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Current Management Challenges in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Message from the Guest Editor

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a prevalent respiratory disease mainly related to smoking exposure, for which the management guidelines have evolved over the last two decades based on the evidence coming from various clinical trials and answering various research questions. It is currently known that lung function impairment alone can no longer be considered as an appropriate marker of disease severity, and that there are various phenotypes of the disease which require an appropriate tailoring of the available therapeutic options, that the use of inhaled corticosteroids is increasingly restricted unlike asthma, and that disease morbidity (exacerbations number and severity) is one of the features used to guide the intensiveness of the management approach in individual patients. However, despite this evidence, many therapeutic challenges still exist in COPD. Furthermore, in the ongoing COVID-19 era, the management of such patients is challenging and should be adjusted accordingly. All these challenges are addressed hopefully to the benefit of the healthcare community and of COPD patients by this issue of *Medicina*.

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