

Modern Management of COPD.

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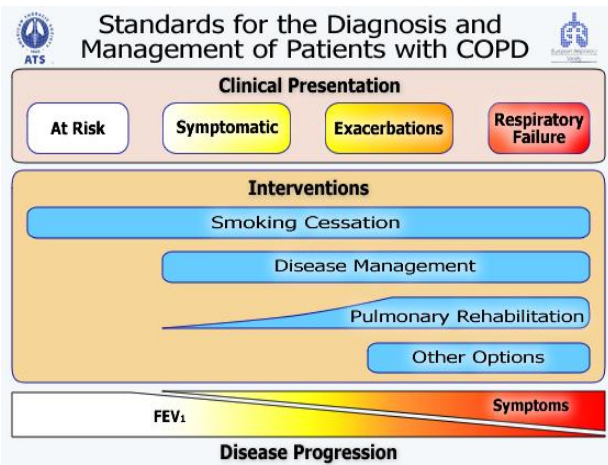


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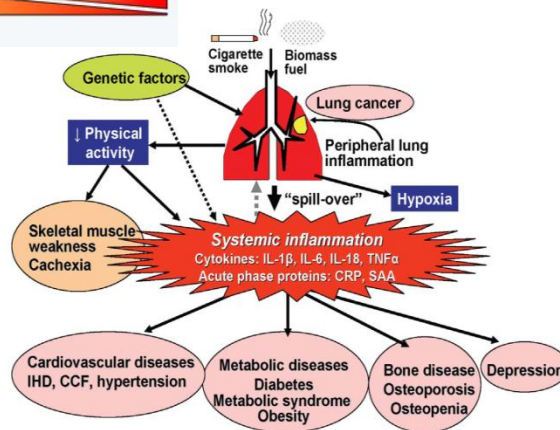
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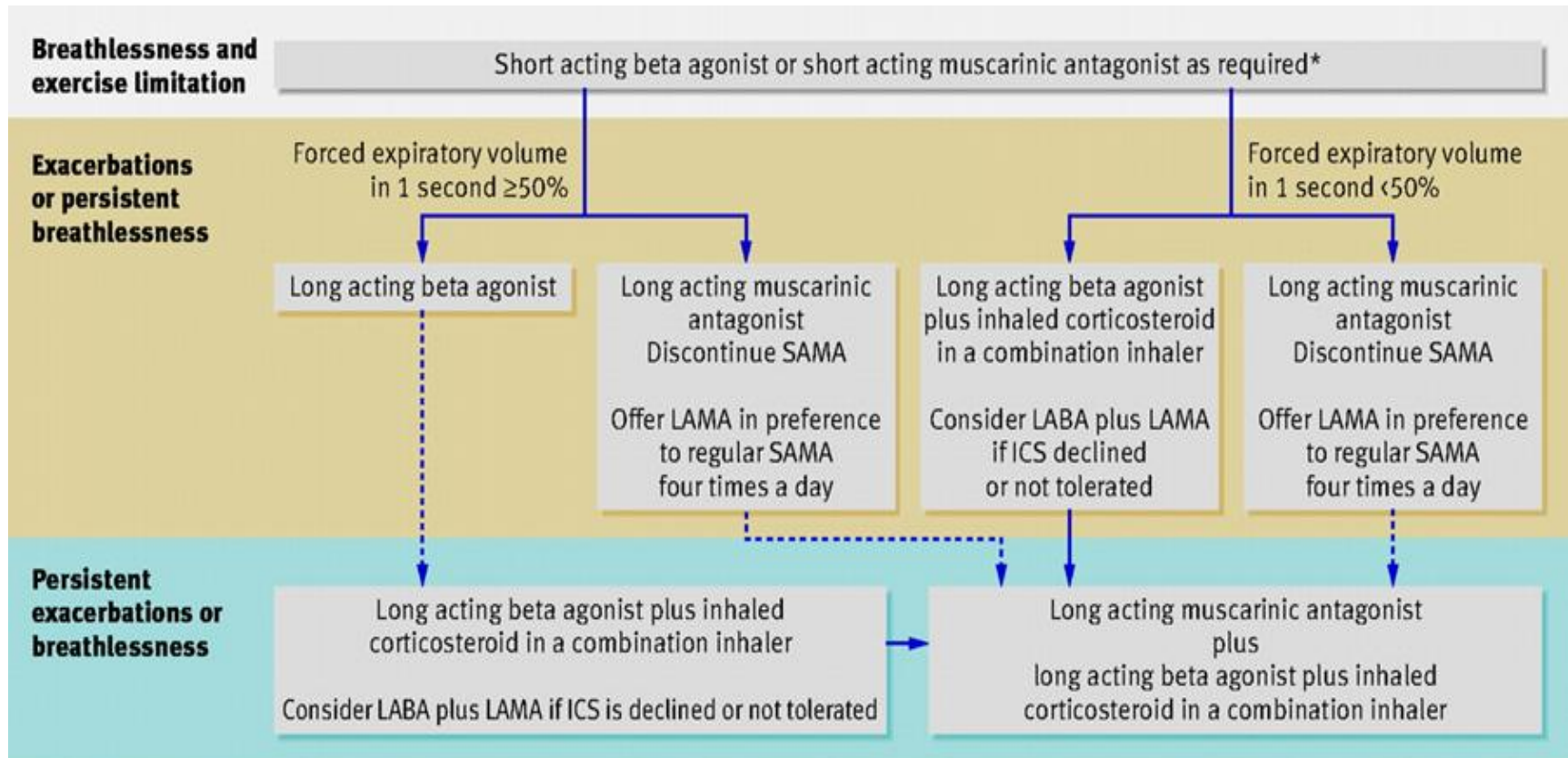
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Received travel grant and honorarium for talks on COPD and smoking cessation from GSK

Chief Scientific Officer of Synergens BioScience who helped fund development of a lung cancer risk score (Respiragene)



COPD Management - ?confused



Abbreviations: SAMA = short acting muscarinic antagonist, LAMA = long acting muscarinic antagonist, LABA = long acting beta agonist, ICS = inhaled corticosteroid

* Short acting beta agonist (as required) may continue at all stages

—→ Offer therapy (strong evidence) - - - - -→ Consider therapy (less strong evidence)

