Total volume of air that can be exhaled from maximal inhalation to maximal exhalation
- **FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC%** - The ratio of FEV<sub>1</sub> to FVC, expressed as a percentage.



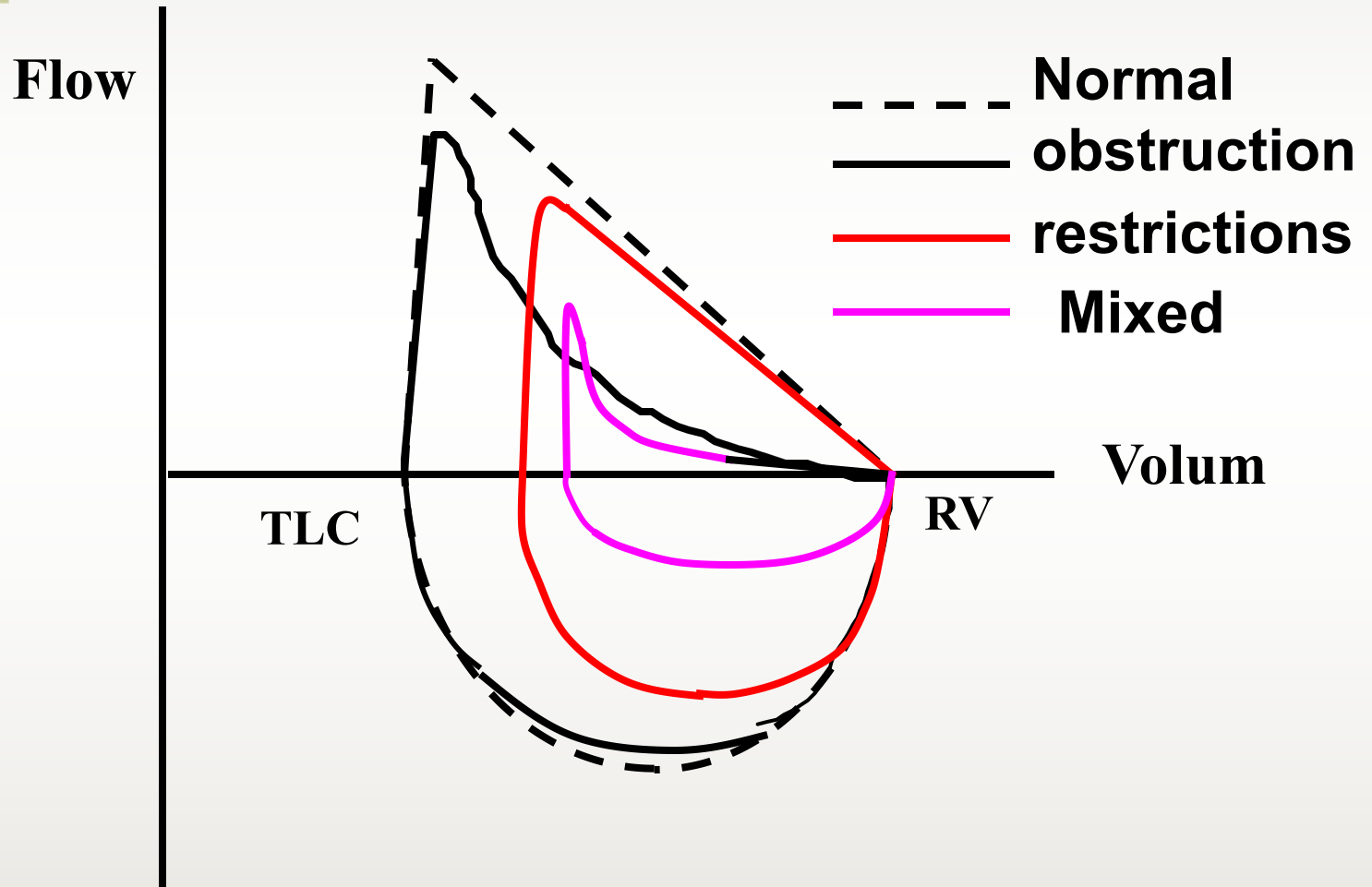
# Spirometry

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- Spirometry should be performed **after the administration** of an adequate dose of a short-acting inhaled bronchodilator to minimize variability.
- A post-bronchodilator **FEV1/FVC < 0.70** confirms the presence of airflow limitation that is not fully reversible.
- When possible, values should be compared to age-related normal values to avoid overdiagnosis of COPD in the elderly.



# Flow-volume curve







# Grading of severity of airflow limitation in COPD

Severity	Postbronchodilator FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC	Postbronchodilator FEV <sub>1</sub> % predicted
GOLD 1	<0.7	≥80
GOLD 2	<0.7	50-80
GOLD 3	<0.7	30-50
GOLD 4	<0.7	<30

**SPIROMETRY is *not to substitute* for clinical judgment in the evaluation of the severity of disease in individual patients.**







# Assessment of symptoms

- Modified british medical research council (**mMRC**)

Having a good correlation with health condition and can predict the future risk of death

**Table 2.5. Modified MRC dyspnea scale<sup>a</sup>**

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.

<sup>a</sup> Fletcher CM. BMJ 1960; 2: 1662.



# Assessment of exacerbation risk

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The best predictor of frequent exacerbations (defined as  $\geq 2$  exacerbations per year) is a history of earlier treated events.

Hospitalization for a COPD exacerbation has a poor prognosis and an increased risk of death.



# Assessment of comorbidities

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COPD patients are at increased risk for:

- Myocardial infarction, angina
- Osteoporosis
- Respiratory infection
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Lung cancer



