

Stable COPD Management One Page Quick Guide

A concise summary of key recommendations for managing stable COPD, presented on a single page for quick reference. For full details, please refer to the complete guidelines.

Rescue SABA should be prescribed to all patients for immediate symptom relief.

Salbutamol Easyhaler (DPI) or Salamol® (Salbutamol MDI) 100mcg +/- spacer 2 puffs PRN

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

≥2 moderate exacerbation or ≥1 leading to hospitalisation

mMRC 0-1 or CAT < 10

mMRC ≥ 2 or CAT ≥ 10

Blood eosinophils < 0.3

Blood eosinophils ≥ 0.3

LAMA

- 1st line** DPI **Braltus Zonda®; 1 OD** tiotropium
- 2nd line** DPI **Eklira genuair®, 1 BD** aclidinium
- SMI **Spiriva Respimat®; 2 OD** tiotropium
- Alternative LABA if LAMA not tolerated**
- 1st line** DPI **Formoterol easyhaler®, 1 BD**
- 2nd line** MDI **Atimos modulate®; 2 OD** formoterol

LABA/LAMA

- 1st line** DPI **Anoro Ellipta®; 1 OD** Aclidinium/formoterol
- DPI **Duaklir Genuair®, 2 BD** Umeclidinium/vilanterol
- SMI **Spiolto Respimat®; 2 OD** Tiotropium/olodaterol
- MDI **Bevespi Aerosphere®; 2 BD** Glycopyrronium /formoterol

ICS/LABA/LAMA

- 1st line** DPI **Trelegy®; 1 OD** Fluticasone/vilanterol/umeclidinium
- DPI **Trimbow NEXThaler 87/5/9®, 2 BD** Beclomethasone/formoterol/glycopyrronium
- MDI **Trixeo Aerosphere®; 2 BD** budesonide / formoterol / glycopyrronium
- 2nd line** MDI **Trimbow 87/5/9®; 2 BD** Beclomethasone/formoterol/glycopyrronium

Review:

- Arrange a chest X-ray if patients' symptoms are changing or deteriorating and not had in the last 12 months or if clinically appropriate to repeat
- Consider specialist advice for patients that are poorly responsive to treatment, deteriorating or change in cough or palliative.
- Consider a referral to community respiratory team ≥2 moderate exacerbation or ≥1 leading to hospitalisation.
- Patient is limited by breathlessness, increased SABA use or an increase in CAT score assess inhaler technique, adherence, possible differential diagnosis and lifestyle

Continued breathlessness
mMRC ≥ 2 or CAT ≥ 10

Start a **LABA + LAMA** (see above for choices)

Consider switching inhaler device or alternative **LABA/LAMA**.

Consider other pharmacological therapies. Implement or escalate non-pharmacological treatments. See Additional therapies. Investigate other causes of dyspnoea.

Continued or increased Exacerbations / ≥2 moderate exacerbation or ≥1 leading to hospitalisation

Currently using **LABA + LAMA**

Currently using **ICS + LABA + LAMA**

Blood eosinophils < 0.1 cells/microL

Blood eosinophils ≥ 0.1 cells/microL

ICS + LABA + LAMA not recommended – consider additional and nonpharmacological therapies - See Additional therapies.

Start an **ICS + LABA + LAMA**. Optimise non-pharmacological therapies. Consider de-escalation of ICS if pneumonia, other considerable side effects or no longer appropriate

Patient still experiencing exacerbations on ICS + LABA + LAMA or LABA + LAMA and repeat eosinophil count <0.1 cells/microL
Consider specialist referral, optimising nonpharmacological and additional therapies.

Non-Pharmacological Therapies
Smoking cessation, Vaccination, Self-Management education, Management of co-morbidities, Active lifestyle and exercise, Pulmonary rehabilitation, psychological support, Fan therapy and Oxygen/ Palliative care.

Continuously - Exacerbation Management of COPD both acute and prevention, Clinical Review and Ongoing Management of COPD, COPD care plan, Specialist referral, Interpretation services.