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# Today's Speakers



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# Understanding Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Presented by: Cedric “Jamie” Rutland MD FCCP

# Objectives

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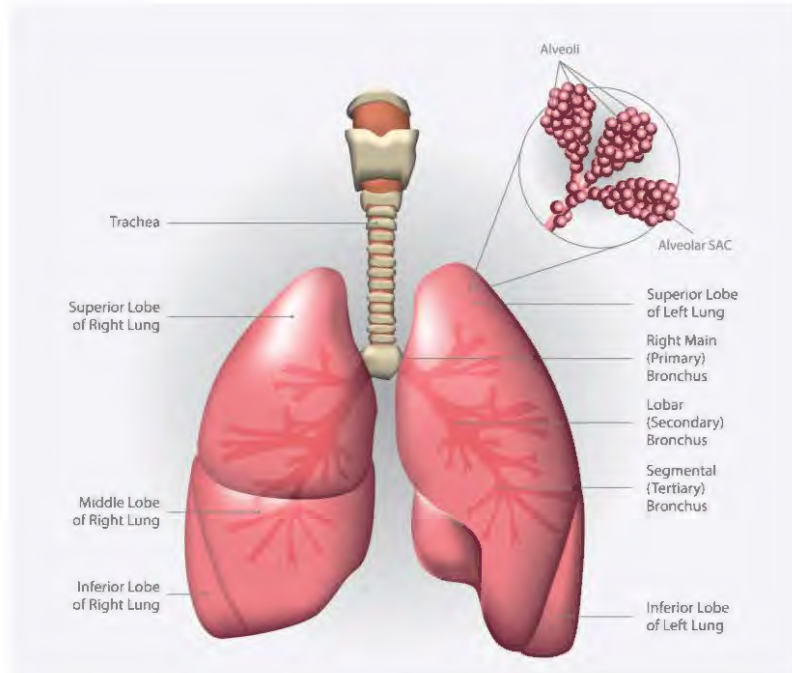
- **Identify Different COPD Phenotypes:** Participants will be able to accurately identify and categorize various COPD phenotypes based on clinical characteristics and presentation
- **Describe the Role of Type 2 Inflammation in COPD:** Participants will accurately describe the pathophysiological mechanisms of Type 2 inflammation in COPD and its impact on disease progression and management
- **Evaluate Advanced Therapies for COPD:** Participants will critically evaluate the efficacy and applicability of advanced therapies for Type 2 inflammation in COPD, using evidence-based criteria

# COPD Overview

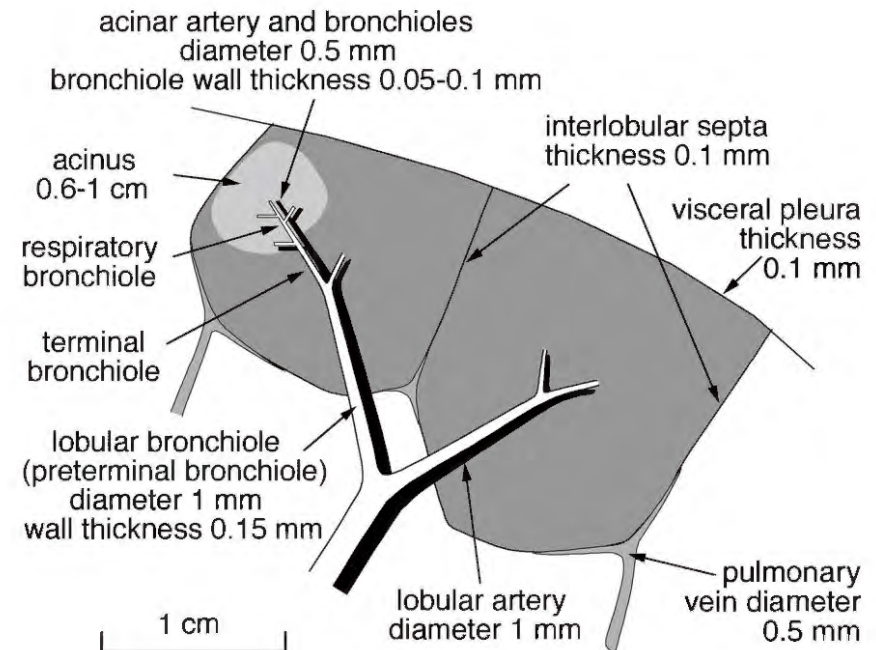


# The Lung

## The Anatomy



## Secondary lobule and pulmonary acinus



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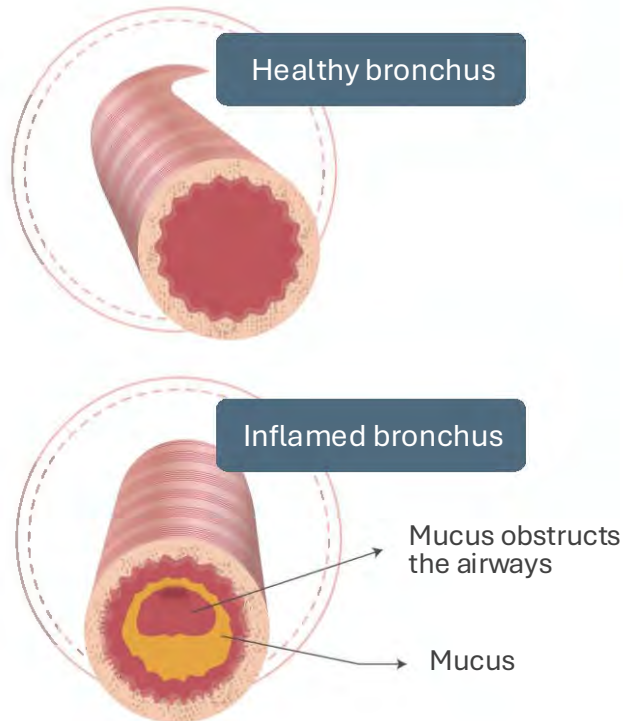
**COPD is characterized by airflow limitation that is usually progressive and associated with abnormal inflammatory response of the lungs**

## **COPD**

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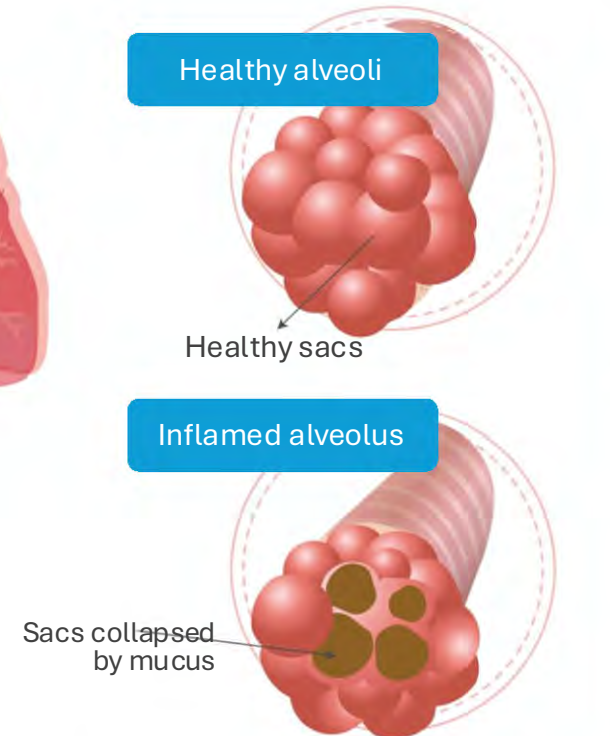
### **CHRONIC BRONCHITIS**

Inflammation of the bronchi



### **EMPHYSEMA**

Destruction of the alveoli

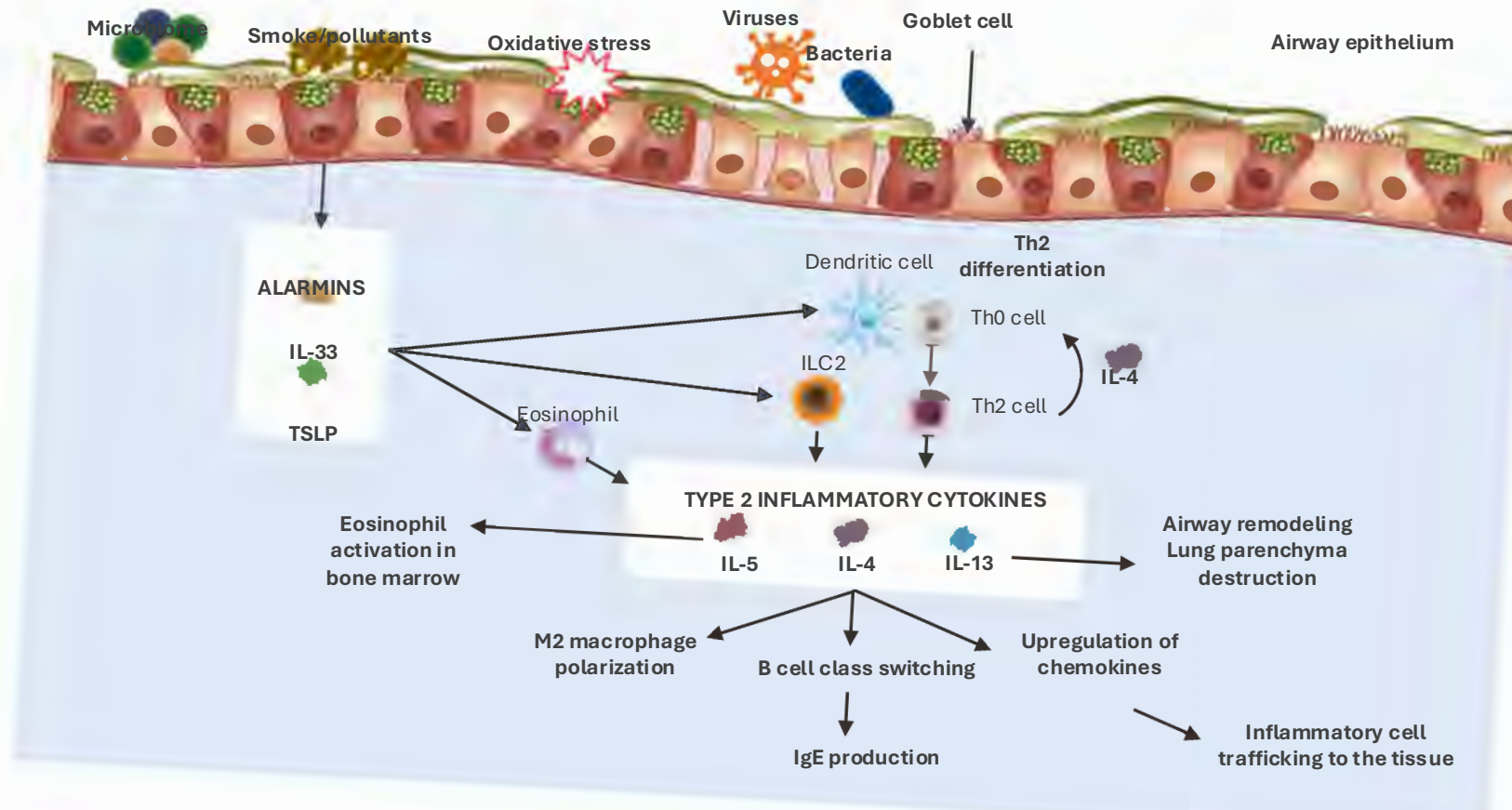


Abbrev: COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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# Airway Epithelial Cells and communication

COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; ILC2 = type 2 innate lymphoid cell; ST2 = suppression of tumorigenicity 2; Th = T-helper cell; TSLP = thymic stromal lymphopoietin



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# COPD Is a Leading Cause of Morbidity and Mortality<sup>1,2</sup>