# Assessment of comorbidities

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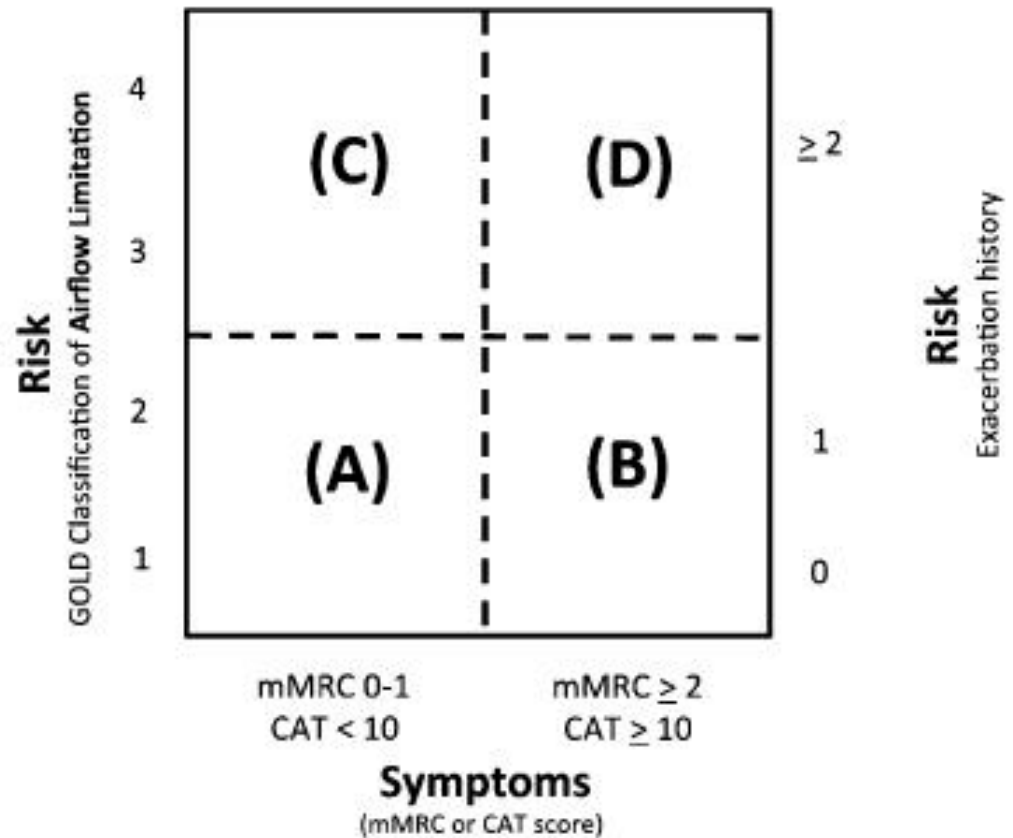
COPD has significant extrapulmonary (systemic) effects including:

- Weight loss
- Nutritional abnormalities
- Skeletal muscle dysfunction



# Revised combined COPD assessment (2011)

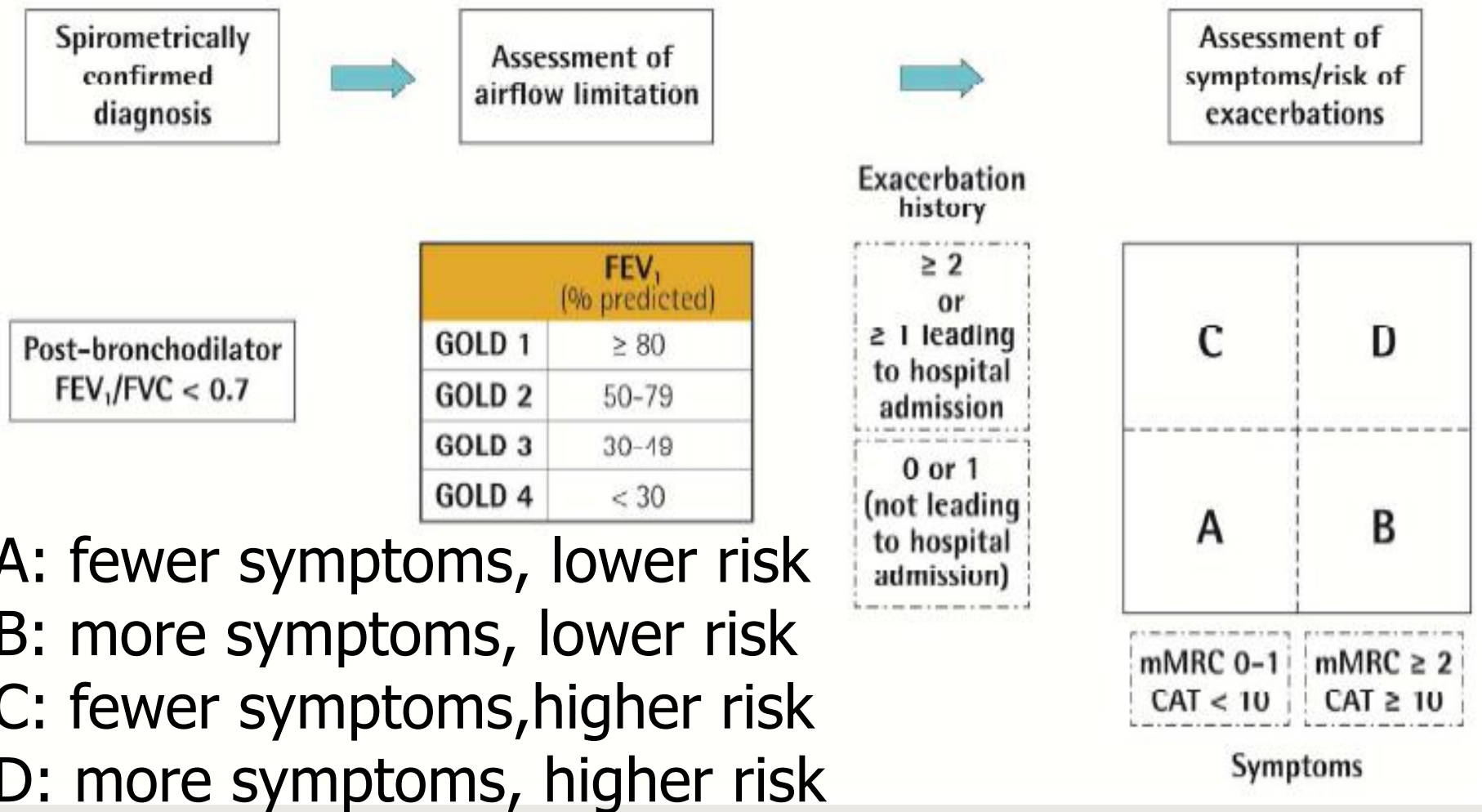
- A: fewer symptoms, lower risk
- B: more symptoms, lower risk
- C: fewer symptoms, higher risk
- D: more symptoms, higher risk







