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Sinusitis and Lower Airways Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

The concept of United Airways was initially used to emphasize the close relationship between rhinitis and asthma. However, recent studies support the notion that the links between upper- and lower-airway diseases go beyond asthma and rhinitis. Various studies have reported that chronic rhinosinusitis is frequently found in patients with cystic and non-cystic bronchiectasis. Moreover, recent studies have also found that upper airway symptoms are associated with the frequent exacerbation phenotype of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). All in all, these observations suggest that the concept of united airways goes beyond asthma and rhinitis and should be better known by clinicians involved in the care of patients with lower- and upper-airway diseases.

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