**1.32** million

US ED Visits  
and

**536,000**

US Hospitalizations  
in 2019<sup>2</sup>

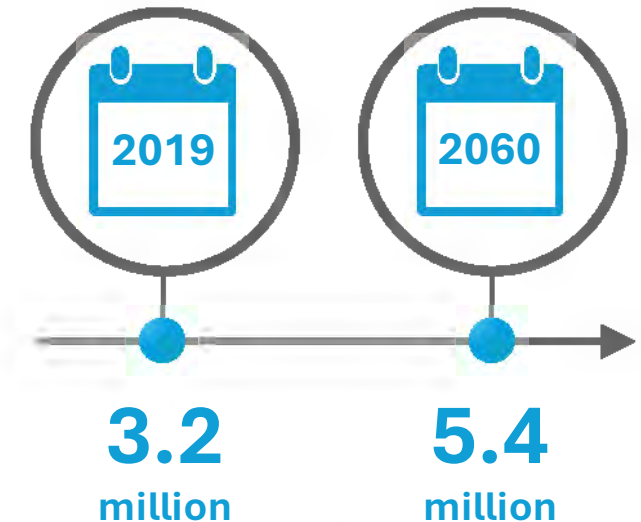
**\$32.1** billion

Total US Economic  
Cost in 2010<sup>3</sup>

**3<sup>rd</sup> leading**  
Cause of Death Globally<sup>4</sup>

**>150,000**  
US Deaths Annually<sup>5</sup>

COPD-Related Deaths  
Are Expected to  
Increase Globally<sup>1</sup>



# Chronic inflammation causes structural and functional changes that drive pathogenic processes<sup>1-9</sup>

## Fibrosis and Airway Remodeling

- Narrowing of small airways
- Parenchyma deconstruction
- Increased air wall thickness
- Heightened bronchial tone

## Barrier Dysfunction

- Increased permeability
- Goblet cell hyperplasia
- Ciliary cell reduction and dysfunction

## Mucus Production

- Airway obstruction

## Alveolar Membrane Breakdown

- Decreased gas exchange
- Hyperinflation

## Clinical Consequences

- Persistent symptoms
- COPD exacerbations
- Progressive lung function decline
- Systemic effects



# GOLD grades and severity of airflow obstruction in COPD (based on post-bronchodilator FEV1)

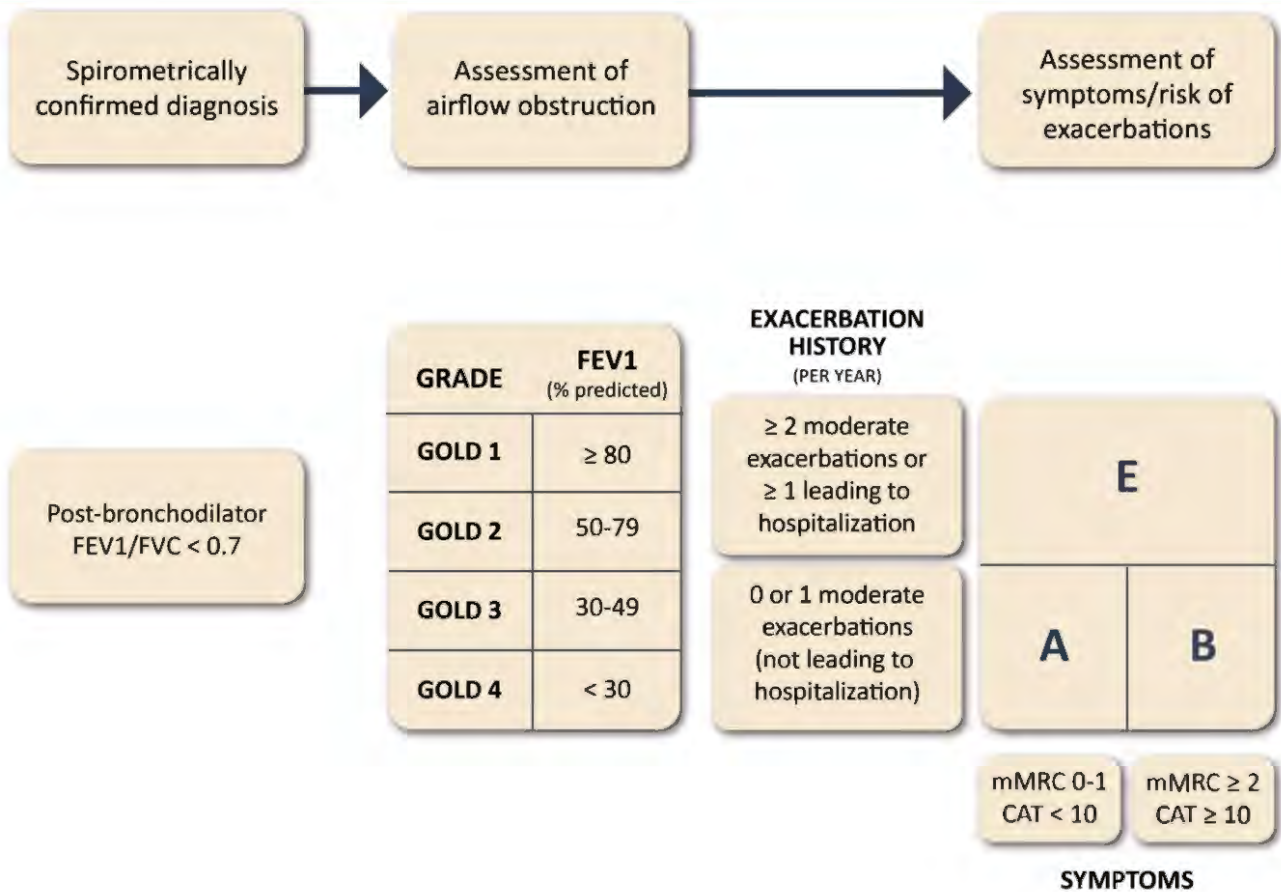
In COPD patients (FEV1/FVC < 0.7):

<b>GOLD 1:</b>	Mild	FEV1 $\geq$ 80% predicted
<b>GOLD 2:</b>	Moderate	50% $\leq$ FEV1 < 80% predicted
<b>GOLD 3:</b>	Severe	30% $\leq$ FEV1 < 50% predicted
<b>GOLD 4:</b>	Very Severe	FEV1 < 30% predicted

Abbrevs: COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; FVC, forced vital capacity; GOLD, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease.

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# GOLD ABE Assessment Tool



Abbrevs: CAT™, COPD Assessment Test™; FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; FVC, forced vital capacity; GOLD, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease; mMRC, modified Medical Research Council dyspnea questionnaire  
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# Assessment tools

## CAT™ Assessment

Figure 2.9

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 1 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	

Reference: Jones et al. ERJ 2009; 34 (3); 648-54.

TOTAL SCORE:

## Modified MRC Dyspnea Scale

Figure 2.8

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

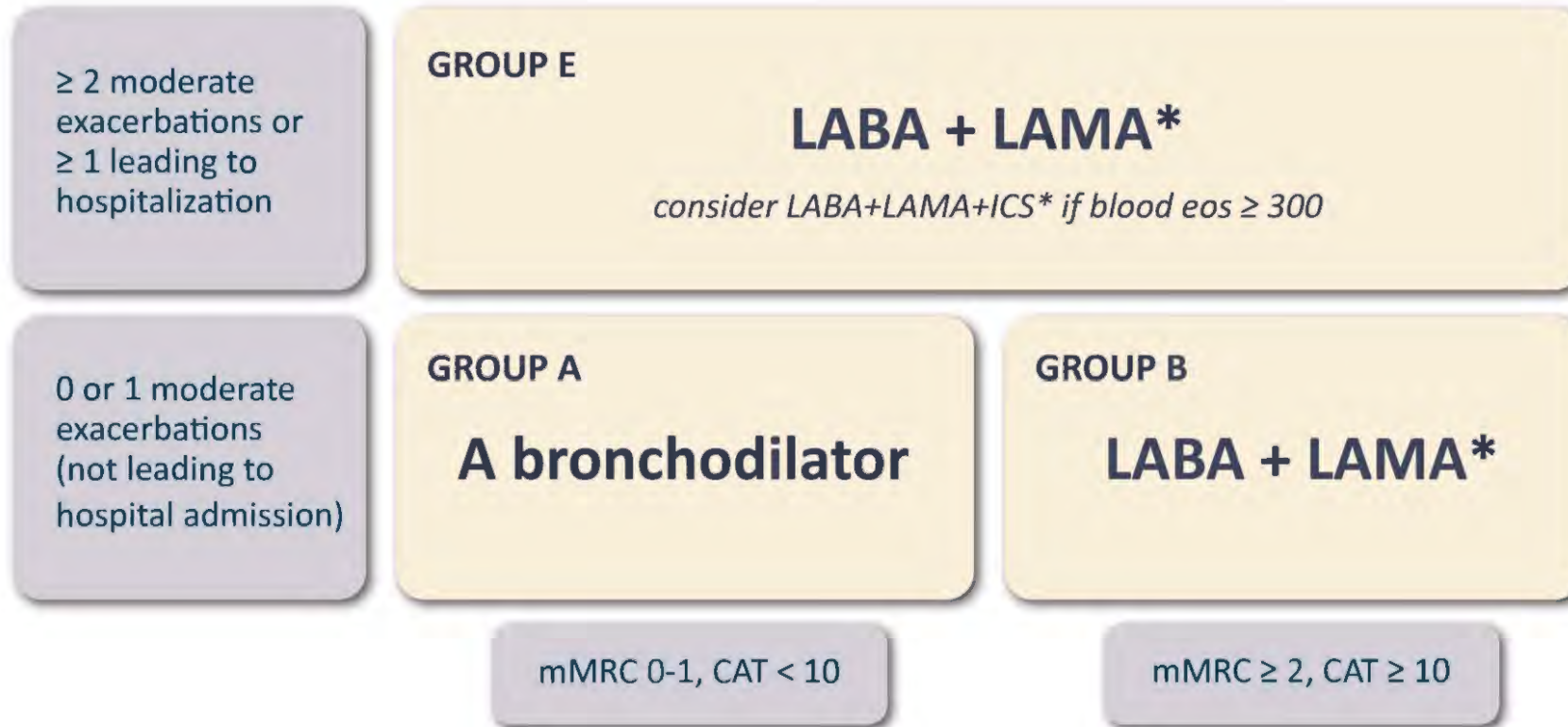
mMRC Grade 0	mMRC Grade 1	mMRC Grade 2	mMRC Grade 3	mMRC Grade 4
I only get breathless with strenuous exercise	I get short of breath when hurrying on the level or walking up a slight hill	I walk slower than people of the same age on the level because of breathlessness, or I have to stop for breath when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

Reference: ATS (1982) Am Rev Respir Dis. Nov;126(5):952-6.