# Refined ABCD assessment tool (2017)







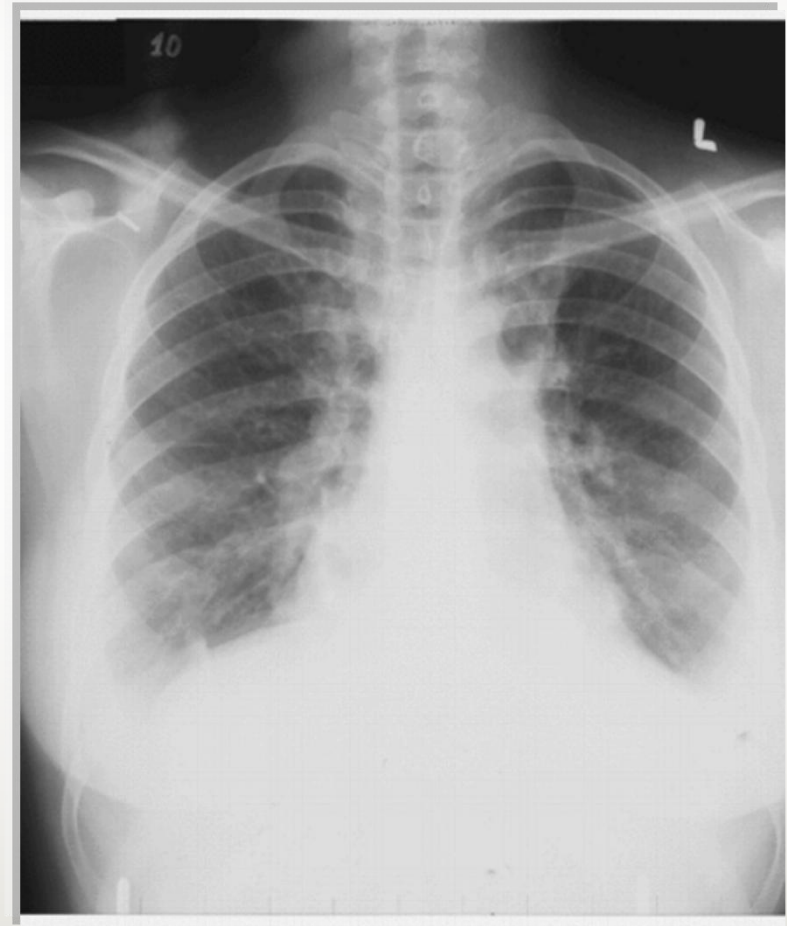
# Additional investigations

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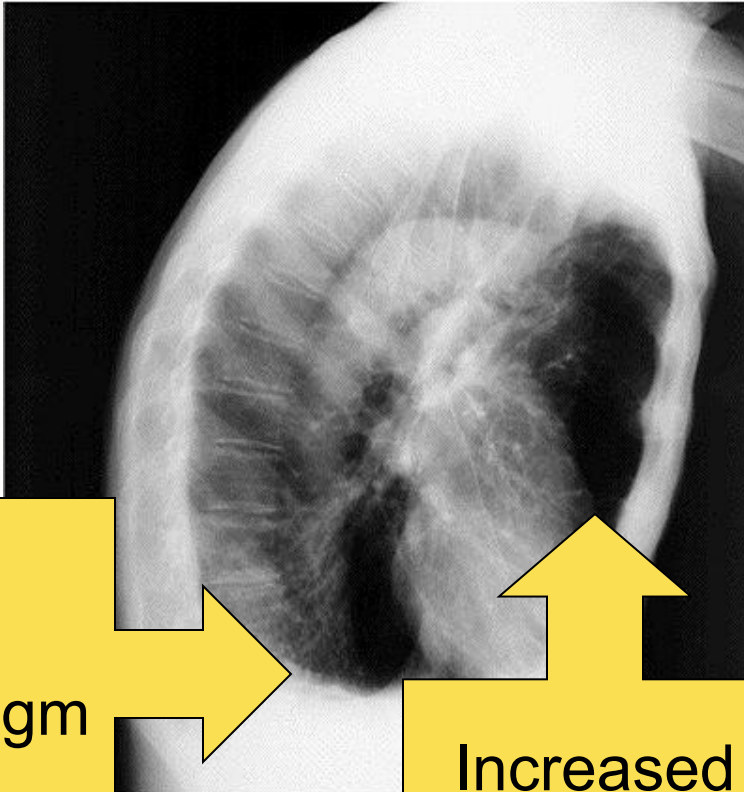
- Imaging
- Composite scores(BODE)
- Oximetry and arterial blood gas measurement
- Lung volumes and diffusing capacity
- Exercise testing and assessment of physical activity

# Chest X-rays

- Emphysema
  - Hyperinflation
  - Flattened diaphragms
  - Decreased vascular markings
- Chronic Bronchitis
  - Usually normal

