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Bronchiectasis in Adults: Aetiology and New Therapies

Message from the Guest Editors

It has a large number of aetiological factors, which contribute to the establishment of chronic airway infection and inflammation. There are a variety of different pathogenic processes involved that result in radiological bronchiectasis. The widespread availability of bronchoscopy and new techniques in the study of lung inflammation and the lung microbiome have yielded novel insights into the pathogenesis of bronchiectasis. Treatment guidelines have been established, but there is a lack of quality trials to guide clinical management. Recently, a concerted research effort has resulted in significant improvements in patient outcomes. As bronchiectasis is so heterogeneous, there is a need to develop management guidelines for different populations, e.g., indigenous groups and patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. As research in bronchiectasis is an evolving area, it provides opportunities to make new discoveries about lung disease. The aim of this Special Issue is to provide a review of the latest developments in the aetiology of adult bronchiectasis and the new developments in therapy.

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