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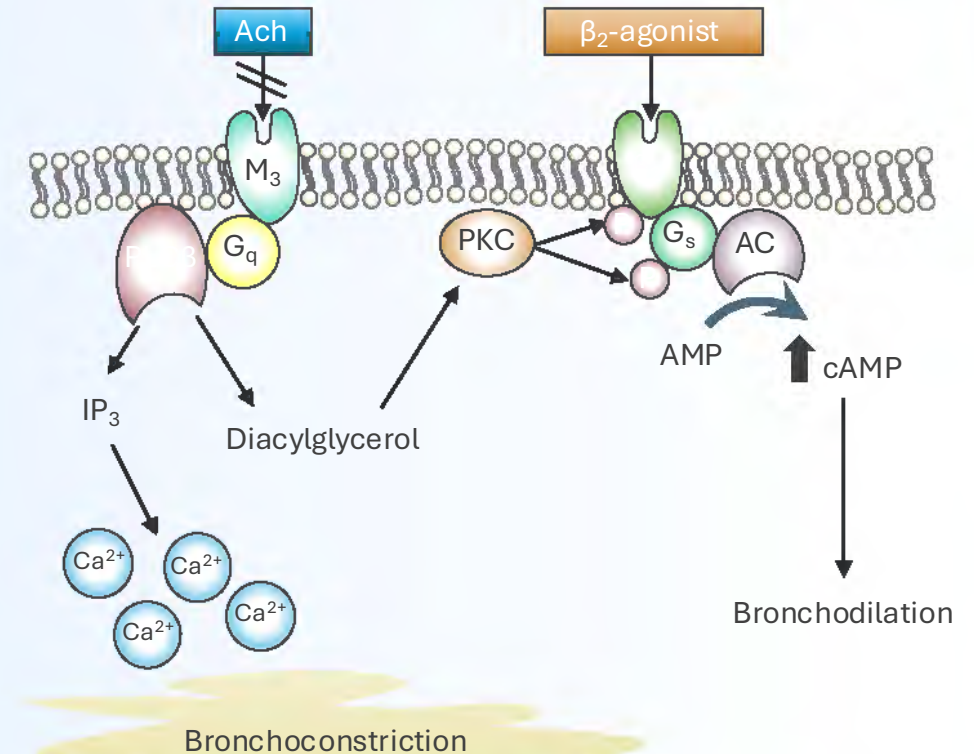
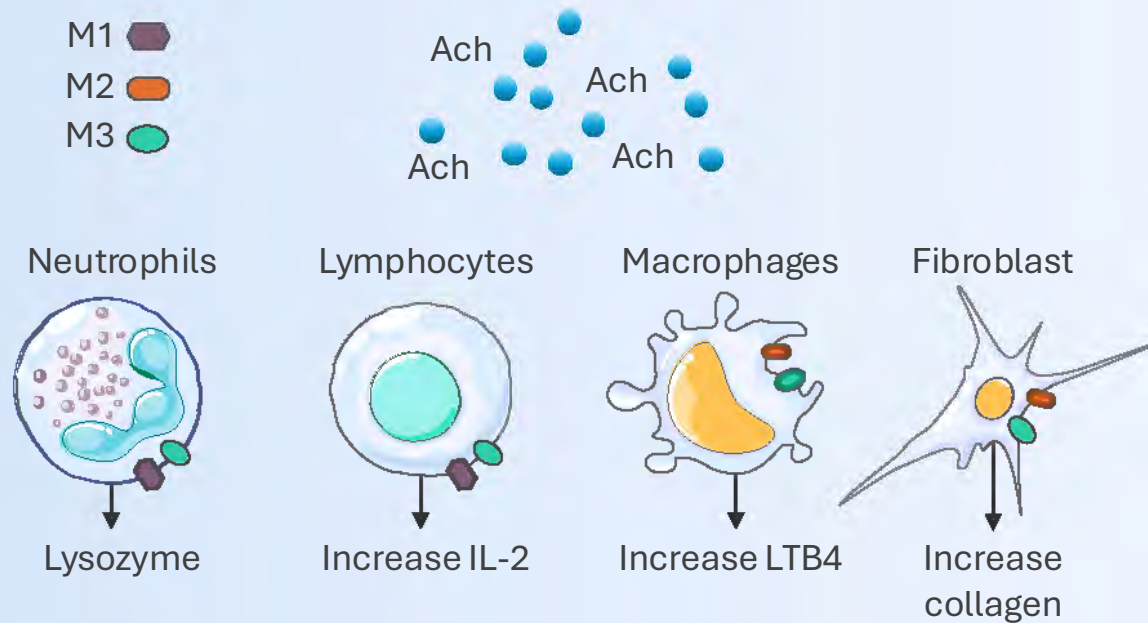
# Initial Pharmacological Treatment





# GOLD Therapy Mechanisms

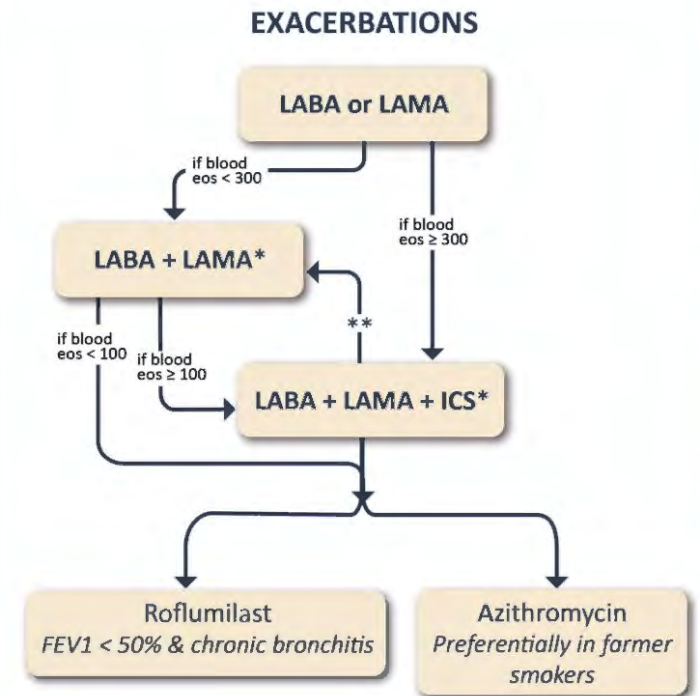
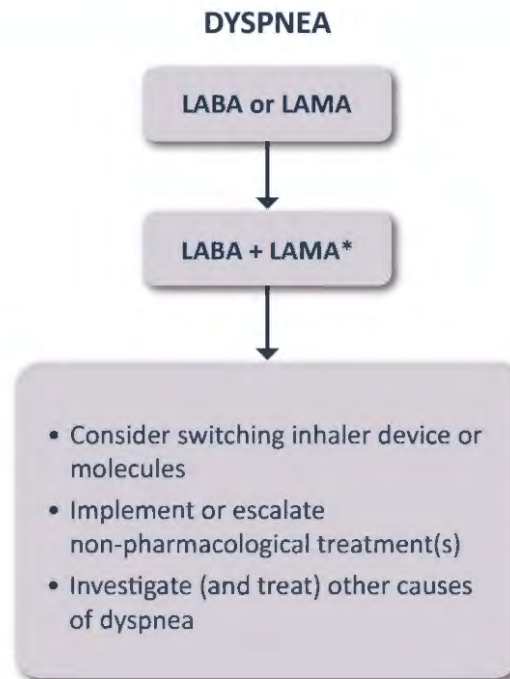
## Non-Neuronal Ach



Abbrevs: Ach, acetylcholine; GOLD, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease; IL, interleukin  
1. Bulki, A et al. *Drugs* (2016): 999-1013. doi:10.1007/s40265-016-0599-7

# Follow-up Pharmacological Treatment<sup>1</sup>

- If response to initial treatment is appropriate, maintain it
- If NOT:
  - Check adherence, inhaler technique, and possible interfering comorbidities
    - Use exacerbation pathway if both exacerbations and dyspnea need to be targeted
  - Place patient in box corresponding to current treatment and follow indications
  - Assess response, adjust, and review
  - These recommendations do not depend on the ABE assessment at diagnosis



\*Single inhaler therapy may be more convenient and effective than multiple inhalers; single inhalers improve adherence to treatment.

\*\*Consider de-escalation of ICS if pneumonia or other considerable side-effects. In case of blood EOS  $\geq 300$  cells/ $\mu$ l de-escalation is exacerbations refers to the number of exacerbations per year. Exacerbations refers to the number of exacerbations per year.  
Abbrevs: EOS, eosinophils; FEV1, forced expiratory volume in one second; ICS, inhaled corticosteroids; LABA, long-acting beta agonist; LAMA, long-acting muscarinic antagonist.

# Patient Case Discussion



Jane



## Interactive Patient Case Study

### Case Details

68 y/o female seen for evaluation of COPD. No asthma as a child, no history of allergies. Smoke 1 PPD of cigarettes from age 25-60. Quit 8 years ago. Developed respiratory symptoms in her 50s was told she had COPD

### Current Treatment Details

- Has flares frequently that require bursts of prednisone 3-4 times a year and antibiotics (usually azithromycin); she feels prednisone is her lifeline and takes 10-30 mg 1-2 times a week depending on how she feels
- She reports needing albuterol nebulizer a few times a week. For inhalers she is only using Albuterol. **She is on triple therapy but still suffering**

### Lab/Test Results

**PE:** Good air entry; Scattered wheezing

**Bloodwork:** EOS 300 cells/ul

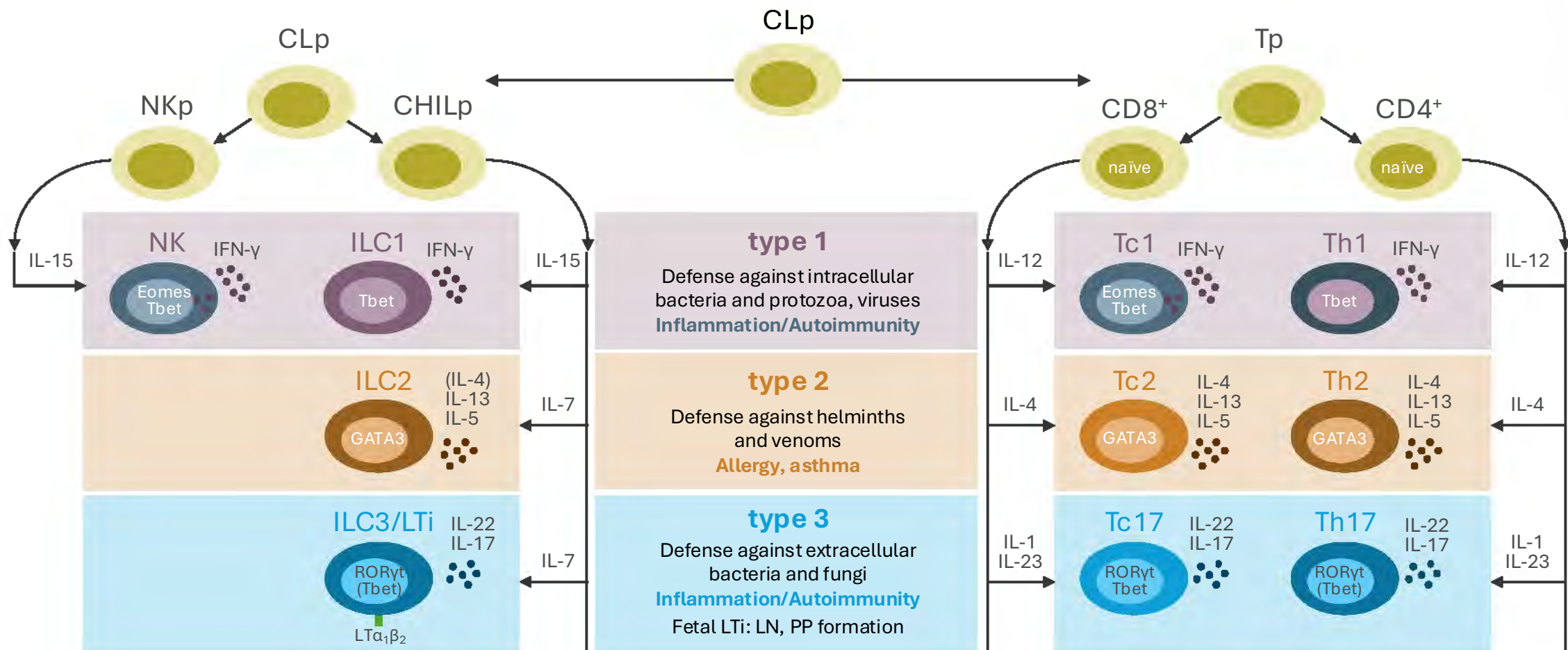
**Radiology:** PA/Lat CXR and unremarkable

	FVC %	FEV1 %	FEV1/FVC	FeNO (ppb)	TLC %	RV %	DLCO %
09/4/2013	41	71(%)	0.58				
4/4/2023	98	60	0.50	70	92	100	70

ACT, asthma control test; ANCA, Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CXR, chest xray; DLCO, diffusing lung capacity for carbon monoxide; EOS, eosinophil; FeNO, fractional exhaled nitric oxide; FEV1 (subscript 1), forced expiratory volume in 1 second; FVC, forced vital capacity; IgE, immunoglobulin E; ppb, parts per billion; PPD, packs per day; PA LAT, posterior anterior lateral; RV, residual volume; TLC, total lung capacity; y/o, year old