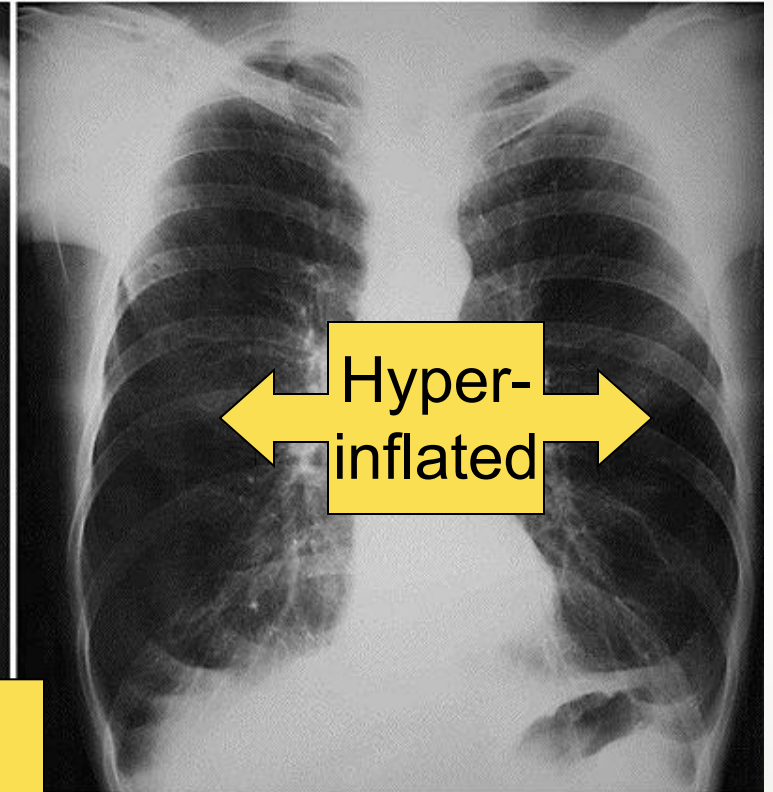


# Chest X-rays



Flat  
diaphragm

Increased  
Retrosternal  
air

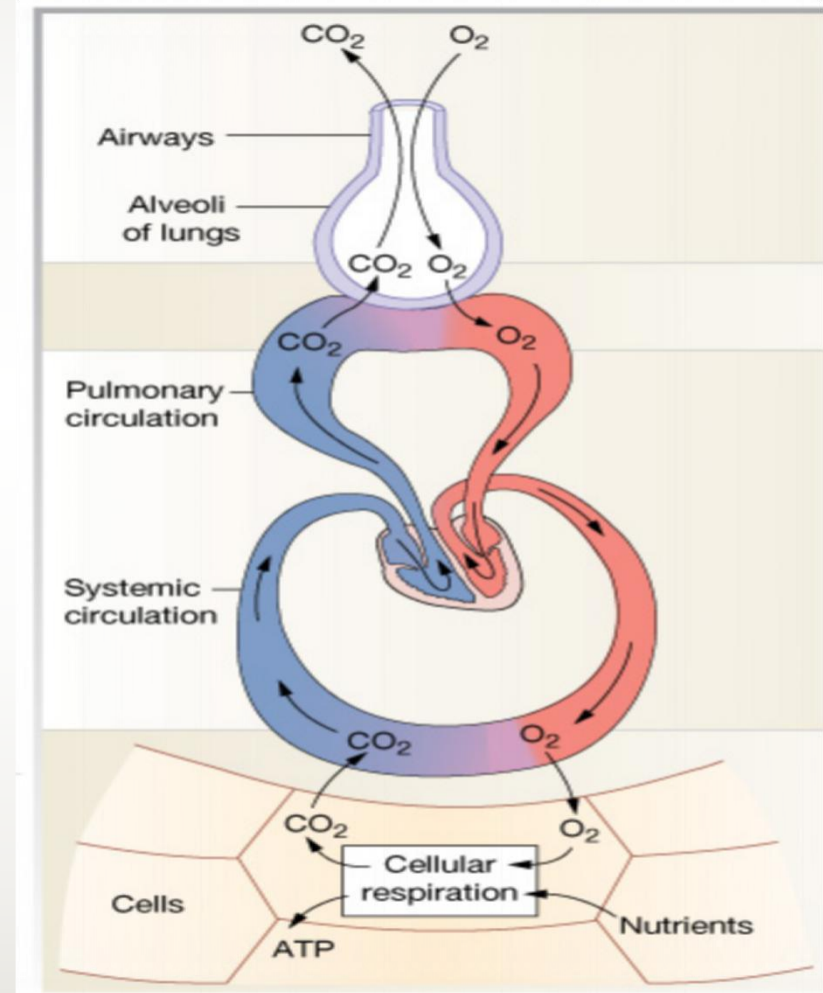


Hyper-  
inflated



# Oximetry and Arterial Blood Gas (ABGs)

- If pulse oximetry shows peripheral arterial oxygen saturation is  $<92\%$ , arterial blood gases (ABGs) should be assessed to determine whether you need any extra oxygen.





# Parameters and Predictions

Parameter	Normal Values	Predictions
Arterial PO <sub>2</sub>	95 mmHg	decrease
Arterial PCO <sub>2</sub>	40 mmHg	increases
Arterial pH	approx. 7.4	decreases
Arterial HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> content	22-26 mEq/L	increases
Total Arterial O <sub>2</sub> content	20 ml/dL	decrease



# Differential Diagnosis of COPD

- Asthma★
- Congestive Heart Failure

- Bronchiectasis
- Tuberculosis

- Obliterative Bronchiolitis
- Diffuse Panbronchiolitis





# Differential Diagnosis: COPD and Asthma

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## **COPD**

- Onset in mid-life
- Symptoms slowly progressive
- Long smoking history
- Dyspnea during exercise
- Largely irreversible airflow limitation

## **ASTHMA**

- Onset early in life (often childhood)
- Symptoms vary from day to day
- Symptoms at night/early morning
- Allergy, rhinitis, and/or eczema also present
- Family history of asthma
- Largely reversible airflow limitation



# Management of Stable COPD

## Goals

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### Reduce symptoms

- Relieve symptoms
- Improve exercise tolerance
- Improve health status

### Reduce risk

- Prevent disease progression
- Prevent exacerbations
- Reduce mortality



## Management of Stable COPD

### Reduce Risk Factors: Key Points

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- Reduction of total personal exposure to [tobacco smoke](#), occupational dusts and chemicals, and indoor and outdoor [air pollutants](#) are important goals to prevent the onset and progression of COPD.
- **Smoking cessation** : Smoking cessation is a key intervention for all COPD patients who continue to smoke.



## Management of Stable COPD

### Reduce Risk Factors: Key Points

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- **Indoor and outdoor air pollution:** Reducing the risk from indoor and outdoor air pollution is feasible and requires a combination of public policy, local and national resources, cultural changes, and protective steps taken by individual patients.



## Management of Stable COPD

### Reduce Risk Factors: Key Points

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- **Occupational exposures** : no studies demonstrate whether interventions that reduce occupational exposures also reduce the burden of COPD, but it seems logical to advise patients to avoid ongoing exposures to potential irritants if possible.



# Treatment of Stable COPD

## Pharmacotherapy

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### Bronchodilators

- Short-acting  $\beta_2$ -agonist – *Salbutamol*
- Long-acting  $\beta_2$ -agonist - *Salmeterol and Formoterol*
- Anticholinergics – *Ipratropium, Tiotropium*
- Methylxanthines - *Theophylline*

### corticosteoids

- Inhaled corticosteoids (*Fluticasone, Budesonide*)
- Oral glucocorticoid (*Prednisolone*)







# Bronchodilators

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- central to the **symptomatic management** of COPD
- given on an **as-needed** basis or on a **regular** basis to prevent or reduce symptoms and exacerbations
- **Long-acting bronchodilators** is more effective and convenient than treatment with short-acting bronchodilators



# Glucocorticosteroids

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## Inhaled corticosteroids:

- ICS combined with LABA/LAMA is more effective in improving lung function and health status and reducing risk of exacerbations.

## Oral glucocorticoids:

- Long-term use has numerous side effects with no evidence of benefits.