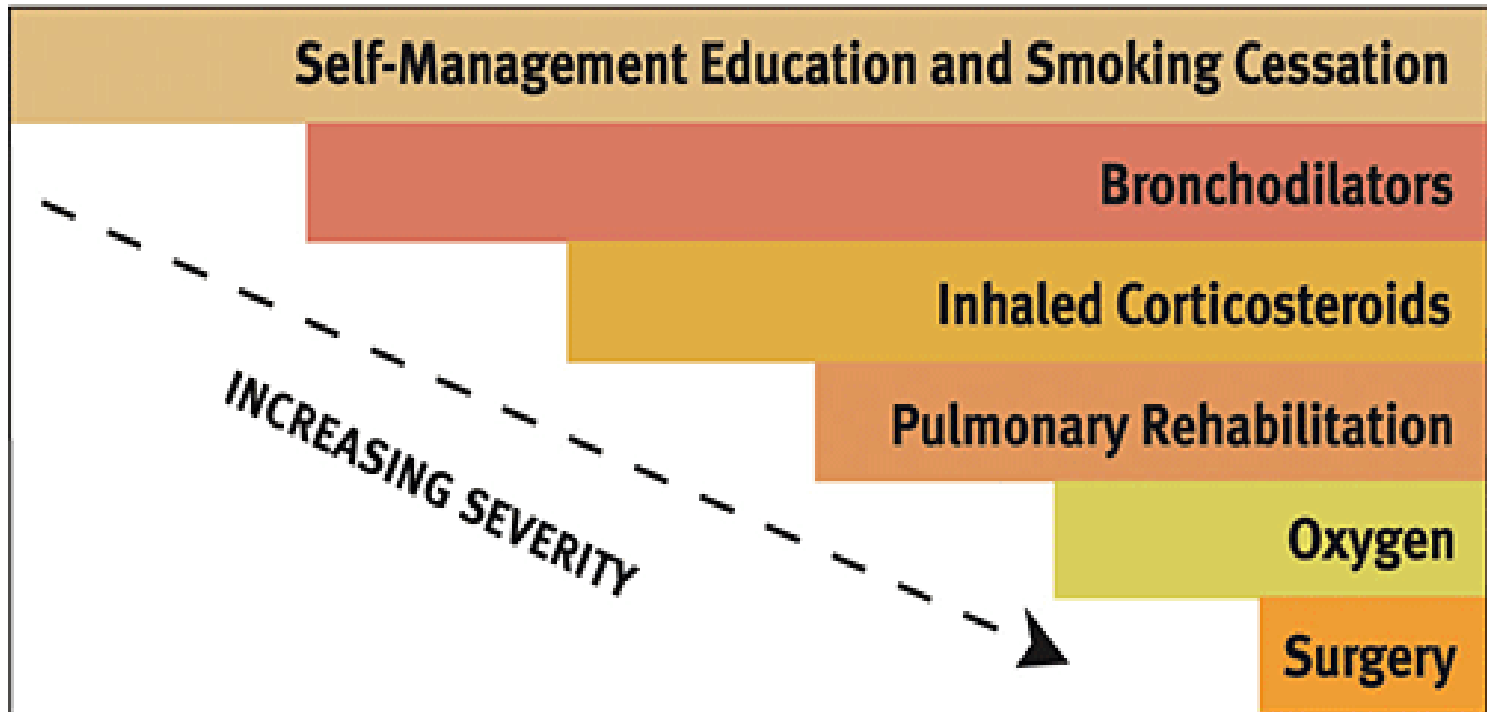
COPD Management - ?confused

Patient-centred management of stable COPD in primary care

For all patients:				
- provide smoking cessation advice - provide patient education/self management - assess co-morbidity - give dietary advice if BMI >25 kg/m² - promote exercise - offer pneumococcal vaccination - offer annual influenza vaccination - refer to a dietary specialist if BMI <20 kg/m²				
SYMPTOMS?	FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION?	EXACERBATIONS	HYPOXIA?	HOLISTIC CARE
BREATHLESSNESS Prescribe short-acting bronchodilators (beta ₂ agonist/ antimuscarinic) for relief of symptoms	MRC score ≥3 Optimise pharmacotherapy See NICE pharmacotherapy algorithm	(Oral steroids/ antibiotics/hospital admissions) Optimise pharmacological therapy	Oxygen saturation ≤92% at rest in air FEV ₁ <30% predicted Refer for oxygen assessment	Check social support (e.g. carers and benefits) Treat co-morbidities
PERSISTENT SYMPTOMS Offer pharmacotherapy in line with NICE guideline	Offer pulmonary rehabilitation Screen for anxiety/ depression	Discuss action plans including use of standby oral steroids and antibiotics		Consider palliative therapy or secondary care referral for resistant symptoms
PRODUCTIVE COUGH Consider use of mucolytics				Refer to specialist palliative care teams for end-of-life care

COPD - simplified

TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR COPD



But how do you define severity?

Topics

1. What is COPD and why diagnose it
2. Treatment options in COPD – a symptom based approach
3. Treatment options in COPD – when to add the inhaled steroids
4. Treatment options – beyond the airways
5. Management options in the future

1. What is COPD and why diagnose it

What is COPD and why diagnose it

- Affects 8% of adult population (1 in 12)
- Affects 20% of adult smokers (1 in 5)
- Affects 30% of adult general medical admissions
- Affects 50% of pneumonia over 65 yrs old

COPD and asthma are very different diseases

COPD health status in New Zealand

- Prevalence COPD
 - 6.6% equivalent to 96,100 adults (formal diagnosis)
- COPD hospitalisation rates
 - 2,021 per 100,000 – Maori
 - 484 per 100,000 – non-Maori
- COPD Mortality rates
 - 129 per 100,000 – Maori
 - 46 per 100,000 – Non-Maori

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underdiagnosed, undertreated
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**50-80% of COPD is
undiagnosed**