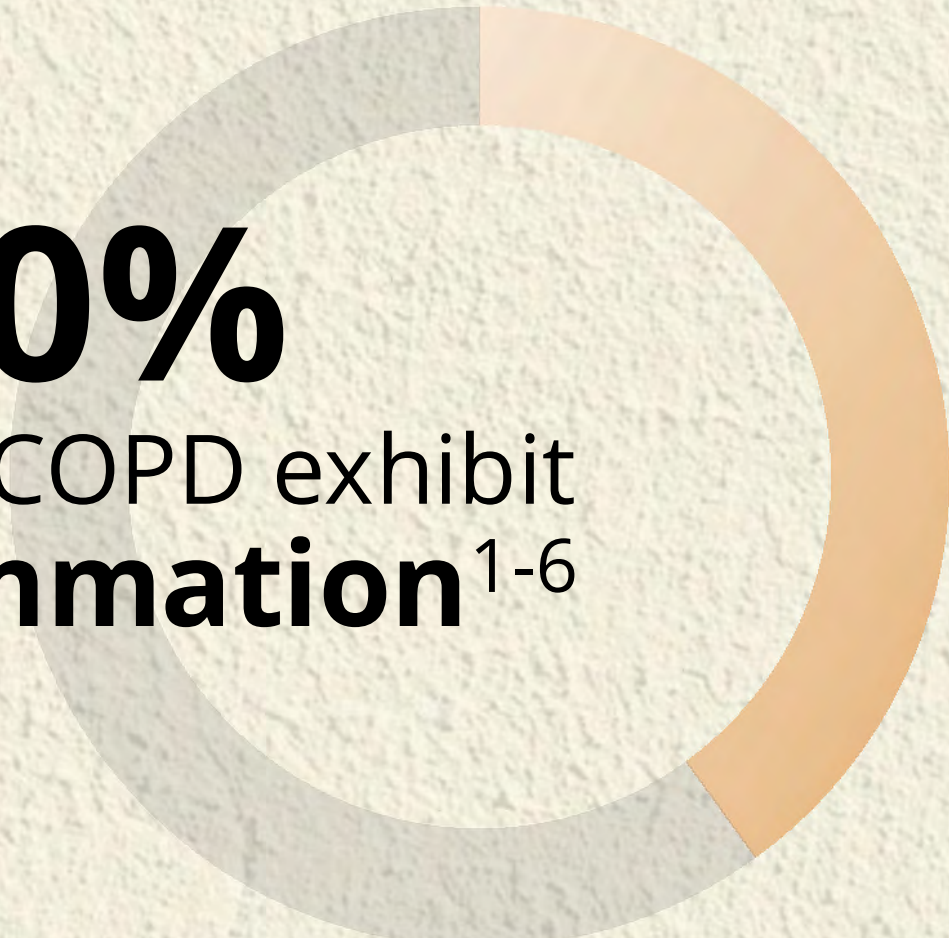
# Type 2 Inflammation in COPD

# The innate and adaptive immune systems form three major kinds of cell-mediated effector immunity



CLp, common innate lymphoid precursor; CLp, common lymphoid precursor; eomes, eomesodermin; IFN, interferon; IL, interleukin; ILC, innate lymphoid cell; LN, lymph node; LT, lymphotoxin; LTi, lymphoid tissue inducer; NK, natural Killer; NKp, Natural killer progenitor PP, peyer patch; ROR, retinoic acid-related orphan receptor; Tc, Cytotoxic T; Th, T helper cell; Tp, T-cell progenitor.



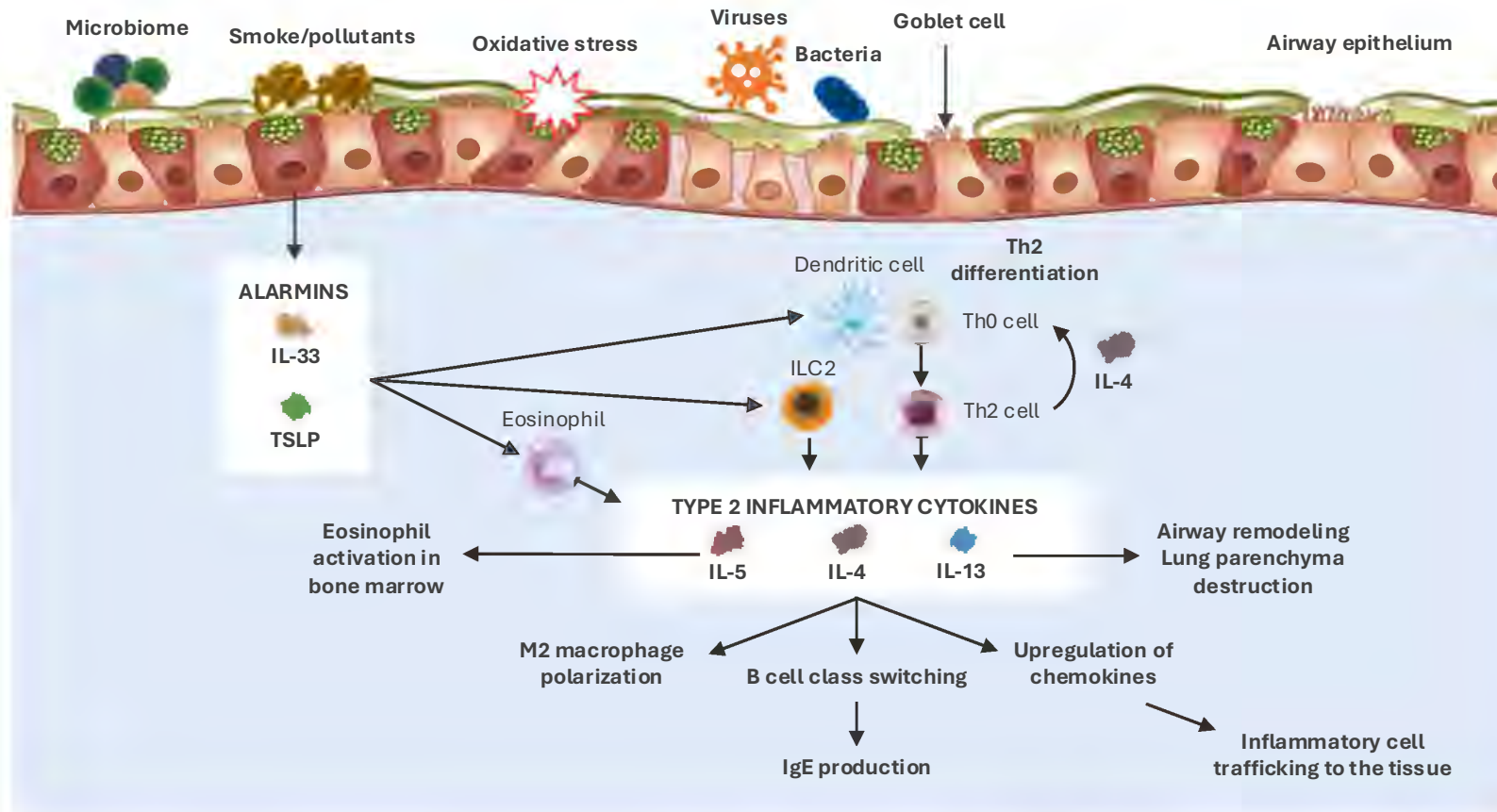


**20-40%**  
of patients with COPD exhibit  
**type 2 inflammation**<sup>1-6</sup>

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# Type 2 Inflammation activates immune cells to promote eosinophil recruitment and IgE production

Blood eosinophil are a biomarker of type 2 inflammation<sup>1</sup>



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# Type 2 cytokines IL-4, IL-13, and IL-5 have distinct and overlapping roles<sup>1-7</sup>



IL-4



IL-13



IL-5

Th2 cell differentiation

B-cell isotype switching and IgE production  
Mast cell and basophil degranulation

Eosinophil differentiation in bone marrow and survival in circulation

Eosinophil recruitment and trafficking to tissue

Goblet cell hyperplasia  
Mucus production/  
Mucociliary dysfunction  
Collagen deposition  
Fibrosis

Epithelial/epidermal barrier dysfunction

Tissue remodeling

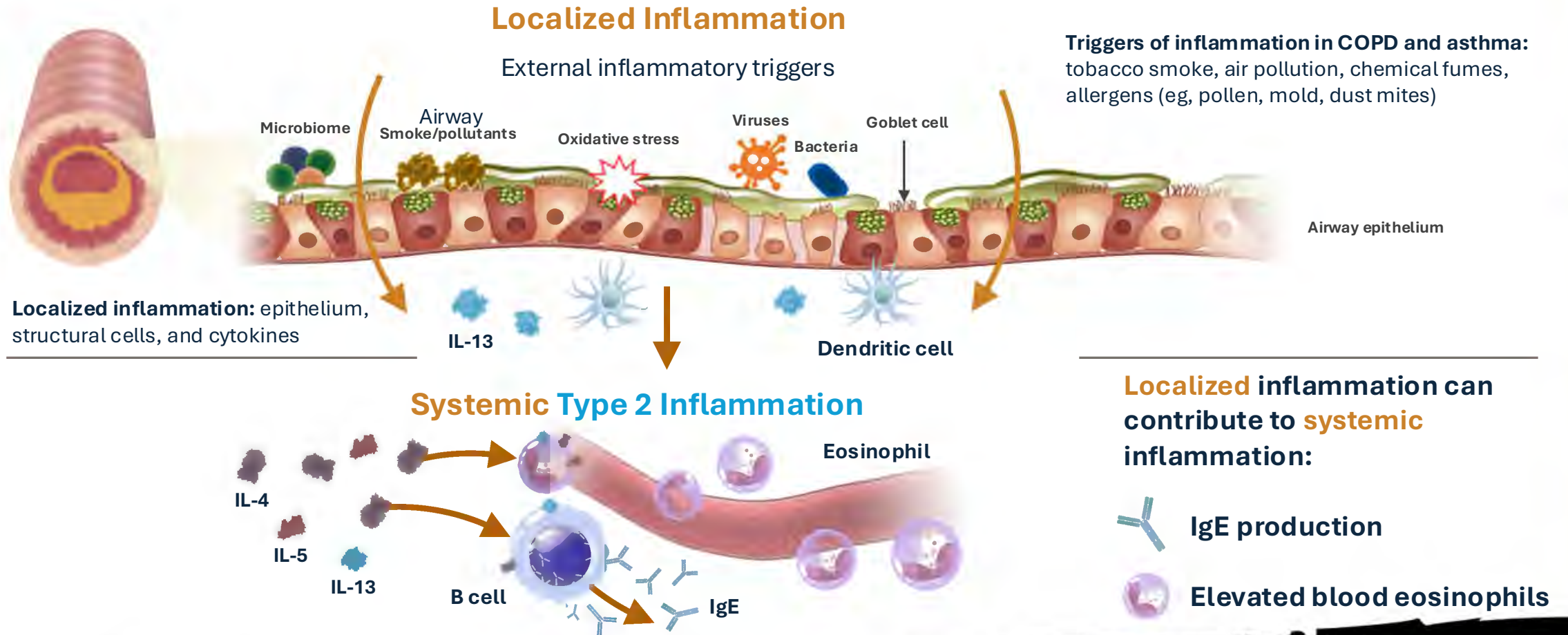
Smooth muscle proliferation, increased contractility, and hyperresponsiveness

IL, interleukin; Th2, T helper cell 2.

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5. Stott B et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2013;132:446-454.
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7. George L et al. *Allergy*. 2020;75(2):370-380.