# Therapy at Each Stage of COPD (*GOLD2006*)

I: Mild

II: Moderate

III: Severe

IV: Very Severe

- $FEV_1/FVC < 70\%$
- $FEV_1 \geq 80\%$  predicted

- $FEV_1/FVC < 70\%$
- $50\% \leq FEV_1 < 80\%$  predicted

- $FEV_1/FVC < 70\%$
- $30\% \leq FEV_1 < 50\%$  predicted

- $FEV_1/FVC < 70\%$
- $FEV_1 < 30\%$  predicted  
or  $FEV_1 < 50\%$  predicted plus chronic respiratory failure

Active reduction of risk factor(s); influenza vaccination

**Add** short-acting bronchodilator (when needed)

**Add** regular treatment with one or more long-acting bronchodilators (when needed); **Add** rehabilitation

**Add** inhaled glucocorticosteroids if repeated exacerbations

**Add** long term oxygen if chronic respiratory failure. **Consider** surgical treatments





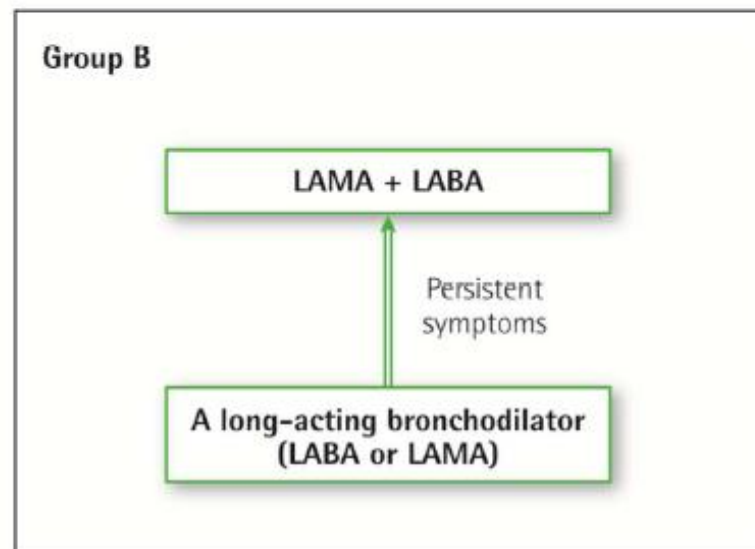
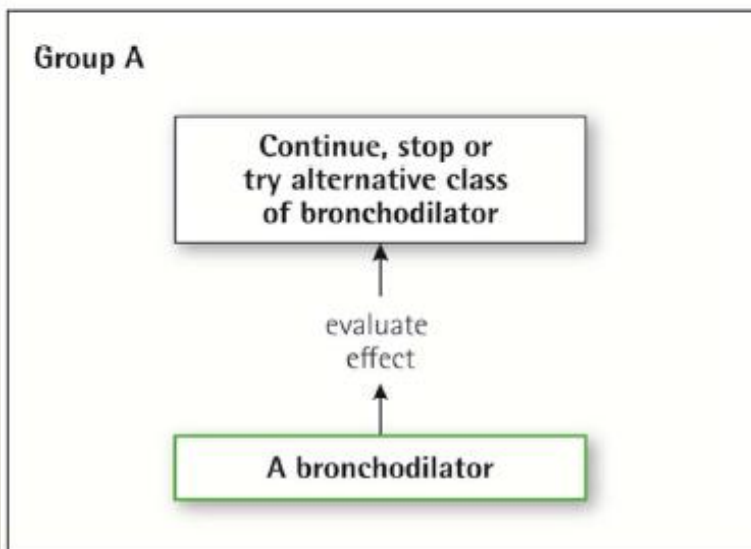
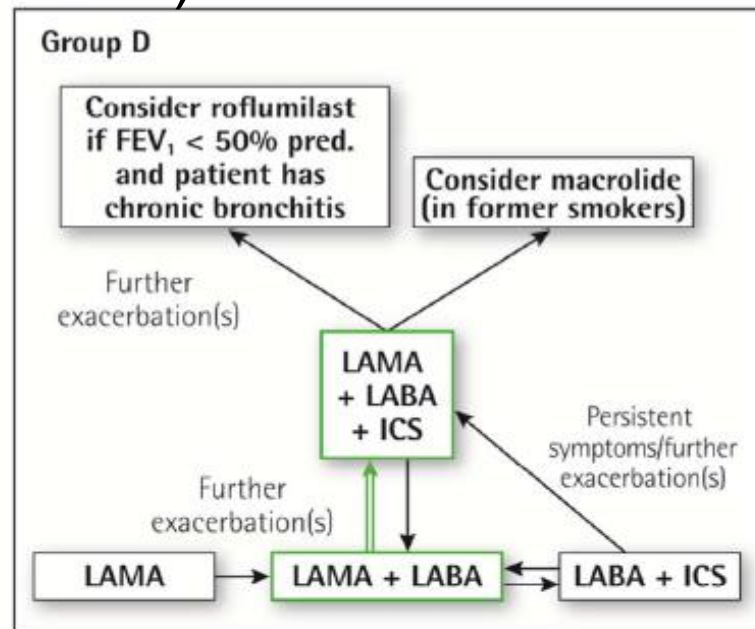
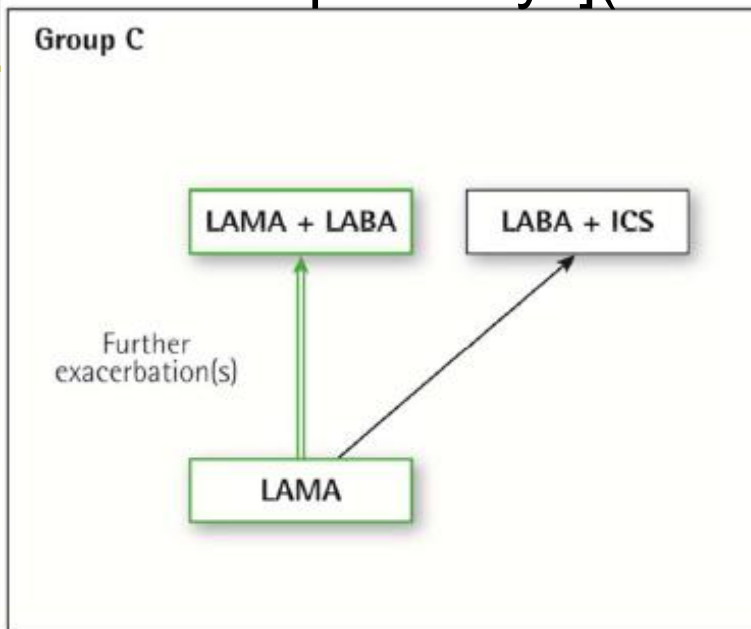
# Therapy at Each Stage of COPD

## (***GOLD2011***)

P	First choice	Second choice	Alternative choice
<b>A</b>	SABA /SAMA prn	LAMA/LABA or SAMA & SABA	Theophylline
<b>B</b>	LABA / LAMA	LAMA & LABA	SABA & /orSAMA ; Theophylline
<b>C</b>	ICS/LABA or LAMA	LAMA & LABA	PDE-4 inhibitors ; SABA & /orSAMA ; Theophylline
<b>D</b>	ICS/LABA or LAMA	ICS & LAMA ICS/LABA & LAMA ; ICS/LABA & PDE-4 inhibitors LAMA & LABA ; LAMA & PDE-4 inhibitors	Carbocisteine ; SABA & /orSAMA ; Theophylline