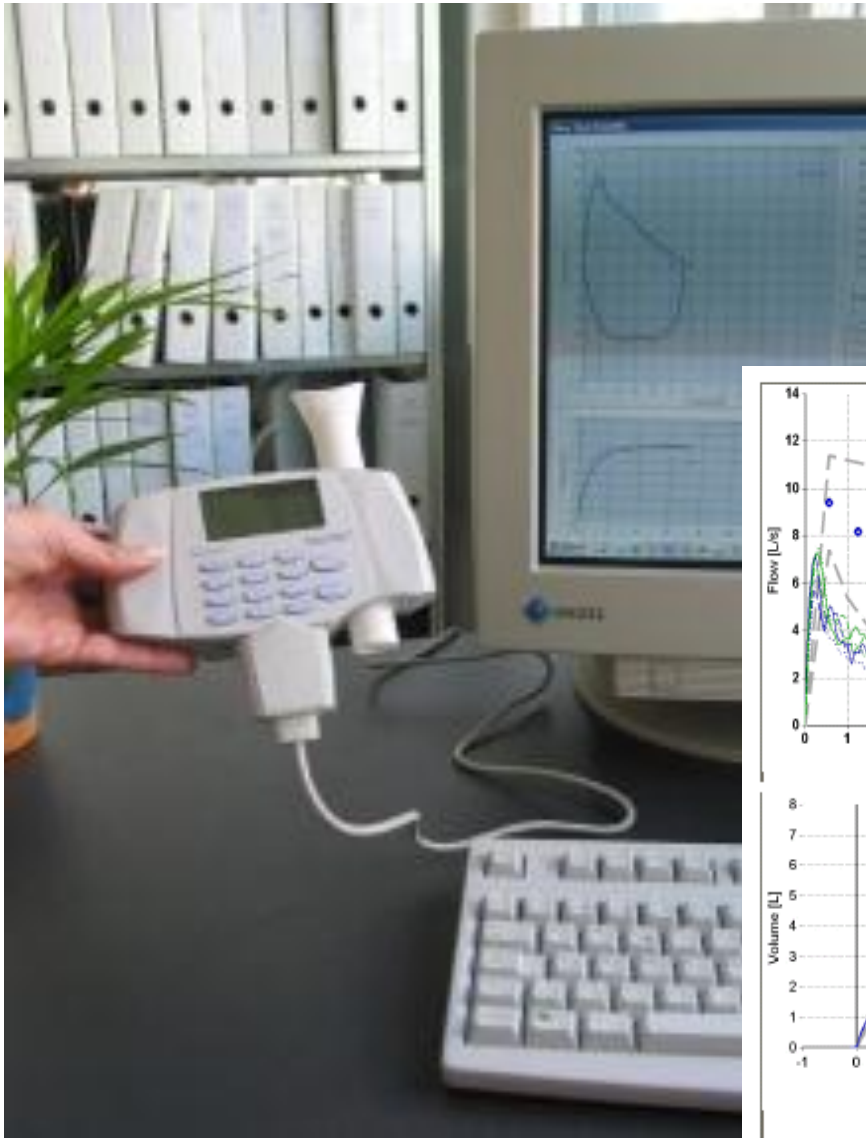
Diagnosis and management of COPD

- Diagnose - assess airflow limitation (spirometry, PEFr)
- Assess symptoms (CAT and mMRC score)
- Assess exacerbation risk (PHx of exacerbation, FEV₁%pred)
- Assess COPD comorbidities (anxiety/depression, muscle wasting/fatigue)
- Assess COPD-related comorbidities (CHD/CHF, lung cancer, osteoporosis)
- Manage – reduce risk and reduce symptoms

Diagnosis and management of COPD

Diagnose
Assess
Manage

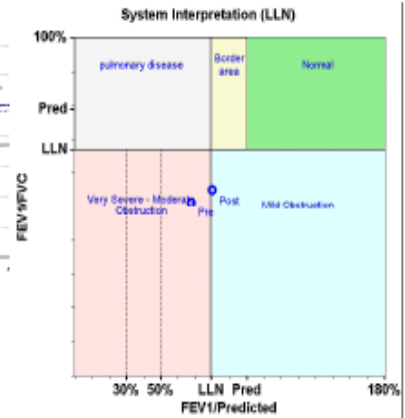
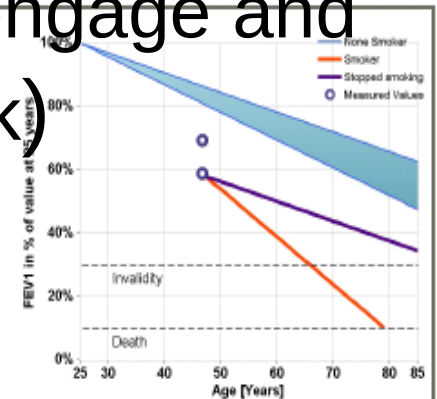
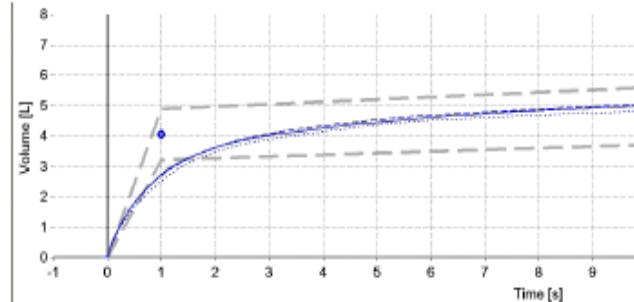
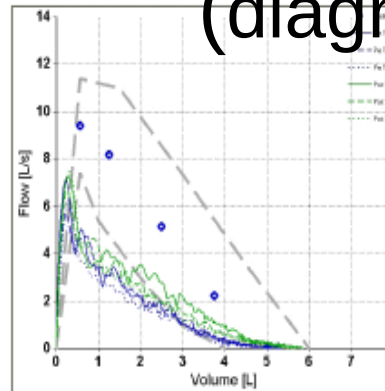
- Diagnose – (spirometry, PFTs)
- Assess symptoms
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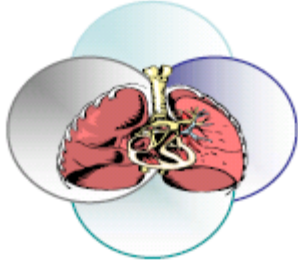


Diagnosis

Spirometry and lung age

(diagnosis, engage and risk)





Lung Health Clinic (Auckland)

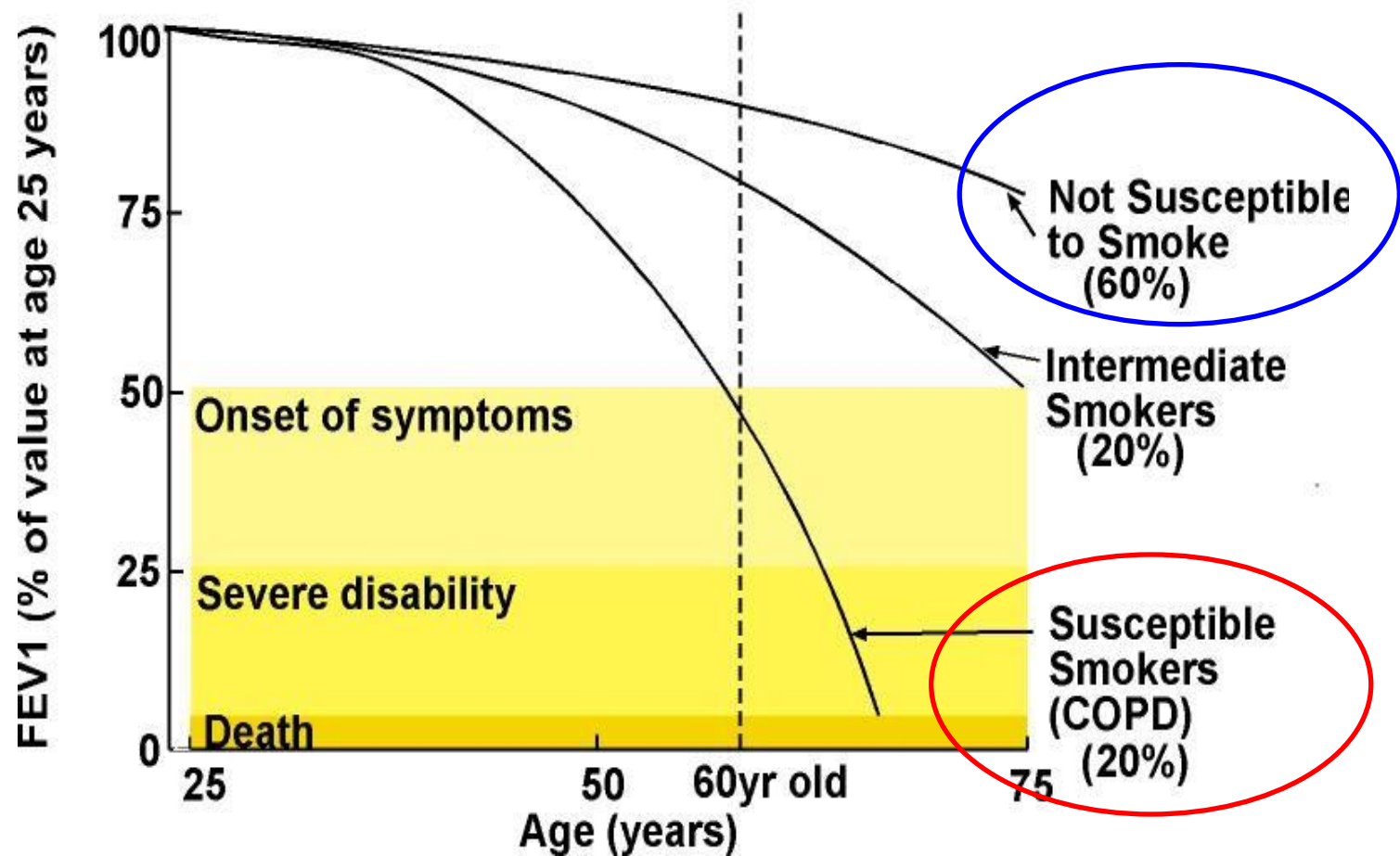
**Contact us: Ph 0800 789999 or 09 630 9967 or Fax 09 623 6456
or email: lunghealthclinic@adhb.govt.nz**

