

COPD Transition of Care Discharge Checklist

This checklist is based on the GOLD 2025 Report and can serve as a resource to help standardize patient discharge following a COPD hospitalization.

C

Continuity of Care



Patient and/or caregiver received discharge instructions

Discharge summary shared with follow-up Health Care Professional(s)

O

Outpatient Follow-up



Post discharge COPD medical follow-up scheduled with:

Primary Care Provider

Other: _____

Pulmonologist

Pulmonary rehabilitation prescribed (including referral and information on local rehabilitation providers), *if applicable*

P

Pharmacological Treatment



Rescue: _____

Maintenance: LAMA+LABA^a Add on roflumilast, *if appropriate*

ICS+LAMA+LABA^a Add on azithromycin, *if appropriate*

Add on dupilumab, *if appropriate*

Other _____

Patient demonstrated correct inhaler and/or nebulizer technique

Patient provided affordability information (eg, co-pay savings, savings websites, patient assistance program), *if applicable*

Patient understands withdrawal of acute medications (oral corticosteroids and/or antibiotics), *if applicable*

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Discontinue Smoking

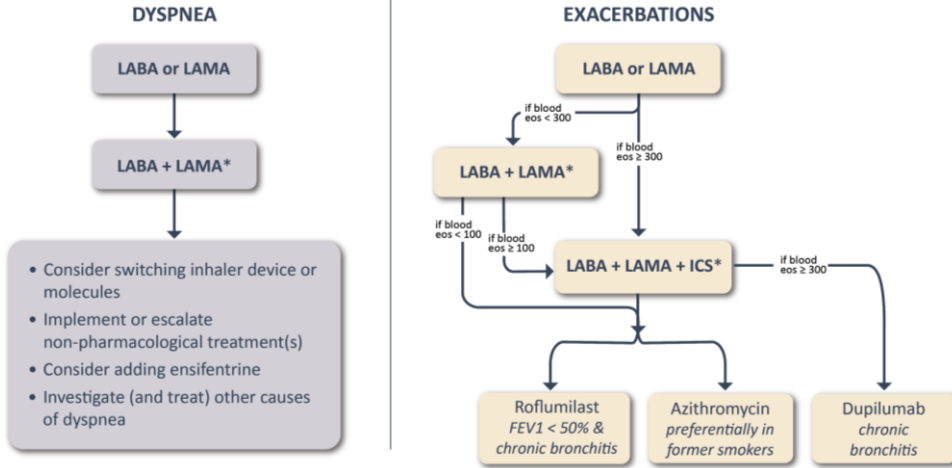


Patient offered nicotine replacement options and/or additional resources/support for smoking cessation



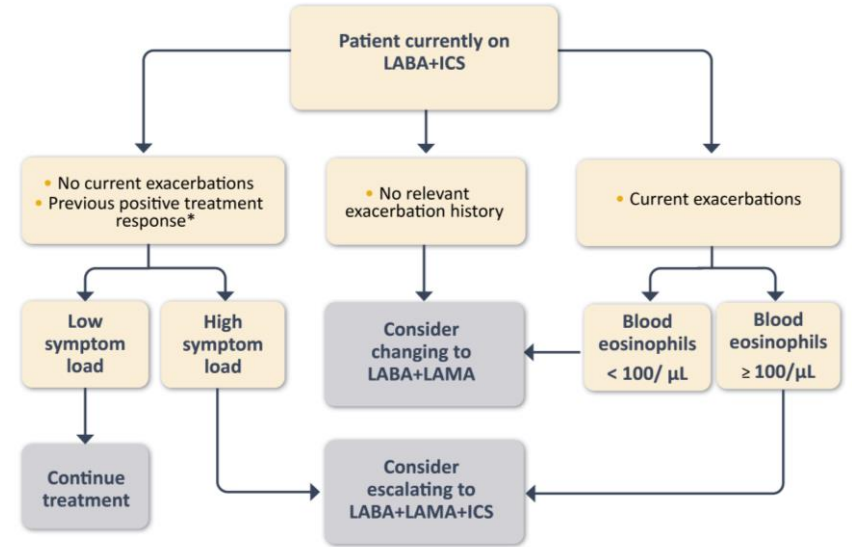
Initiation of pharmacological treatment for newly diagnosed patients with COPD: LAMA+LABA^a is the preferred choice and ICS+LAMA+LABA^a can be considered if eos ≥ 300 cells/ μ L

Follow-up Pharmacological Treatment



*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 ≥ 300 cells/ μ L de-escalation is more likely to be associated with the development of exacerbations. Exacerbations refers to the number of exacerbations per year.

Management of Patients Currently on LABA + ICS



*Patient previously had exacerbations and responded to LABA+ICS treatment

HCP Resources to Help Patients

AZ&ME Helping Patients Access AstraZeneca Medicines



<https://qr.short.az/AZandME>

American Lung Association Patient & Caregiver Network



<https://qr.short.az/ALANetwork>

American Lung Association COPD Action Plan



<https://qr.short.az/COPDActionPlan>

COPD Foundation Educational Materials



<https://qr.short.az/COPDFMaterials>

Scientific Resources

Videos, Presentations and External Resources

Presentations include:

COPD Pathophysiology, Management Considerations & GOLD 2025



Right Device for the Right Patient

<https://qr.short.az/r/xtaqw7kejiqccjd>

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COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; eos = blood eosinophil count in cells/ μ L; FEV₁ = forced expiratory volume in 1 second; GOLD = Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease; ICS = inhaled corticosteroid; LABA = long-acting β_2 -agonist; LAMA = long-acting muscarinic antagonist. Reference: Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD). Global strategy for the diagnosis, management and prevention of COPD (2025 report). GOLD website. Accessed November 11, 2024. <https://goldcopd.org/2025-gold-report/>. ©2025 Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management and Prevention of COPD all rights reserved. Use is by express license from the owner. ©2024 AstraZeneca. All rights reserved. US-95896 Last Updated 11/24