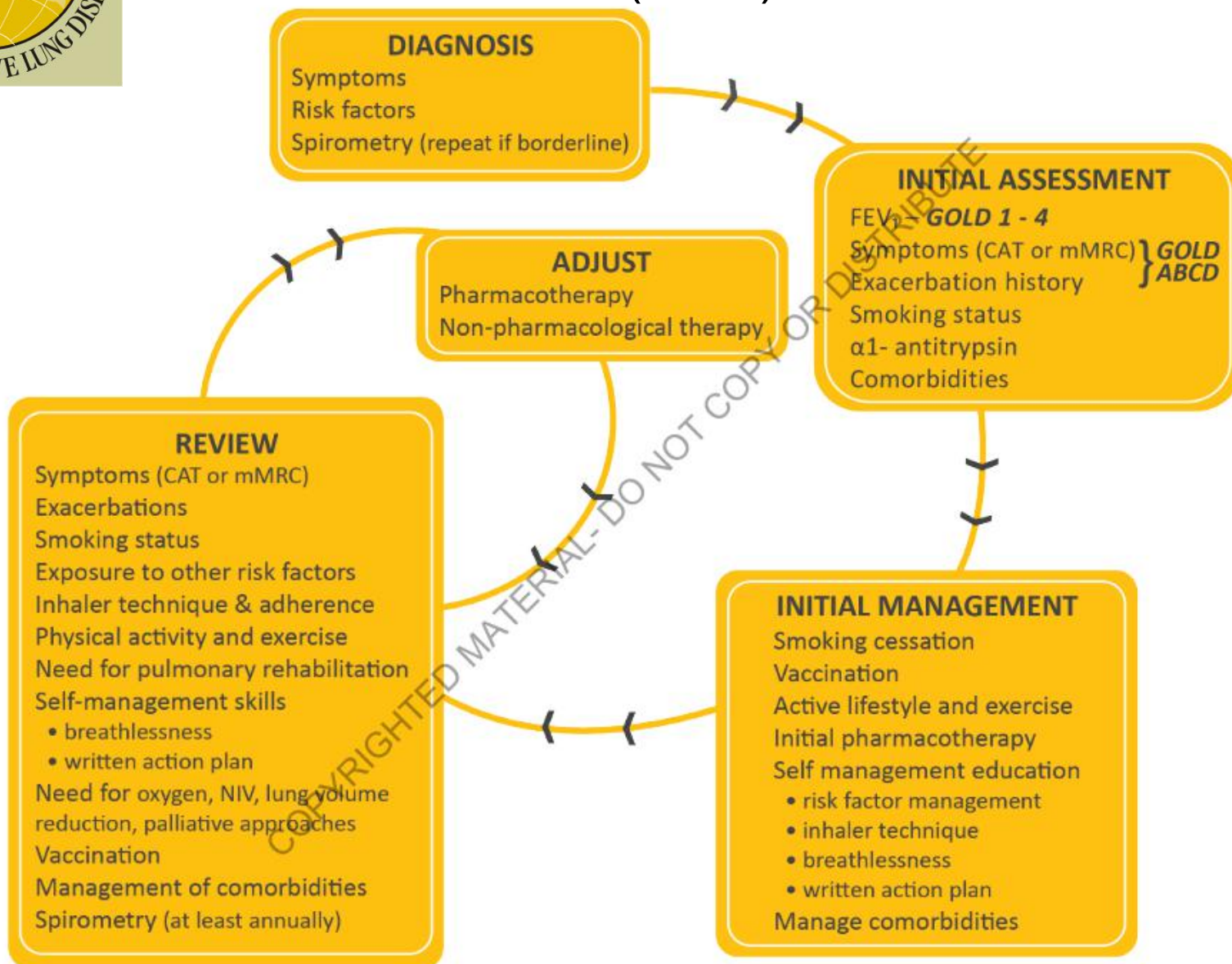
# Pharmacologic treatment algorithms by GOLD Grade [highlighted boxes and arrows indicate preferred treatment pathways](*GOLD 2017*)







# Pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapy should be adjusted as **necessary** and **further reviews** undertaken (2019)





# Inhale pharmacological treatment (2020)

≥ 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 ≥ 2, CAT ≥ 10

FIGURE 4.2



# Treatment of Stable COPD

## Other Pharmacologic Treatments

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- Antibiotics: Only used to treat infectious exacerbations of COPD
- Antioxidant agents: No effect of n-acetylcysteine on frequency of exacerbations, except in patients *not* treated with inhaled glucocorticosteroids
- Mucolytic agents, Antitussives, Vasodilators: Not recommended in stable COPD



## Management of Stable COPD

# Non-Pharmacologic Treatments

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- Rehabilitation: All COPD patients benefit from exercise training programs, improving with respect to both exercise tolerance and symptoms of dyspnea and fatigue.



## Management of Stable COPD

# Non-Pharmacologic Treatments

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- Education and self-management : improves health status and decreases hospitalizations and emergency department visits.
- integrative care program:integrated care and telehealth have no demonstrated benefits.



## Management of Stable COPD

# Non-Pharmacologic Treatments

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- Oxygen Therapy: The long-term administration of oxygen (> 15 hours per day) to patients with chronic respiratory failure has been shown to increase survival.





## Management of Stable COPD

# Non-Pharmacologic Treatments

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- Ventilatory support: NPPV may improve **hospitalization-free survival** in selected patients after recent hospitalization, particularly in those with pronounced daytime persistent hypercapnia ( $\text{PaCO}_2 \geq 52\text{mmHg}$ ).