For assessment of patients with breathlessness or suspected of asthma or COPD (especially those exposed to smoking or aero-pollutants).

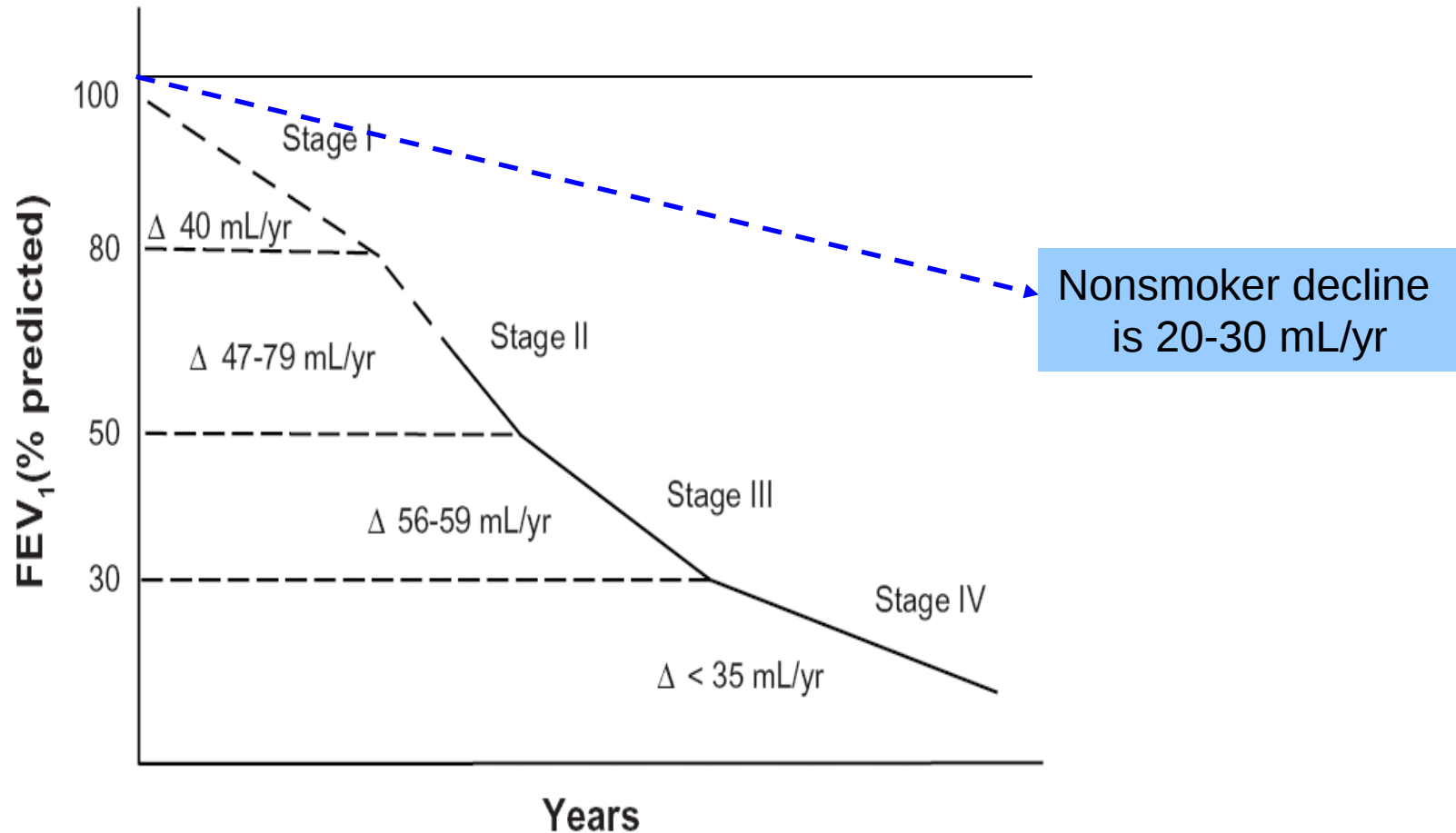
For lung function testing, medication review, smoking cessation, inhaler technique, COPD unresponsive to treatment and lung cancer screening.