# Localized type 2 inflammation may contribute to systemic inflammation<sup>1-5</sup>



**“There is evidence that on average blood eosinophil counts are higher in COPD patients”**

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**“Higher blood eosinophil counts in COPD patients are associated with increased lung eosinophil numbers and the presence of higher levels of markers of type-2 inflammation in the airways”  
- GOLD Report 2024**

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# Patients with elevated type 2 inflammatory biomarkers may have an increased risk of exacerbation<sup>1</sup>

## Signs of Systemic Inflammation

Elevated blood EOS are associated with:

**1.76x**

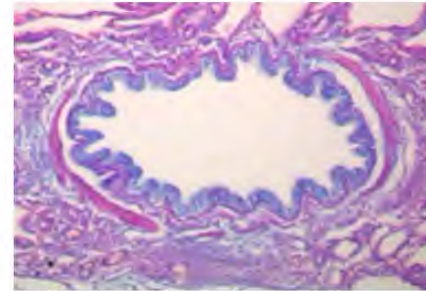
greater risk for a severe exacerbation<sup>3,a</sup>



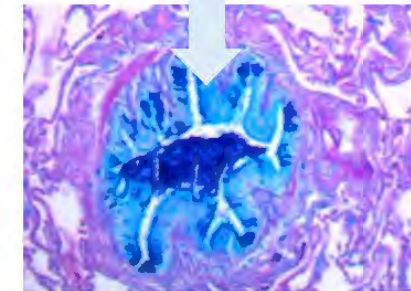
more-impaired lung function<sup>4,b</sup>

## Histologic Signs of Localized Inflammation

Mucus<sup>c</sup>



Control



COPD<sup>2</sup>

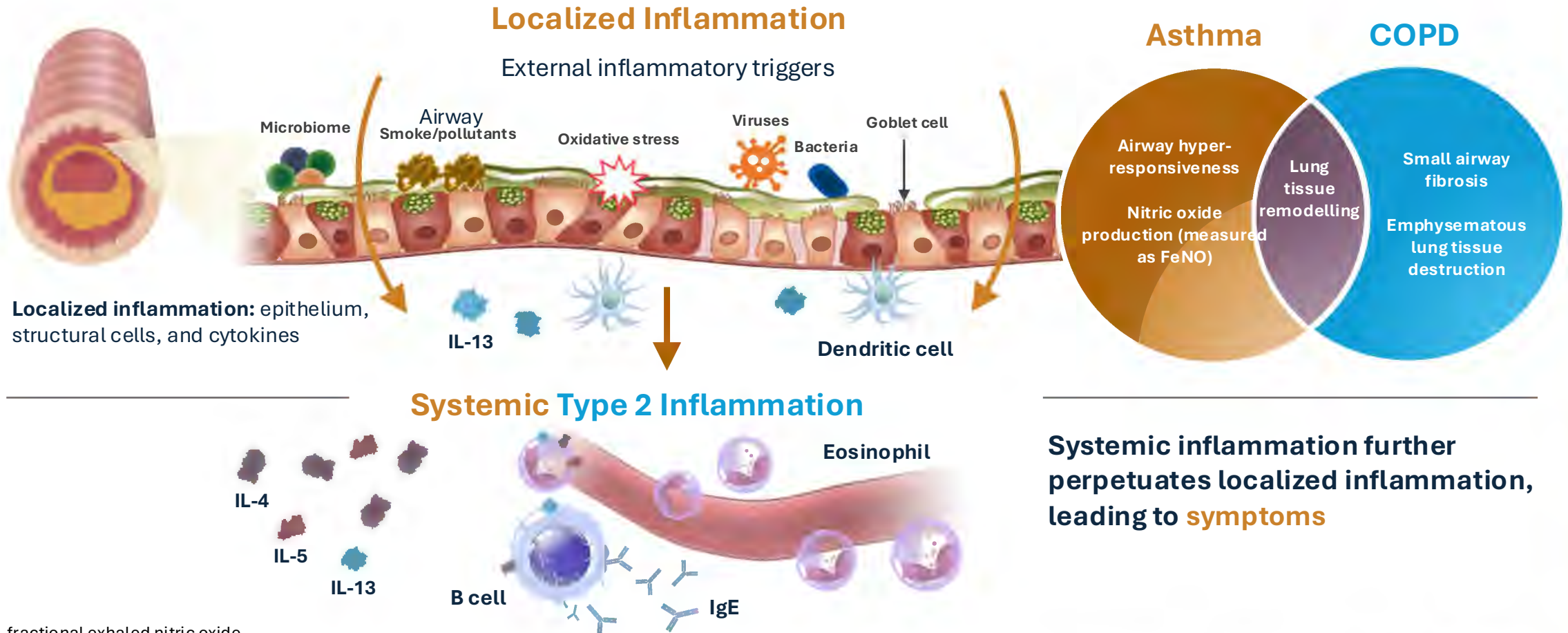
<sup>a</sup>Eosinophilic COPD was defined as blood EOS  $\geq 340$  cells/ $\mu$ L. A severe exacerbation was defined as a hospitalization due to COPD. Exacerbations had to be a minimum of 4 weeks apart to be considered separate exacerbations; <sup>b</sup>in a cohort of patients with EOS  $\geq 200$  cells/ $\mu$ L. <sup>c</sup>Alcian blue PAS staining of mucus in airway epithelial cells.

PAS, periodic acid-Schiff.

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# Systemic type 2 inflammation can perpetuate localized inflammation<sup>1-5</sup>



FeNO, fractional exhaled nitric oxide

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# The GOLD Report



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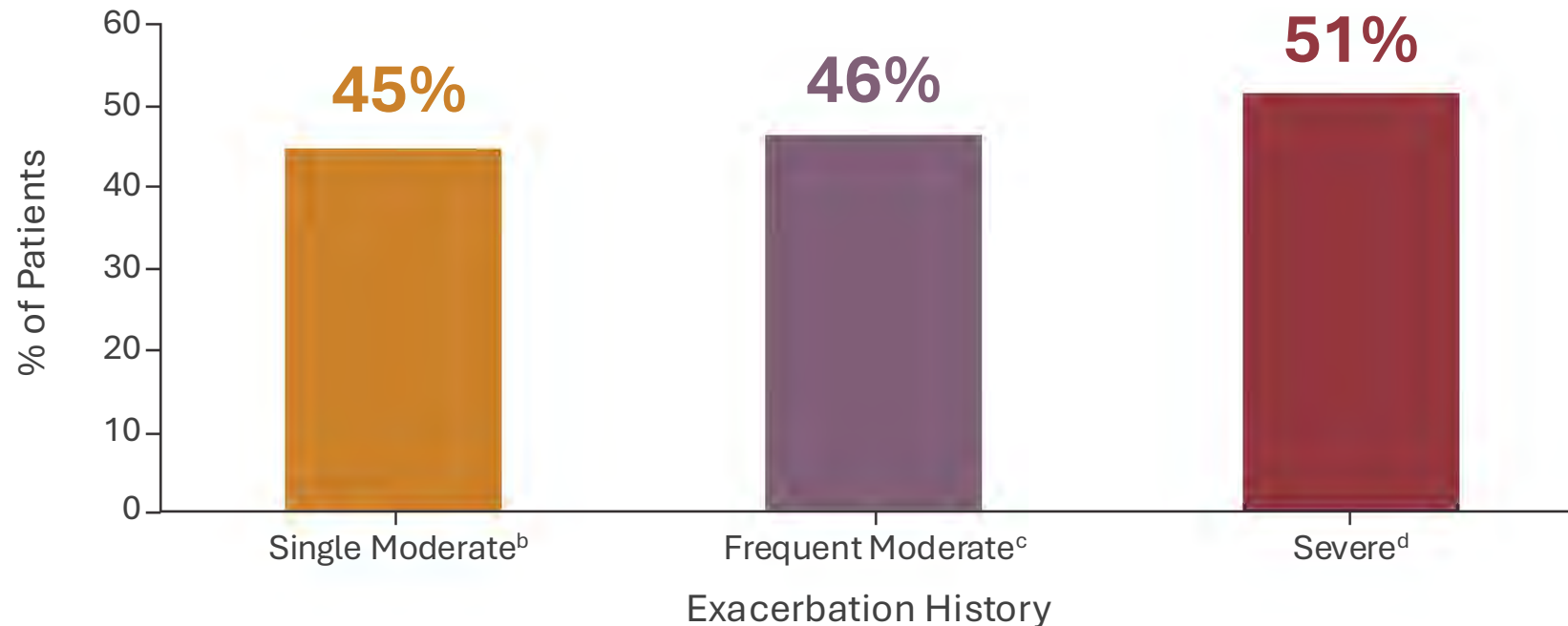
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# Severe COPD and Exacerbations



# Many patients continue to experience exacerbations despite maximal inhaled therapy<sup>1</sup>

## Subgroup Analysis of a Phase 3 Trial<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>52-week, randomized, double-blind, phase 3 trial that assessed the efficacy and safety of fluticasone furoate/umeclidinium/vilanterol triple therapy versus fluticasone furoate/vilanterol or umeclidinium vilanterol in patients aged  $\geq 40$  years with symptomatic COPD and a history of exacerbations. <sup>b</sup>Single moderate exacerbation history was defined as 1 moderate/no severe exacerbation in the prior year. <sup>c</sup>Frequent moderate exacerbation history was defined as  $\geq 2$  moderate/no severe exacerbations in the prior year. <sup>d</sup>Severe exacerbation history was defined as  $\geq 1$  severe/any moderate exacerbation in the prior year.

1. Halpin, David M G et al. "The effect of exacerbation history on outcomes in the IMPACT trial." The European respiratory journal vol. 55,5 1901921. 21 May. 2020, doi:10.1183/13993003.01921-2019

# COPD exacerbations have serious implications on patient quality of life <sup>1,2</sup>



**1 in 5** patients

With a severe exacerbation  
are re-hospitalized within  
**30 days**<sup>4</sup>



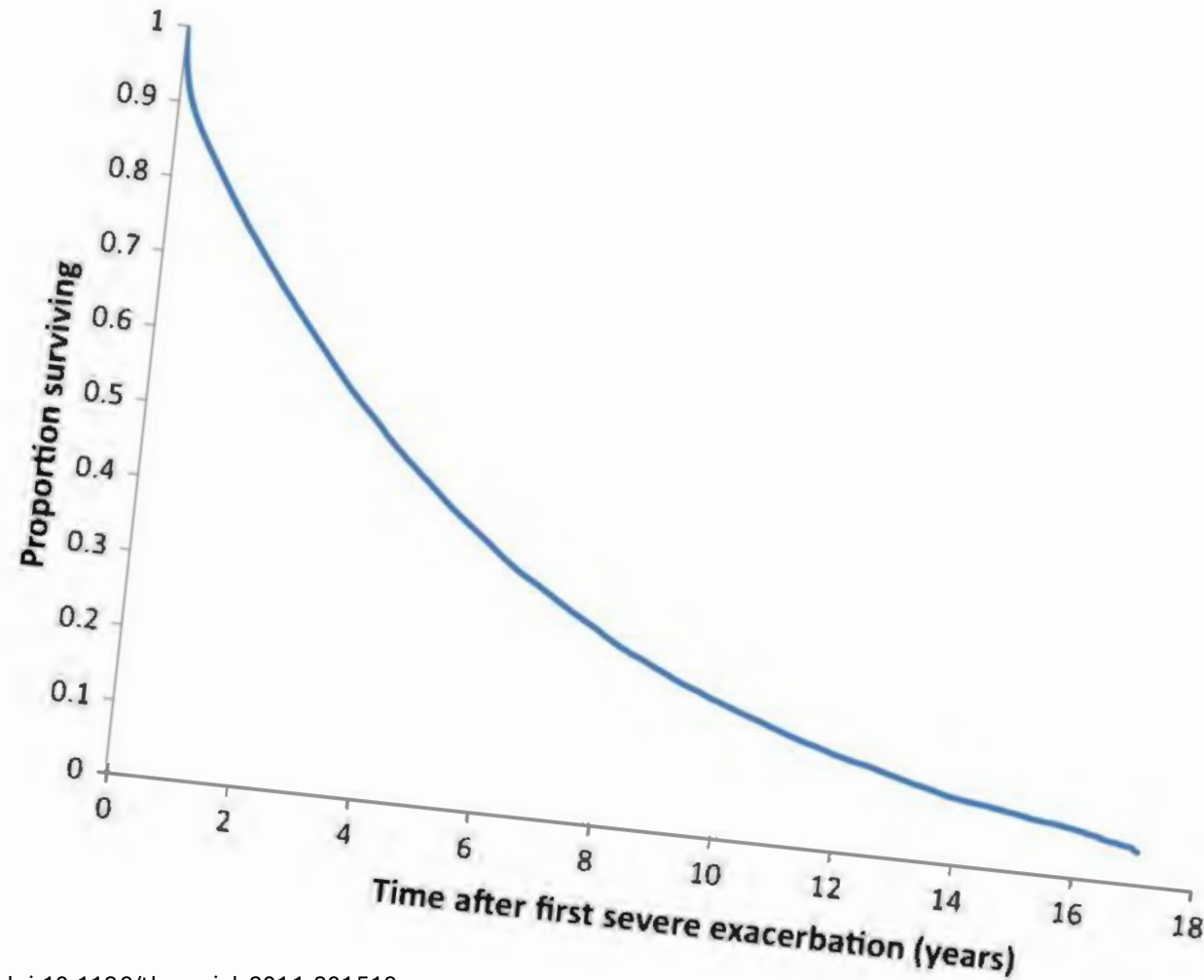
**~25%** of patients

Fail to restore lung function  
within **5 weeks** of an  
exacerbation<sup>3</sup>

**50%**

of patients died less than 4 years after their first  
hospitalization for COPD<sup>5,a</sup>