## Management of Stable COPD

# Non-Pharmacologic Treatments

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- Physical activity
- Exercise training
- Nutritional support
- Vaccination
- Ventilatory support
- Interventional bronchoscopy and surgery

# Management cycle

## MANAGEMENT CYCLE

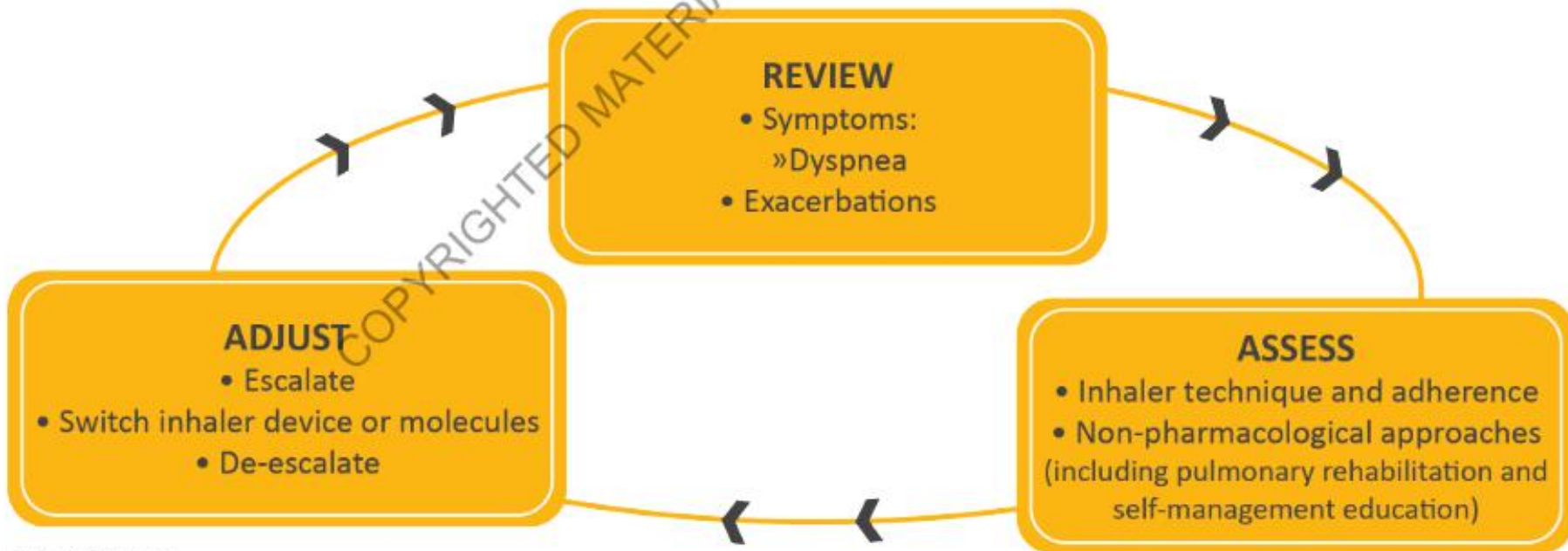


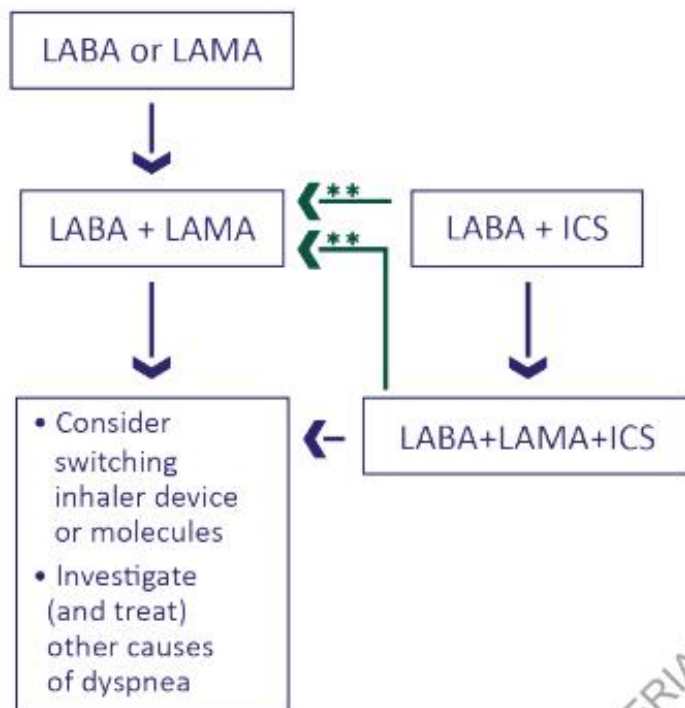
FIGURE 4.3

# Follow-up pharmacological treatment (2019)

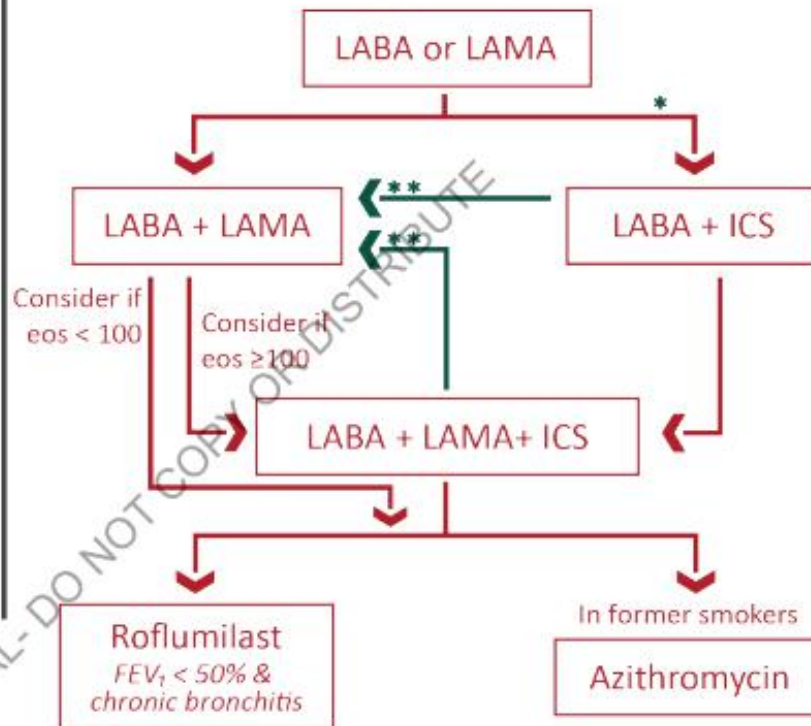
1. IF RESPONSE TO INITIAL TREATMENT IS APPROPRIATE, MAINTAIN IT.

2. IF NOT:
- ✓ Consider the predominant treatable trait to target (dyspnea or exacerbations)
    - Use exacerbation pathway if both exacerbations and dyspnea need to be targeted
  - ✓ Place patient in box corresponding to current treatment & follow indications
  - ✓ Assess response, adjust and review
  - ✓ These recommendations do not depend on the ABCD assessment at diagnosis

## • DYSPNEA •



## • EXACERBATIONS •



*eos* = blood eosinophil count (cells/ $\mu$ L)

\* Consider if eos  $\geq$  300 or eos  $\geq$  100 AND  $\geq$  2 moderate exacerbations / 1 hospitalization

\*\* Consider de-escalation of ICS or switch if pneumonia, inappropriate original indication or lack of response to ICS



# Management of COPD Exacerbations

## Key Points

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An exacerbation of COPD is defined as:

“A change in the patient’s baseline dyspnea, cough, and/or sputum that is **beyond normal day-to-day variations**, is acute in onset, and may **warrant a change in regular medication**.”