Refer your patient for a personal consultation with **Raewyn Hopkins** (BN, MPH) or **Associate Professor Robert Young**, Consultant Physician (FRACP, PhD)

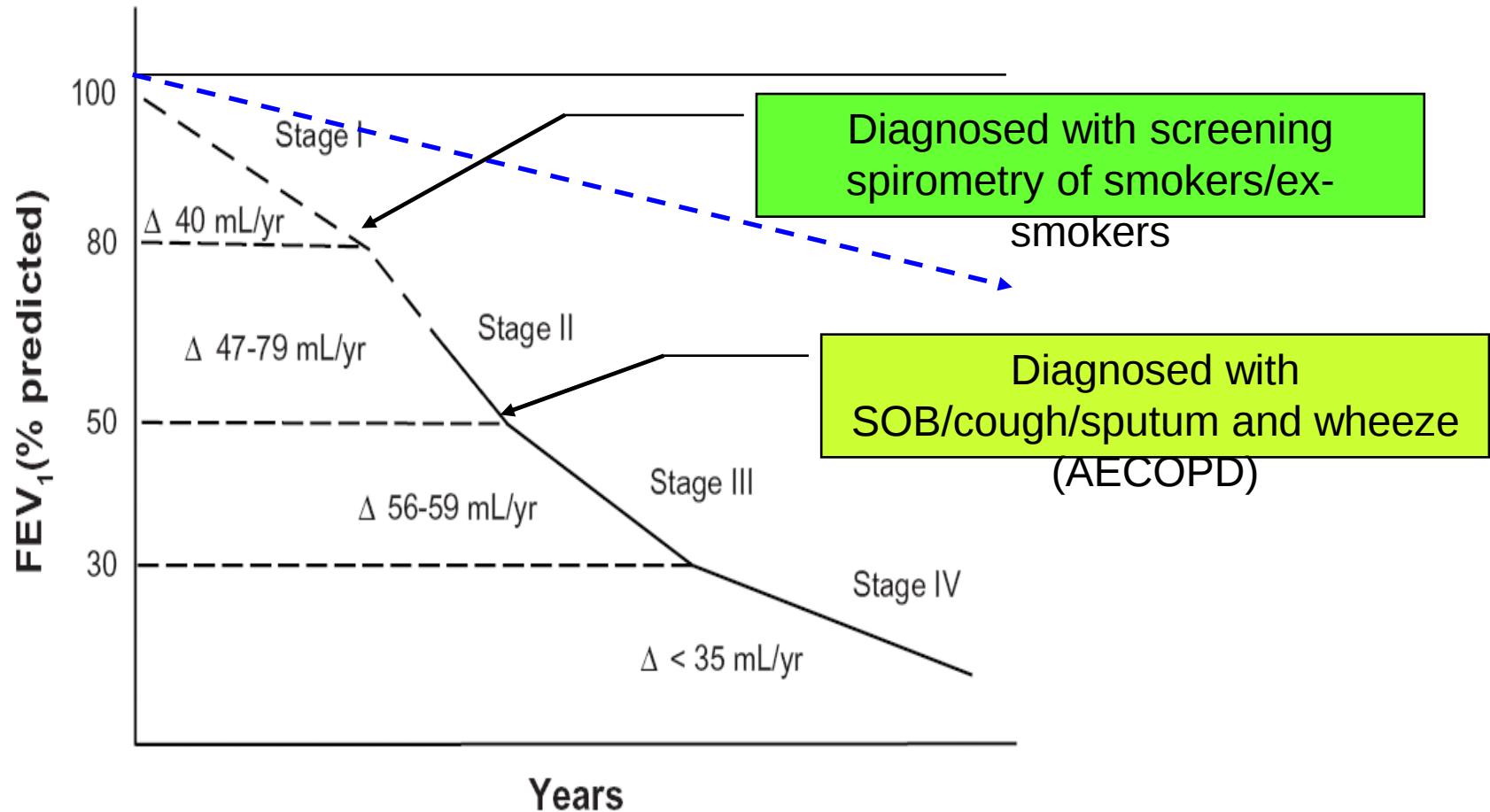
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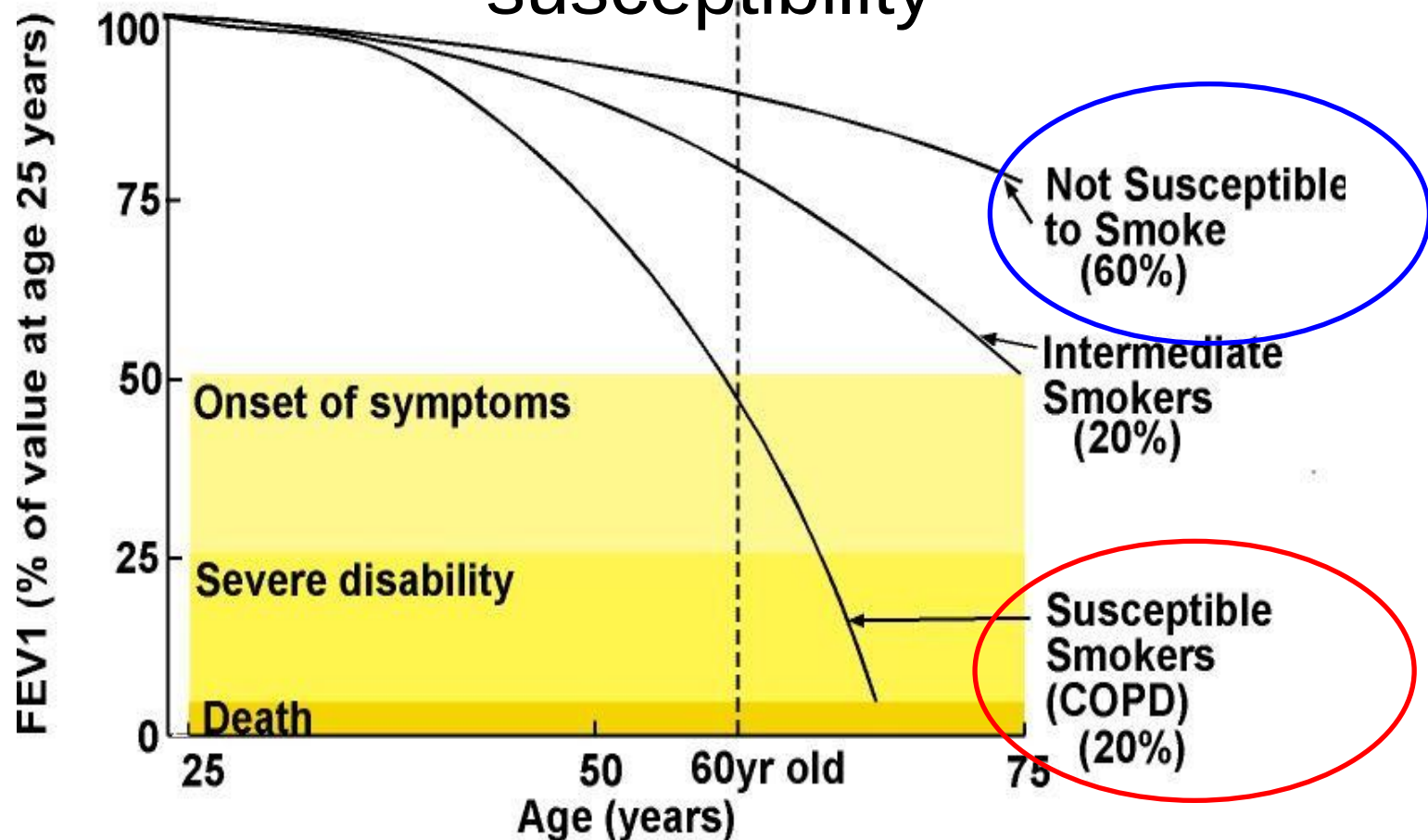
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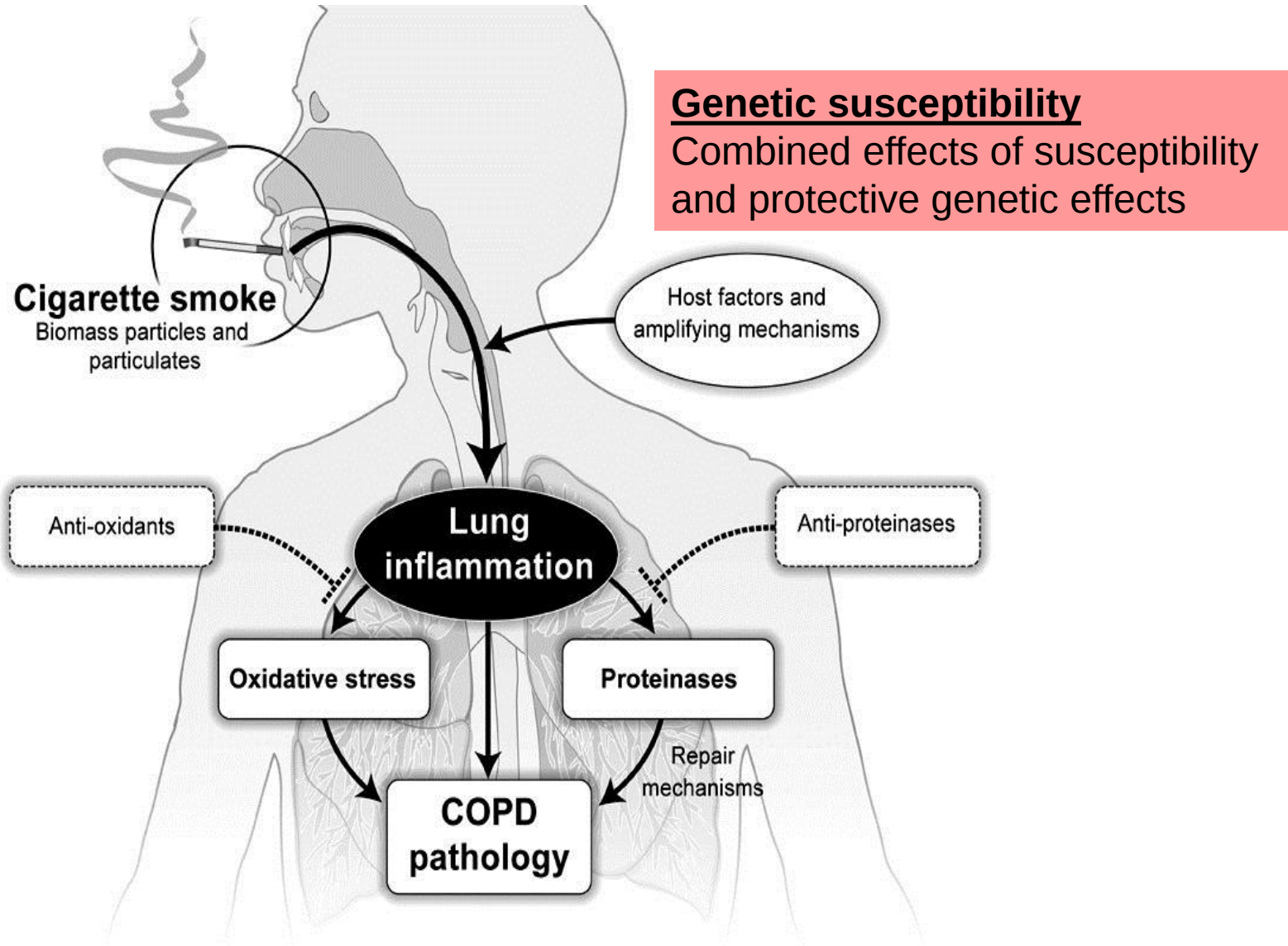