# The risk of mortality continuously increases after each exacerbation<sup>1</sup>

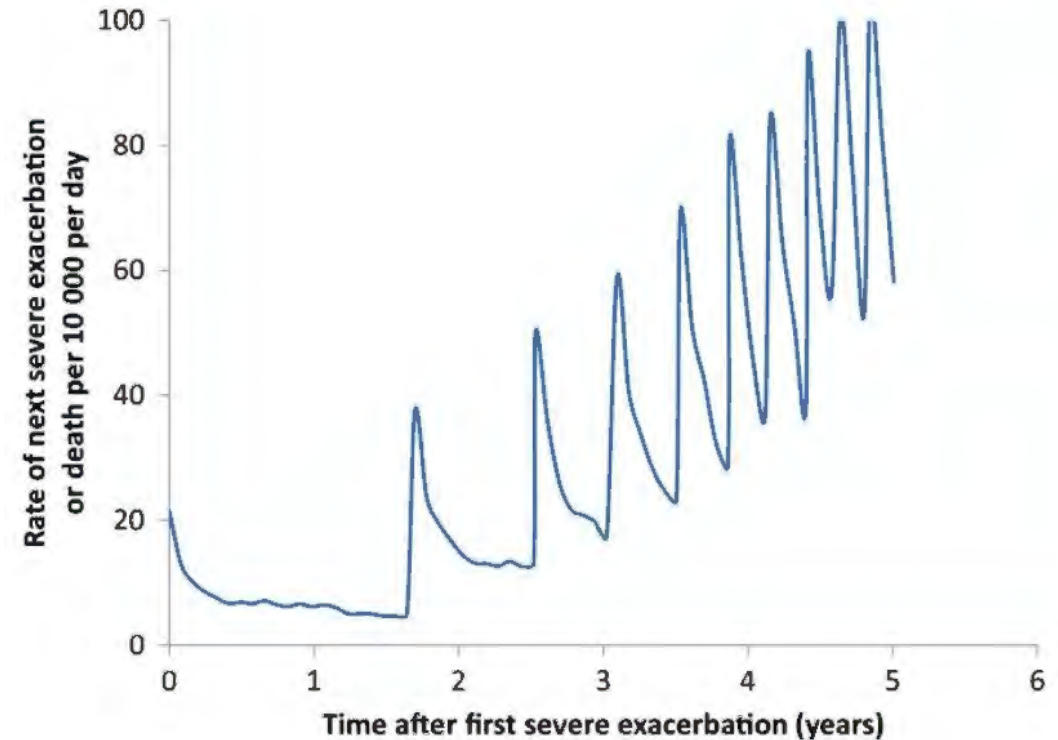
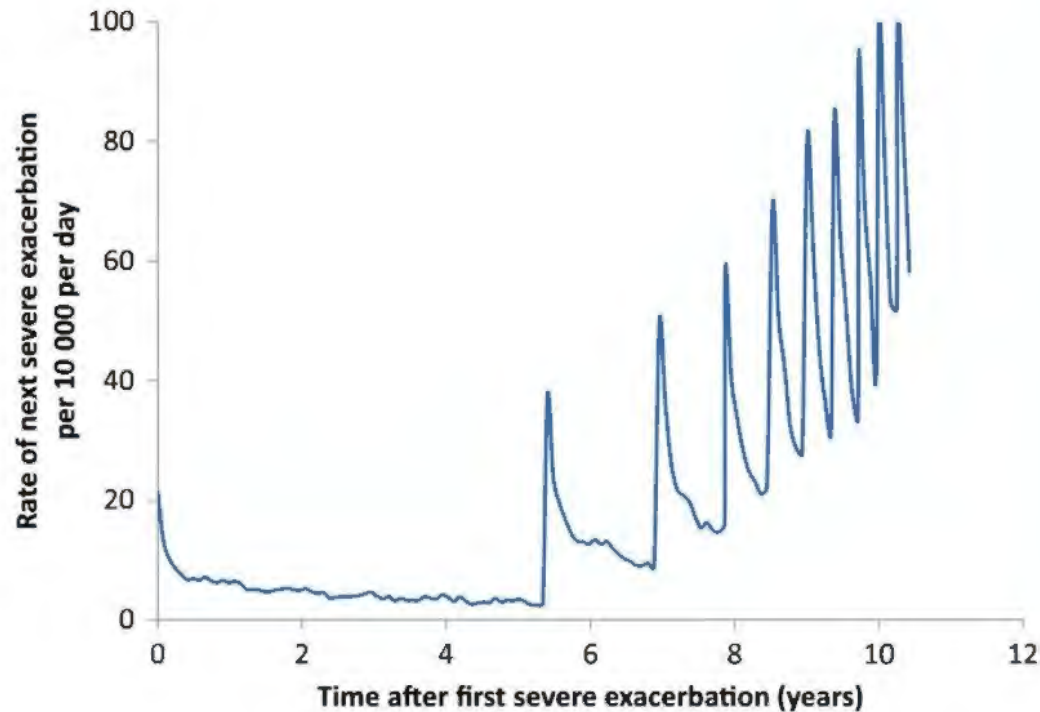


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# The risk of severe exacerbation increases after each exacerbation<sup>1</sup>







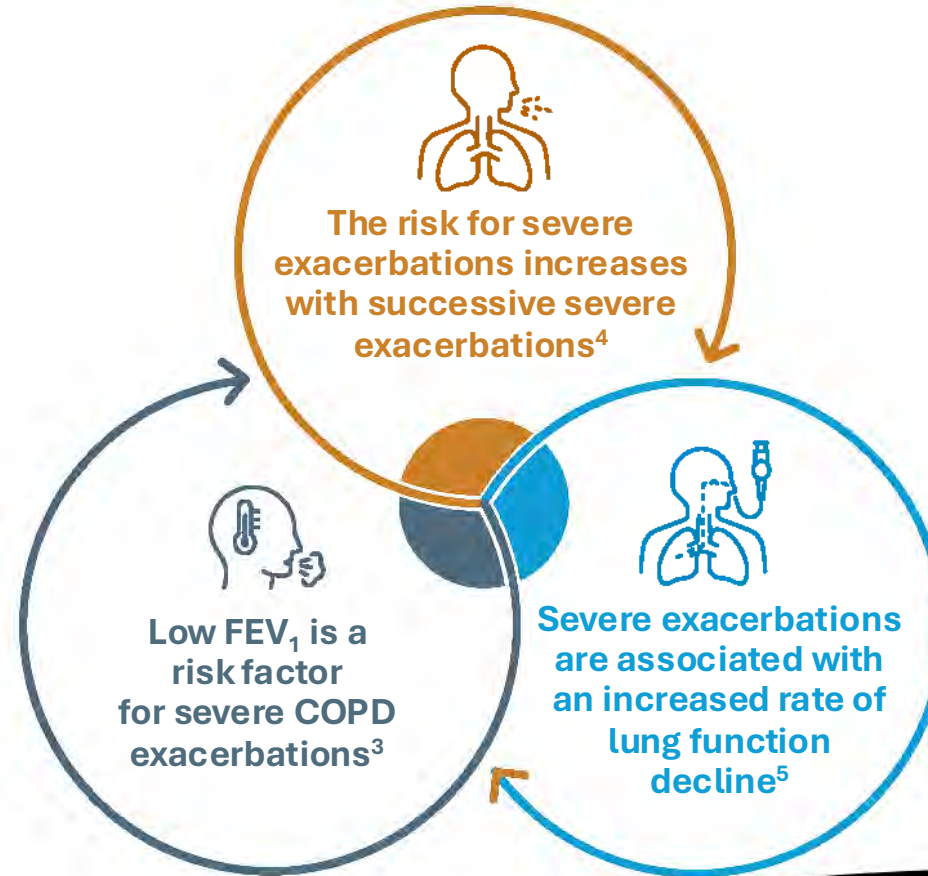
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# Exacerbations are associated with progressive irreversible lung damage<sup>1,2</sup>

## Cycle of Exacerbations and Lung Function Decline

### Triggers of acute exacerbations<sup>1,4</sup>

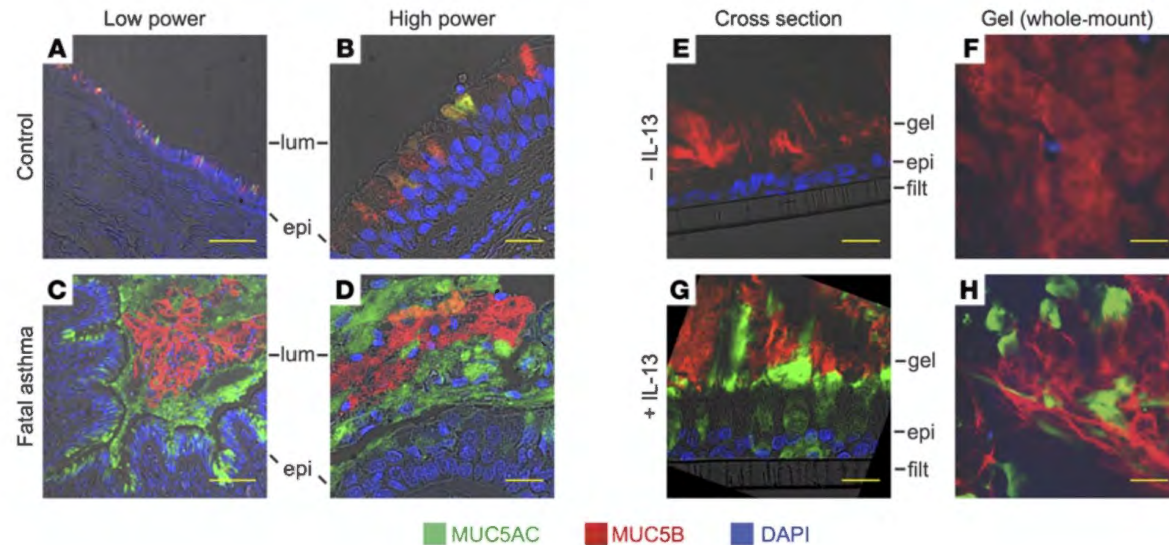
-  Respiratory infections
-  Pollution (eg, smoke, CO, ozone, PM, SO<sub>2</sub>)
-  Allergens
-  Prior exacerbations



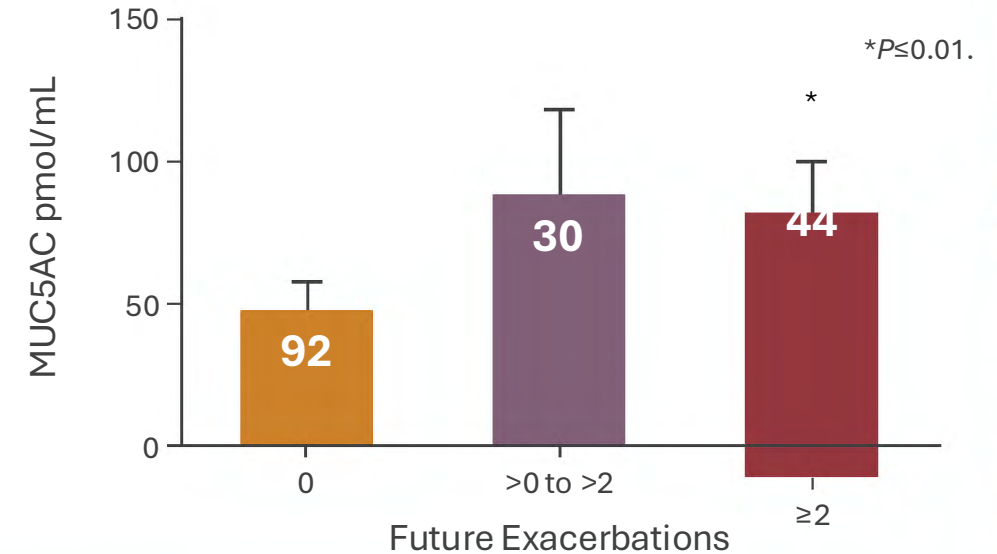
  
**Increased risk of hospitalization and death**

# MUC5AC has been associated with increased exacerbations<sup>1-3</sup>

## Mucin staining in airways<sup>1</sup>



## Association between MUC5AC concentration and total future exacerbations<sup>2</sup>



“Sputum MUC5AC has been associated more specifically with increased exacerbation frequency, increased symptoms, and greater lung function decline.<sup>3</sup>” - GOLD Report 2024

Abbrev: GOLD, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease; IL, interleukin.