# Management COPD Exacerbations

## Key Points

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- The most common causes of an exacerbation are infection of the tracheobronchial tree and air pollution, but the cause of about one-third of severe exacerbations cannot be identified.





# Management COPD Exacerbations

## Key Points

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- Patients experiencing COPD exacerbations with clinical signs of airway infection (e.g. increased sputum purulence) may benefit from antibiotic treatment.



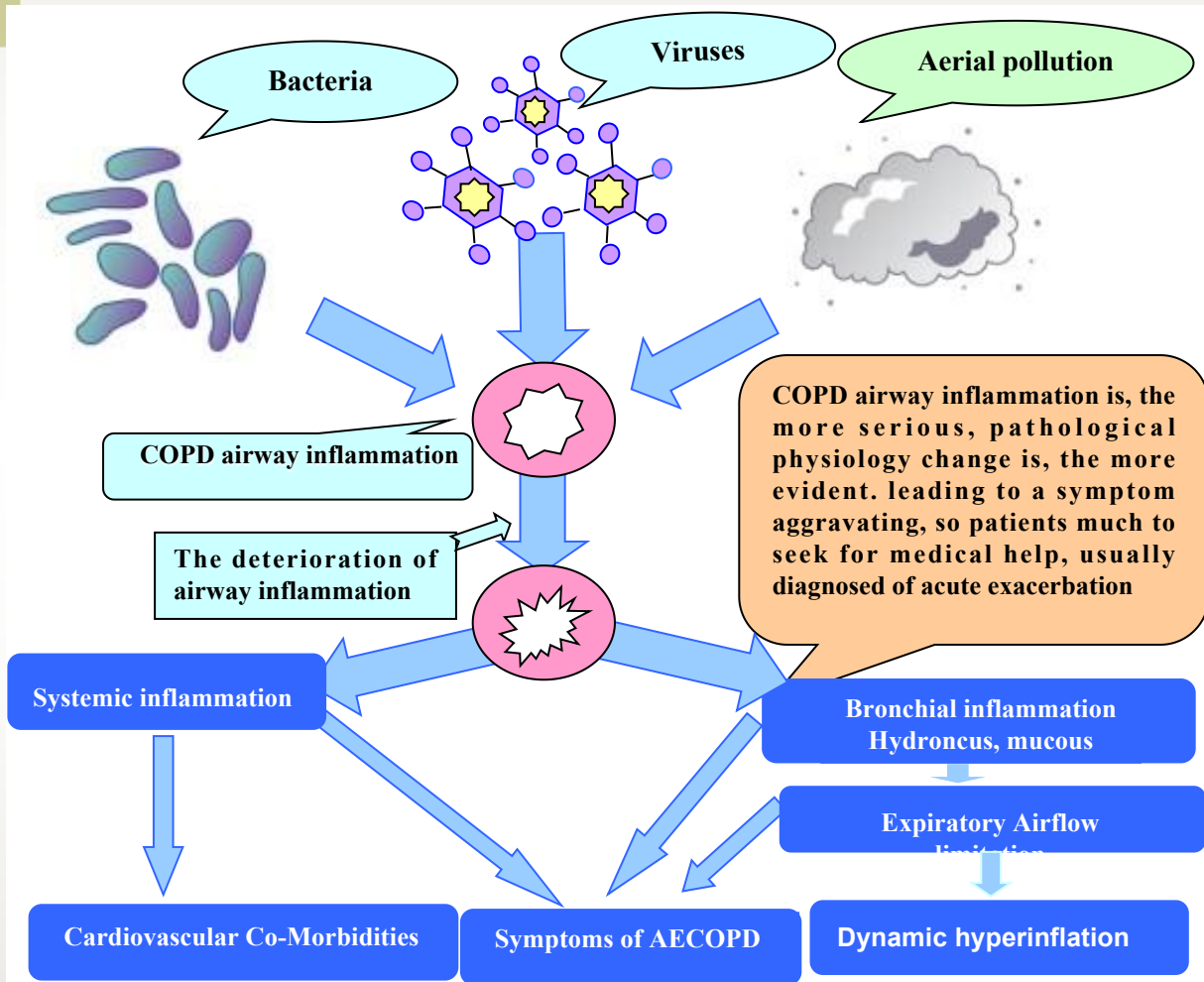
## Manage COPD Exacerbations

# Key Points

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- Inhaled bronchodilators (particularly inhaled  $\beta_2$ -agonists with or without anticholinergics) and oral glucocorticosteroids are effective treatments for exacerbations of COPD.

# Manage COPD Exacerbation cause and mechanism



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# Management COPD Exacerbations

## Key Points

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### Noninvasive mechanical ventilation in exacerbations

- improves respiratory acidosis
- increases pH
- decreases the need for endotracheal intubation
- reduces PaCO<sub>2</sub>, respiratory rate, severity of breathlessness, the length of hospital stay, and mortality



# Management COPD Exacerbations

## Key Points

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- Medications and education to help prevent future exacerbations should be considered as part of follow-up, as exacerbations affect the quality of life and prognosis of patients with COPD.



# Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD: **Summary**

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- COPD is increasing in prevalence in many countries of the world.
- COPD is **treatable and preventable.**
- COPD can be prevented by **avoidance of risk factors**, the most notable being tobacco smoke.

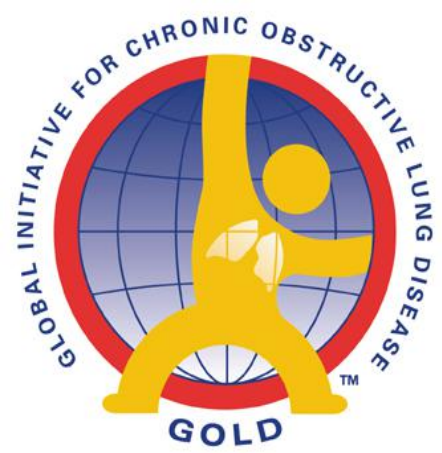




# Global Strategy for Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD: **Summary**

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- Patients with COPD have multiple other conditions (comorbidities) that must be taken into consideration.
- GOLD has developed a global network to raise awareness of COPD and disseminate information on diagnosis and treatment.



# The End