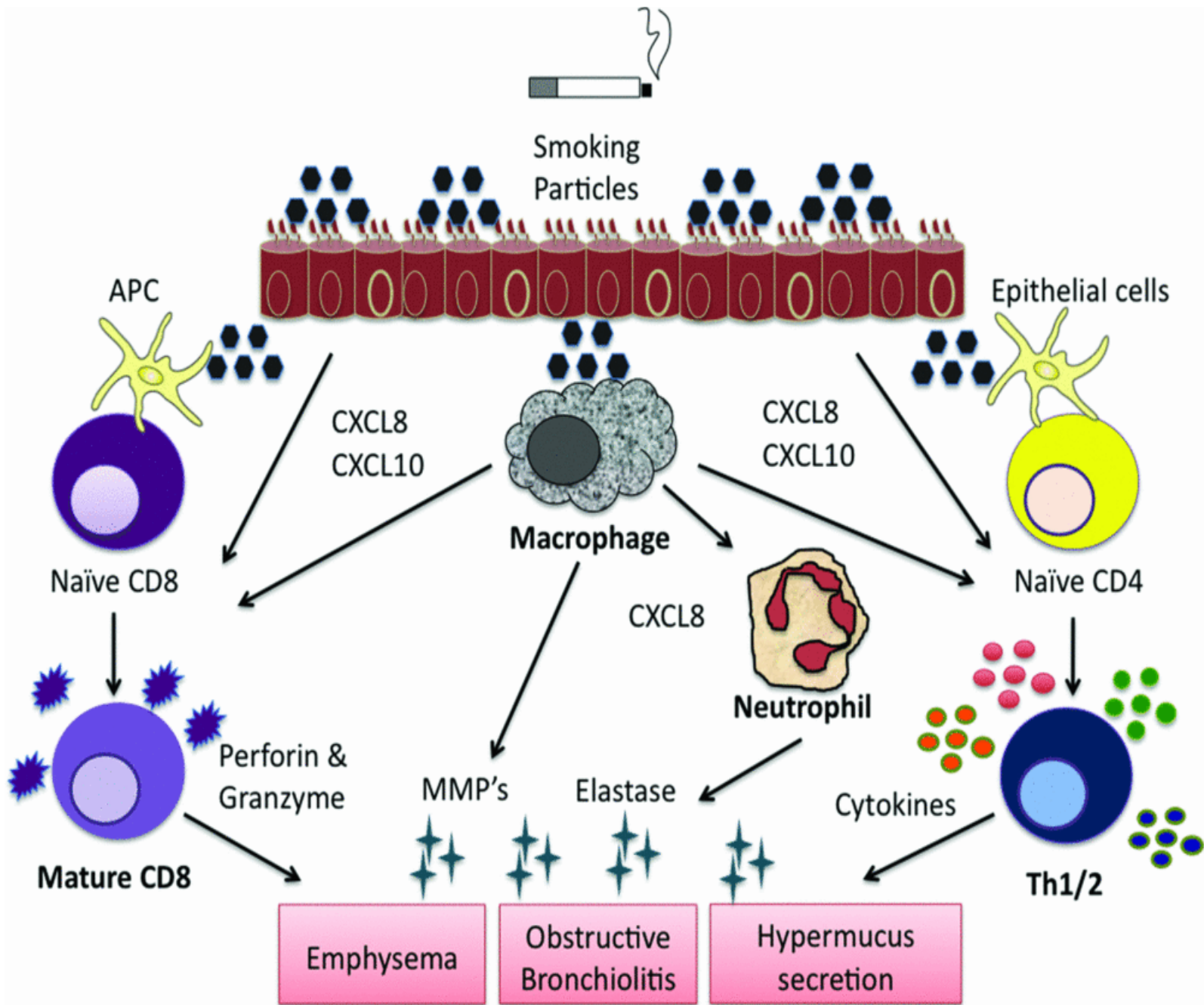
↓FEV1: other morbidities apart from COPD