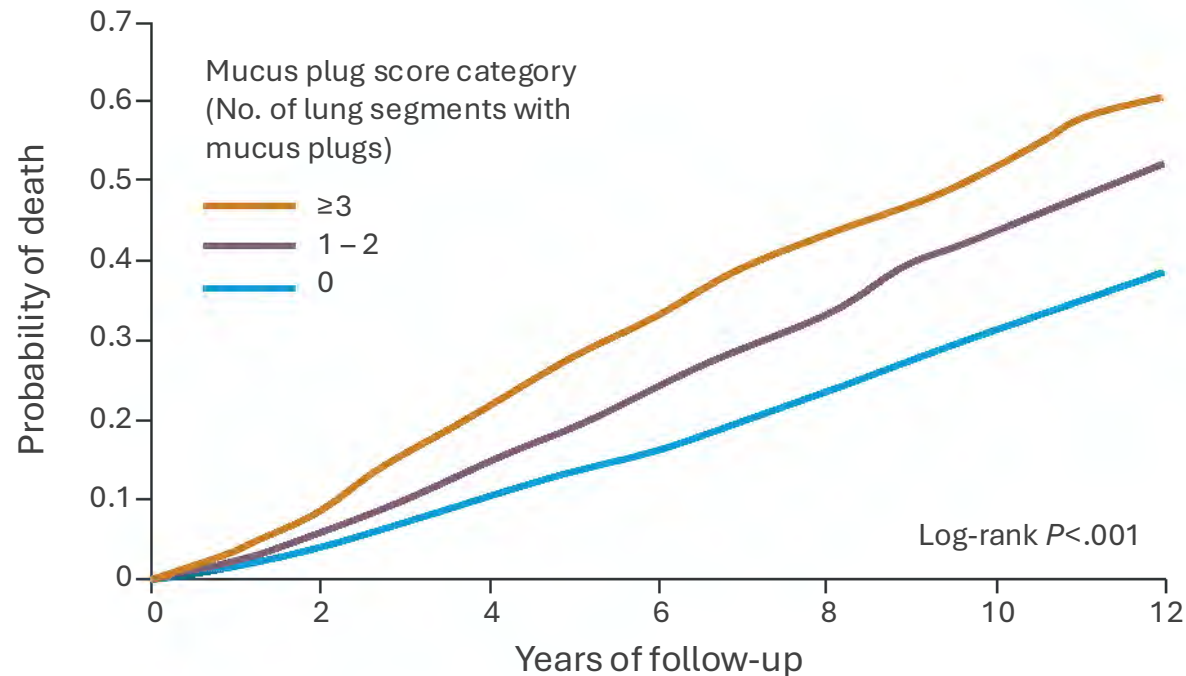
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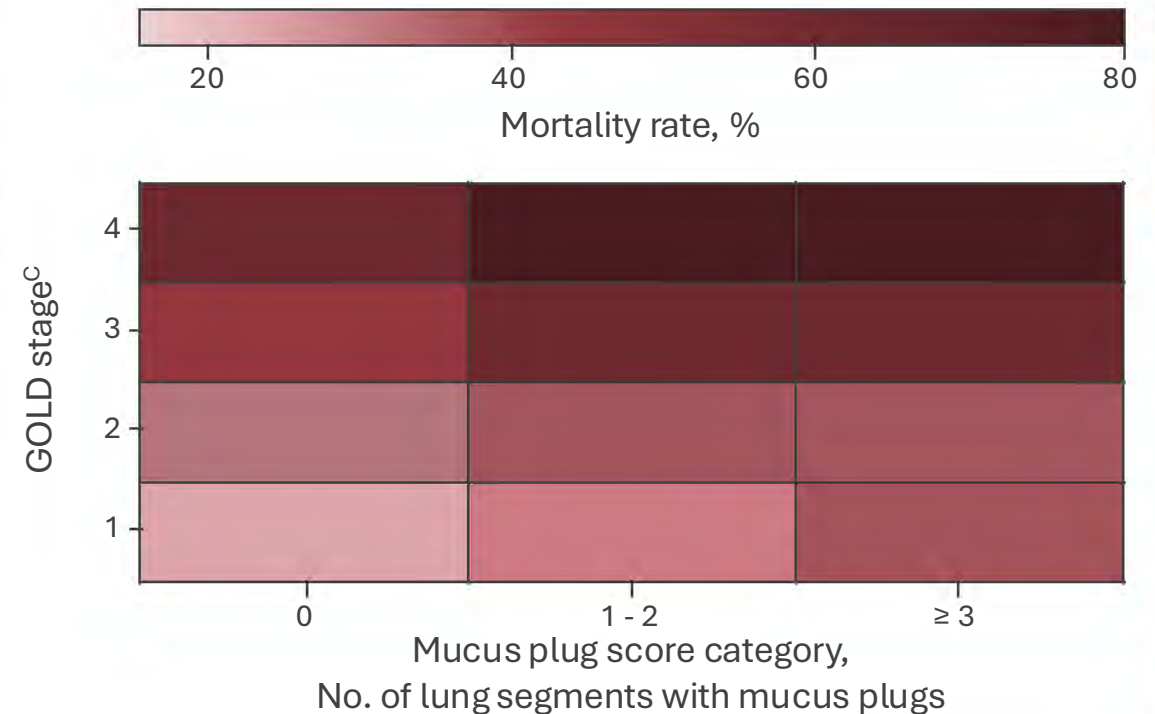


# Mucus causing airway obstruction is associated with higher all-cause mortality

Unadjusted probability of death by mucus plug score<sup>a</sup>



All-cause mortality by GOLD stage and mucus plug score<sup>b</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Plot included 4188 participants with COPD, and was adjusted for age, sex, race and ethnicity, body mass index, smoking status, pack-years of smoking, post-BD FEV1, and computed tomography measures of emphysema and airway wall thickness. <sup>b</sup>Mortality rate was calculated as the number of participants who died divided by the number of participants (GOLD and mucus plug score category) x 100.

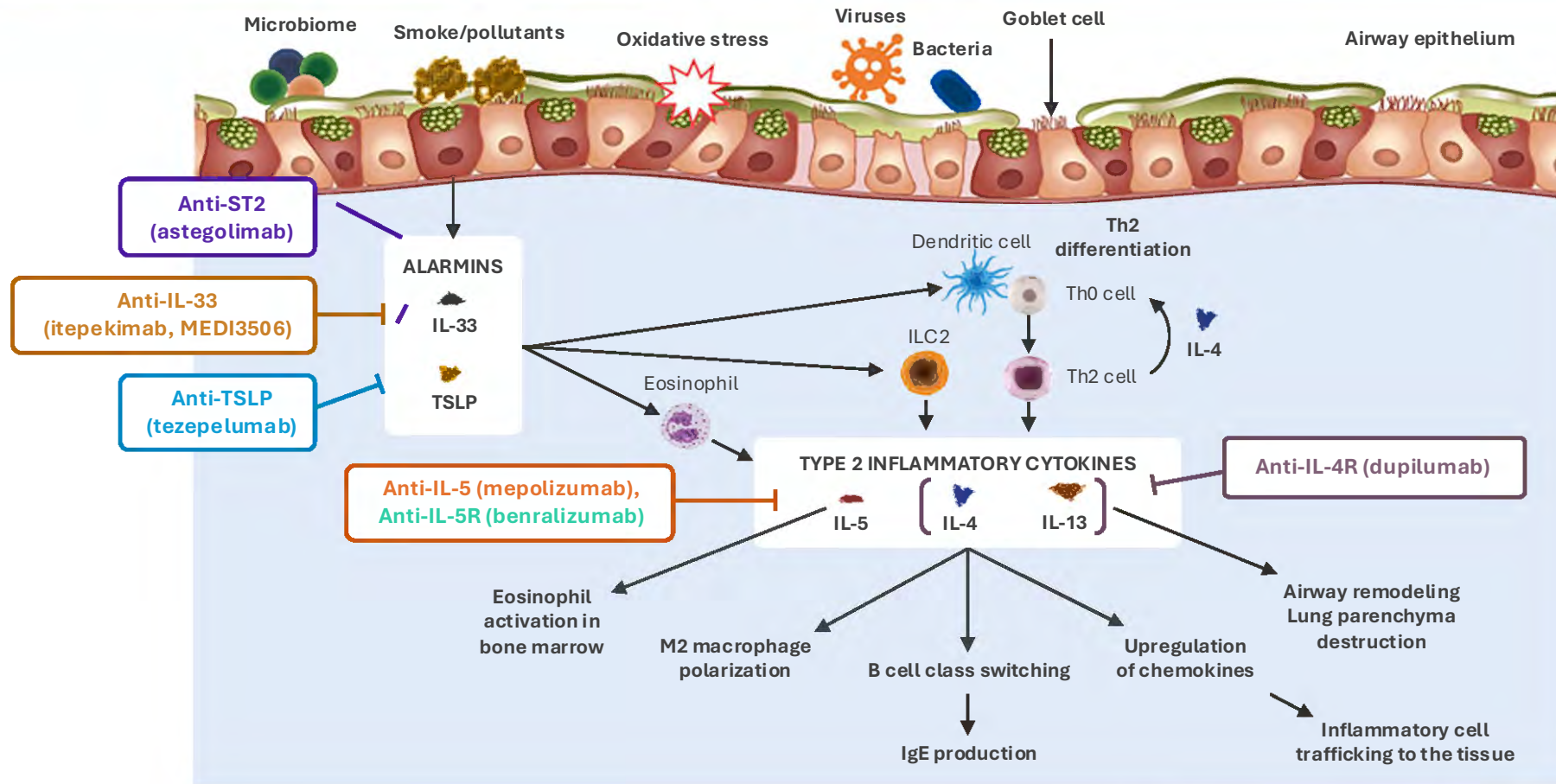
<sup>c</sup>GOLD stages were defined as 1 (mild, n=78B), FEV<sub>1</sub> pp 280 to <80; 2 (moderate, n=1887), FEV<sub>1</sub> pp 250 to <80; 3 (severe, n=1127), FEV<sub>1</sub> pp 230 to <50; and 4 (very severe, n=583), FEV<sub>1</sub> pp <30.

Abbrevs: COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; FEV<sub>1</sub>, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; GOLD, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease.

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# Advanced Therapies in Development for Severe COPD

# Biologics in development for type 2 inflammation



IL, interleukin; ILC2, type 2 innate lymphoid cell; ST2, suppression of tumorigenicity 2; Th, T-helper cell; TSLP, thymic stromal lymphopoietin