- 5x ↑Lung cancer
- 5x ↑ heart attack
- 2-3x ↑ stroke (Young et al. ERJ 2007)

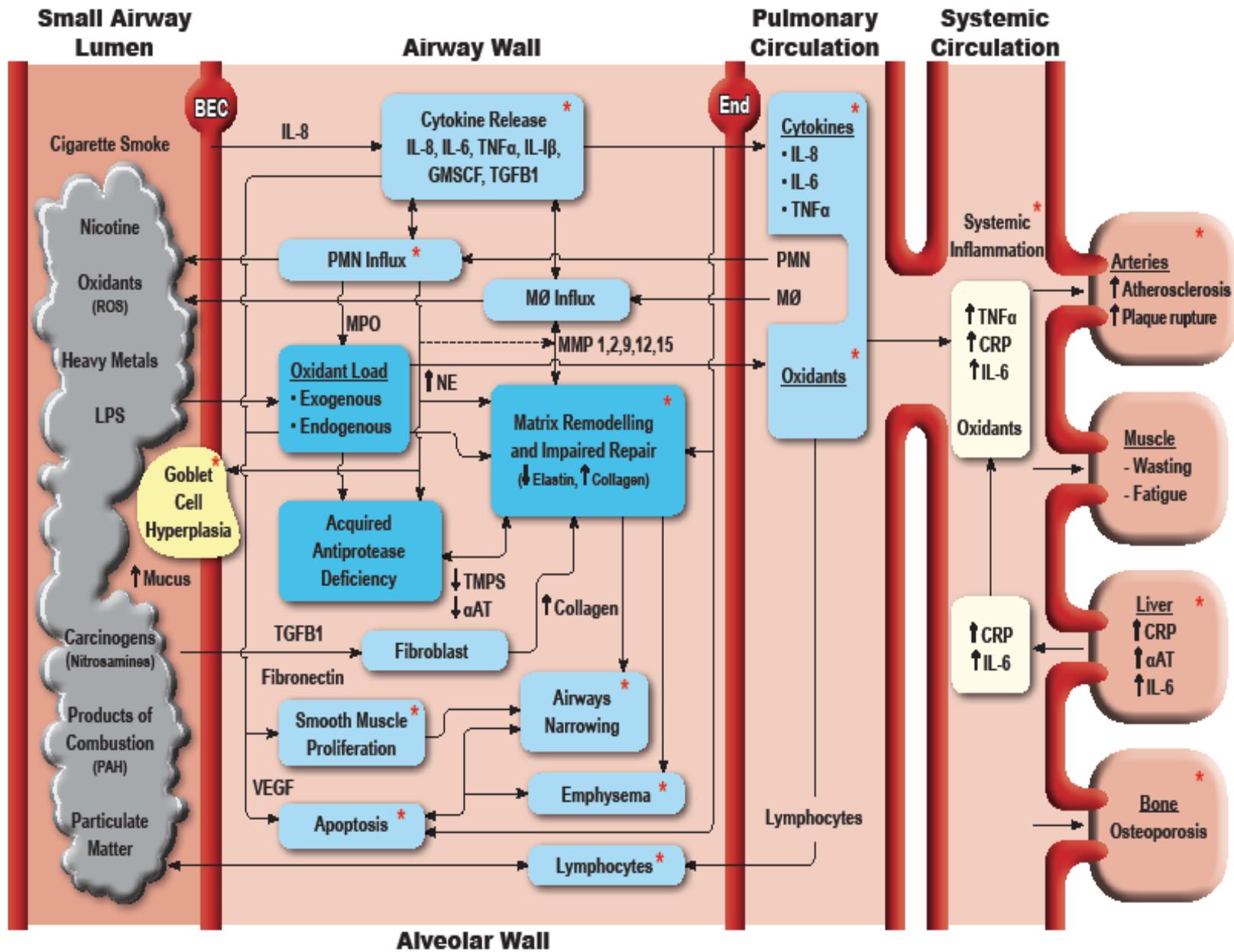
What is COPD and why diagnose it

- Results from genetic susceptibility and aero-pollutant (smoking) exposure
- Neutrophilic airway inflammation
- Presents with
 - exertional breathlessness and LRTI (cough, sputum, wheeze and SOB)
 - Fatigue and poor exercise tolerance
- Systemic inflammation and co-morbidities
- Precursor illness to 70-80% of all lung cancer