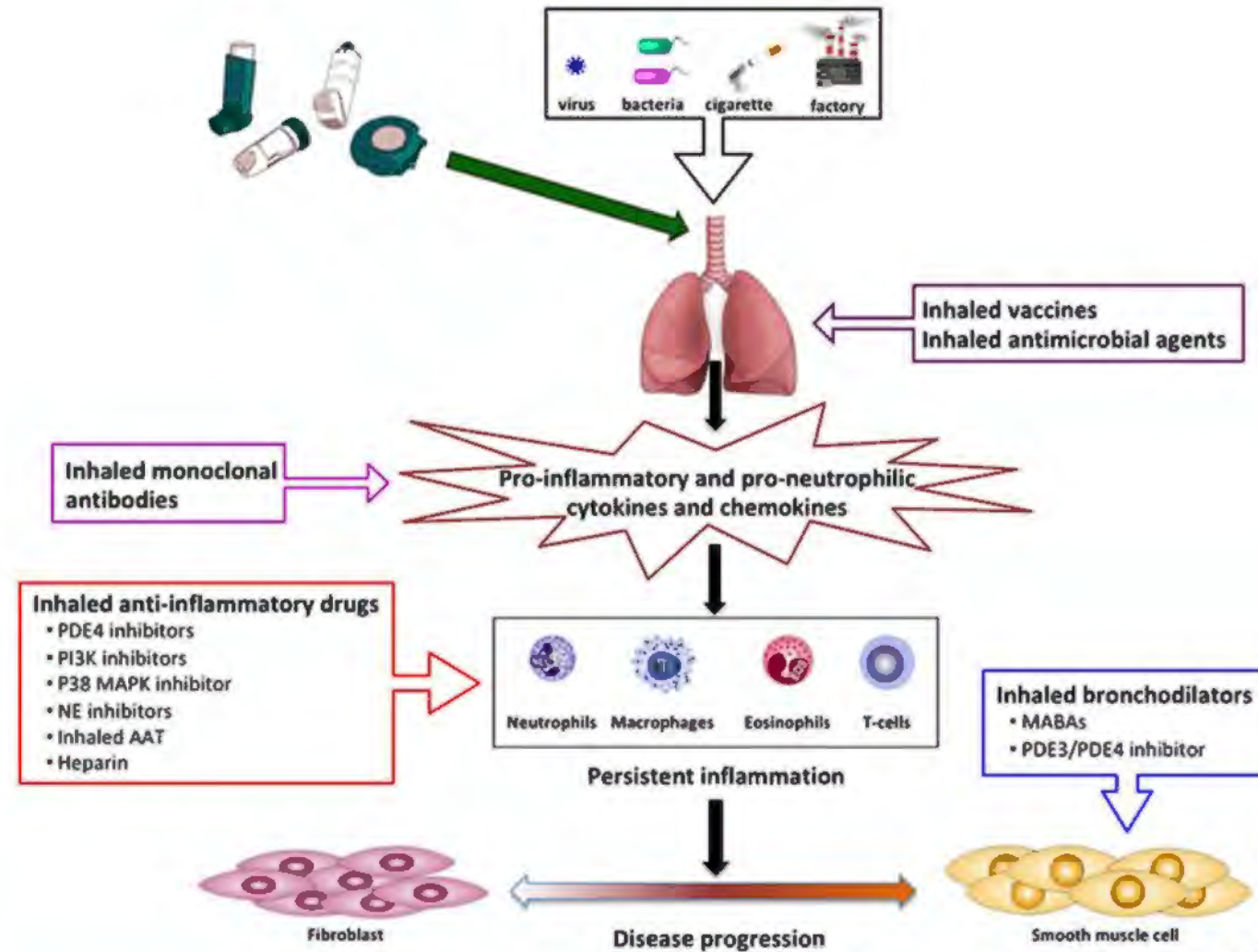
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Target	Inhibitor	Study	Asthma Exclusion	Blood EOS	Primary Endpoint/Results
IL-5	Mepolizumab, 100 mg Q4W	Ph3 METREX Completed	Excluded patients with current asthma in current/former smokers and history of asthma in nonsmokers	No cutoff; stratification by blood eosinophil	Annual rate of moderate or severe exacerbations <b>Results:</b> Reduced exacerbations in those with highest baseline blood eosinophils
	Mepolizumab, 100 mg Q4W, 300 mg Q4W	Ph3 METREO Completed	Excluded patients with current asthma in current/former smokers and history of asthma in nonsmokers	≥150 cells/μl at screening or ≥300 cells/μl in past year	Annual rate of moderate or severe exacerbations <b>Results:</b> Primary and secondary endpoint results were not significant
	Mepolizumab, 100 mg Q4W	Ph3 MATINEE Estimated primary completion: August 2024	Excluded patients with current diagnosis or history of asthma	≥300 cells/μl at screening and documented historical ≥150/μl within 12 mo to 1 mo before screening or visit 1	Annualized rate of moderate* or severe† exacerbations
IL-5Ra	Benralizumab, 30 mg Q4W/Q8W, 100 mg Q4W/Q8W	Ph3 GALATHEA Completed	Excluded patients with asthma as a primary or main diagnosis according to GINA guidelines or other	Stratification by blood eosinophils; cap for blood eosinophil counts	Annualized COPD exacerbation Rate ratio in patients with baseline blood eosinophil counts >220 cells/μl <b>Results:</b> No reduction in annualized exacerbation rate ratios vs. placebo
	Benralizumab, 10 mg Q4W/Q8W, 30 mg Q4W/Q8W, 100 mg Q4W/Q8W	Ph3 TERRANOVA Completed	Excluded patients with asthma as a primary diagnosis according to GINA guidelines or other	Stratification by blood eosinophils; cap for blood eosinophil counts	Annualized COPD exacerbation Rate ratio in patients with baseline blood eosinophil counts >220 cells/μl <b>Results:</b> No reduction in annualized exacerbation rate ratios vs. placebo
	Benralizumab, 100 mg Q4W (first three doses) and Q8W	Ph3 RESOLUTE Estimated primary completion: August 2025	Excluded patients with current diagnosis or history of asthma or asthma/COPD overlap, excluding resolved childhood asthma	≥300 cells/μl at screening and documented historical ≥150/μl within 52 wk of enrollment	Annualized rate of moderate* or severe† exacerbations
IL-4Ra	Dupilumab, Q2W	Ph3 BOREAS Completed	Excluded patients with current diagnosis or history of asthma	≥300 cells/μl at visit 1	Annualized rate of moderate* or severe† exacerbations <b>Results:</b> Significant 30% reduction in moderate or severe exacerbations vs placebo
	Dupilumab, Q2W	Ph3 NOTUS Completed	Excluded patients with current diagnosis or history of asthma	≥300 cells/μl at visit 1	Annualized rate of moderate* or severe† exacerbations <b>Results:</b> Significant reduction in moderate or severe acute exacerbations by 30% compared to placebo



# Inhaled therapies in development for COPD





# How would you treat Jane?

Jane



## Interactive Patient Case Study

### Case Details

68 y/o female seen for evaluation of COPD. No asthma as a child, no history of allergies. Smoke 1 PPD of cigarettes from age 25-60. Quit 8 years ago. Developed respiratory symptoms in her 50s was told she had COPD

### Current Treatment Details

- Has flares frequently that require bursts of prednisone 3-4 times a year and antibiotics (usually azithromycin); she feels prednisone is her lifeline and takes 10-30 mg 1-2 times a week depending on how she feels
- She reports needing albuterol nebulizer a few times a week. For inhalers she is only using Albuterol. **She is on triple therapy but still suffering**

### Lab/Test Results

PE: Good air entry; Scattered wheezing

Bloodwork: EOS 300 cells/ul

Radiology: PA/Lat CXR and unremarkable

	FVC %	FEV1 %	FEV1/FVC	FeNO (ppb)	TLC %	RV %	DLCO %
09/4/2013	41	71(%)	0.58				
4/4/2023	98	60	0.50	70	92	100	70

ACT, asthma control test; ANCA, Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CXR, chest xray; DLCO, diffusing lung capacity for carbon monoxide; EOS, eosinophil; FeNO, fractional exhaled nitric oxide; FEV1 (subscript 1), forced expiratory volume in 1 second; FVC, forced vital capacity; IgE, immunoglobulin E; ppb, parts per billion; PPD, packs per day; PA LAT, posterior anterior lateral; RV, residual volume; TLC, total lung capacity; y/o, year old

# Jane's response to dupilumab

Jane



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### Case Details

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### Updated Treatment

- Patient started dupilumab 300 mg q2w. No problem with injections
- Exercise tolerance improved. Patient able to stop prednisone completely. No flares in 12 months
- Stopped using controller medication-- uses only albuterol PRN

### Updated Lab/Test Results

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4/4/2023	98	60	0.50	70	92	100	70
4/2/2024 post-dupilumab	93	77	0.65	30			

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; DLCO, diffusing lung capacity for carbon monoxide; FeNO, fractional exhaled nitric oxide; FEV1 (subscript 1), forced expiratory volume in 1 second; FVC, forced vital capacity; ppb, parts per billion; PPD, packs per day; PRN, as needed; q2w, every 2 weeks; RV, residual volume; TLC, total lung capacity; 48 y/o, year old.

# Dupilumab may be the first biologic approved for use in uncontrolled COPD patients

Dupilumab displayed positive results in uncontrolled patients from the BOREAS trial

## Study Design

Assess safety and efficacy in

**939 patients**

**aged 40-80**

with **moderate to severe COPD** and evidence of **type 2 inflammation**;

current and former smoker,  
uncontrolled disease with maximal  
standard of care inhaled therapies

## Primary Endpoint Results

**30% reduction** in moderate or severe exacerbations compared with placebo (rate ratio, 0.70; 95% CI, 0.58 to 0.86;  $P < 0.001$ )

Annualized rate of moderate or severe exacerbations of COPD was

**0.78**

(95% CI, 0.64 - 0.93)  
in the dupilumab group

and

**1.10**

(95% CI, 0.93 - 1.30)  
in the placebo group

**Safety findings** were consistent with known safety profile

Bhatt, Surya P et al. "Dupilumab for COPD with Type 2 Inflammation Indicated by Eosinophil Counts." The New England journal of medicine vol. 389,3 (2023): 205-214. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa2303951



# Dupilumab may be the first biologic approved for use in uncontrolled COPD patients

Dupilumab displayed positive results in uncontrolled patients from the NOTUS trial

## Study Design

Assess safety and efficacy in

**935 patients**  
**aged 40-85**

with **moderate to severe COPD** and evidence of **type 2 inflammation**;

current and former smoker,  
uncontrolled disease with maximal  
standard of care inhaled therapies

## Primary Endpoint Results

**34% reduction** in moderate or severe exacerbations compared with placebo (rate ratio, 0.66; 95% CI, 0.54 to 0.82;  $P < 0.001$ )

Annualized rate of moderate or severe exacerbations of COPD was

**0.86**

(95% CI, 0.70 - 1.06)  
in the dupilumab group

and

**1.30**

(95% CI, 1.05 - 1.60)  
in the placebo group

**Safety findings** were consistent with known safety profile

Bhatt, Surya P et al. "Dupilumab for COPD with Type 2 Inflammation." The New England journal of medicine vol. 390,24 (2024): 2274-2283. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa2401304

# Ensifentrine is the first inhaled product with a novel mechanism for maintenance treatment for COPD

Ensifentrine displayed positive results in patients from the ENHANCE-1 trial

## Study Design

Assess safety and efficacy in

**763 patients**

**aged 40-80**

With **COPD**

current and former smoker,  
either on no maintenance therapy or on  
stable LAMA or LABA therapy

## Primary Endpoint Results

Ensifentrine treatment resulted in **significant improvement** from baseline in Week 12 average FEV<sub>1</sub> AUC<sub>0-12h</sub> vs. placebo (87 mL; 95% CI, 55 to 119; P<0.001)

LS mean change from baseline

**61 ml**

(95% CI, 25 to 97)  
in the ensifentrine group

and

**-26 ml**

(95% CI, -64 to 13)  
in the placebo group

## Secondary Endpoint Results

**36% reduction** in moderate or severe exacerbations over 24 weeks compared with placebo (rate ratio, 0.64; 95% CI, 0.40 to 1.00; P=0.05)

**Rates of adverse events were similar between the two groups**

Anzueto, Antonio et al. "Ensifentrine, a Novel Phosphodiesterase 3 and 4 Inhibitor for the Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter Phase III Trials (the ENHANCE Trials)." The American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine vol. 208,4 (2023), doi:10.1164/rccm.202306-0944OC

# Ensifentrine is the first inhaled product with a novel mechanism for maintenance treatment for COPD

Ensifentrine displayed positive results in patients from the ENHANCE-2 trial

## Study Design

Assess safety and efficacy in

**790 patients**

**aged 40-80**

With **COPD**

current and former smoker,  
either on no maintenance therapy or on  
stable LAMA or LABA therapy

**Rates of adverse events were similar  
between the two groups**

## Primary Endpoint Results

Ensifentrine treatment resulted in **significant improvement** from baseline in Week 12 average FEV<sub>1</sub> AUC<sub>0-12h</sub> vs. placebo (94 mL; 95% CI, 65 to 124; P<0.001)

LS mean change from baseline

**48 ml**

(95% CI, 30 to 66)  
in the ensifentrine group

and

**-46 ml**

(95% CI, -70 to -13)  
in the placebo group

## Secondary Endpoint Results

**43% reduction** in moderate or severe exacerbations compared to placebo (rate ratio, 0.57; 95% CI, 0.38 to 0.87; P=0.009)

Anzueto, Antonio et al. "Ensifentrine, a Novel Phosphodiesterase 3 and 4 Inhibitor for the Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter Phase III Trials (the ENHANCE Trials)." The American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine vol. 208,4 (2023), doi:10.1164/rccm.202306-0944OC



# Patient Story

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# Questions & Answers Session



# Closing Remarks & Thank You!