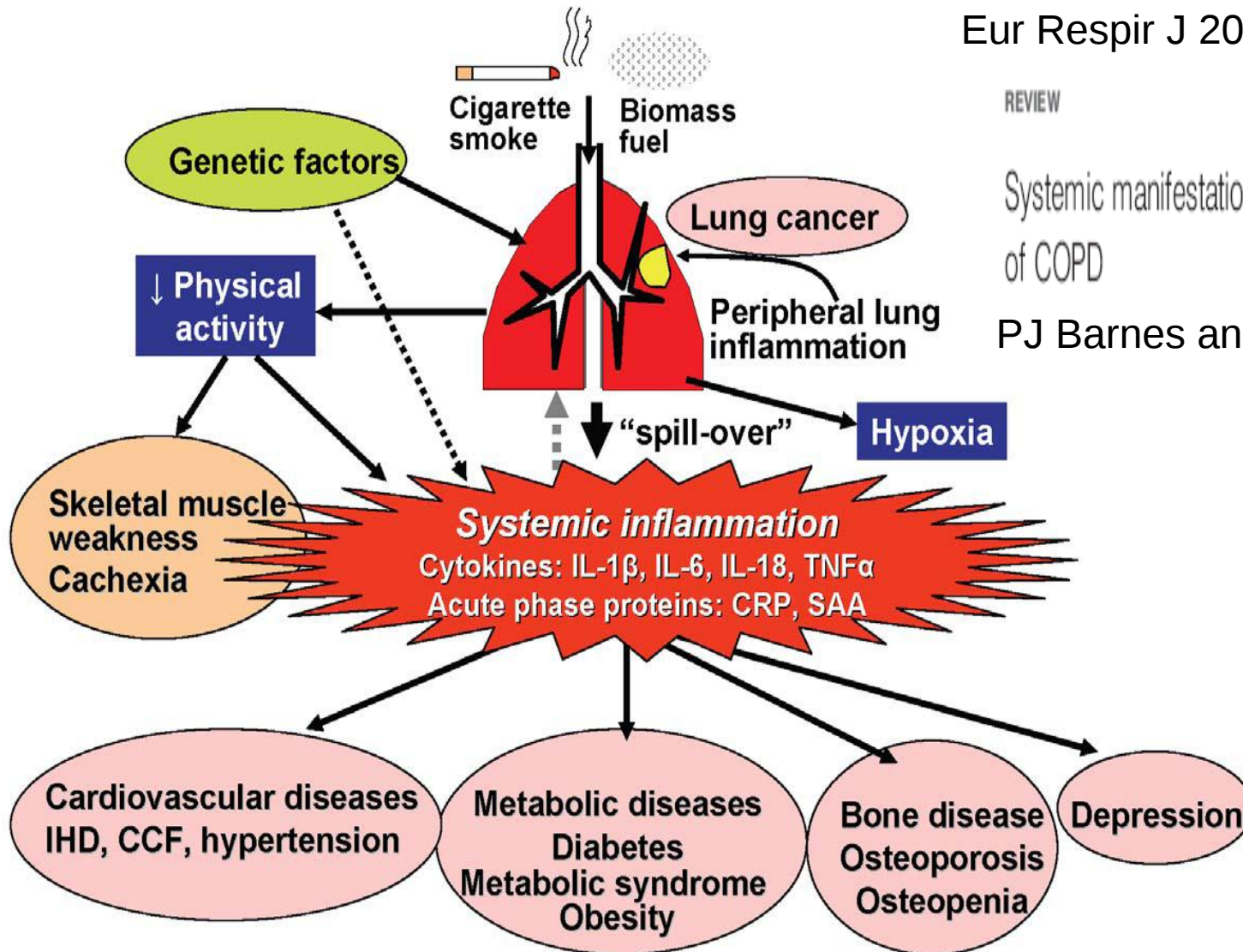


Proposed Pathogenesis of COPD



Alveolar Wall

Young RP, et al. (European Respir Review 2009)

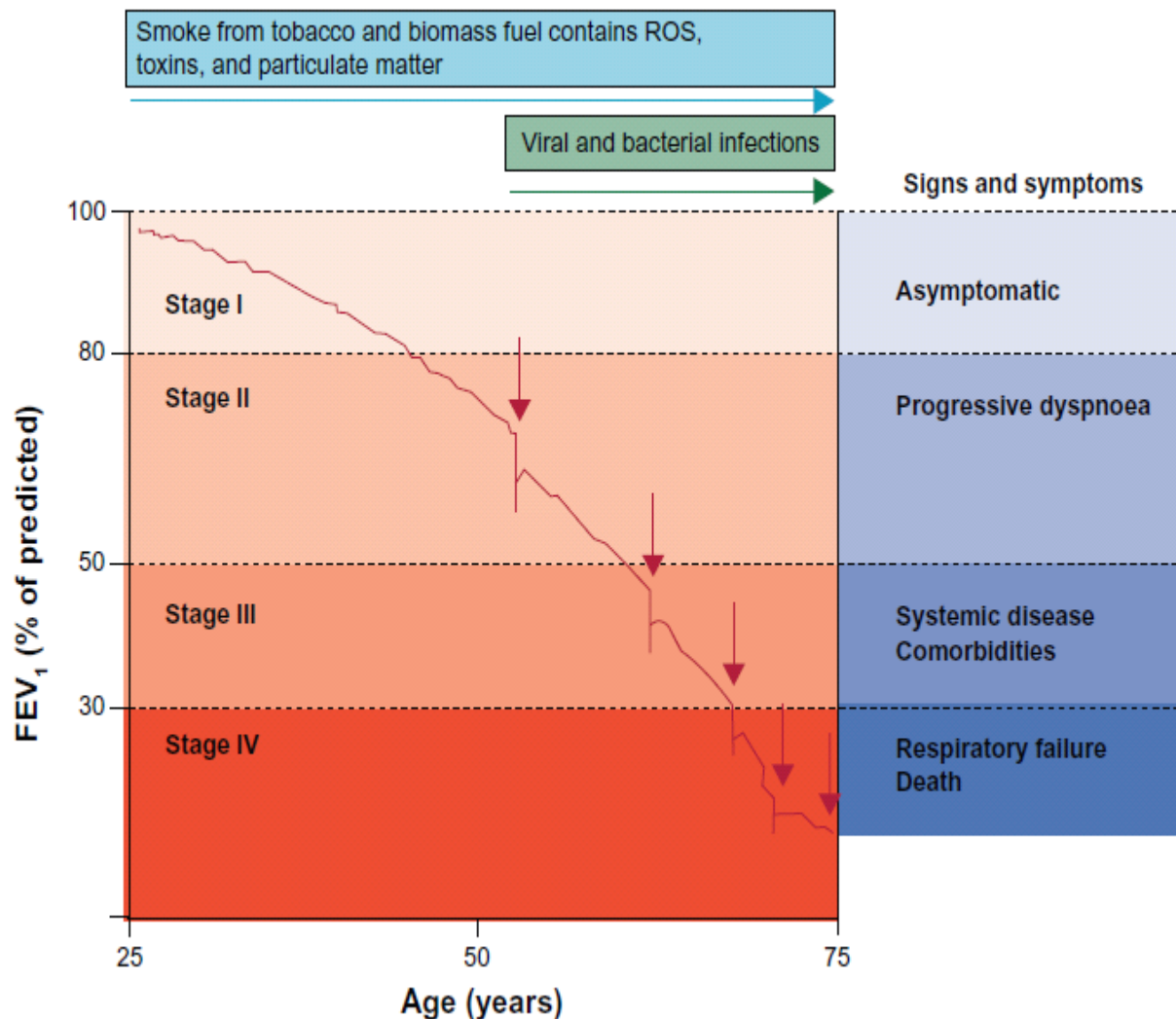


2. A symptom based approach (**Assess**)

Management of COPD – the aims

Reduce symptoms	Relieve symptoms Improve exercise tolerance Improve health status
Reduce risk	Prevent disease progression Prevent and treat exacerbations Reduce mortality

Development and progression of COPD – FEV₁ vs symptoms



Treatment options in COPD – a symptom based approach

- Spirometry – document severity of airways obstruction (confirm diagnosis, end organ damage)
- Establish – symptom profile (CAT) , tendency to LRTI, AECOPD, hospitalisation for acute exacerbations (direct inhaler treatment).
- Consider COPD a CVS risk factor
- Consider COPD a precursor to lung cancer



Standards for the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with COPD



Clinical Presentation

At Risk

Symptomatic

Exacerbations

Respiratory Failure

Interventions

Smoking Cessation

Disease Management

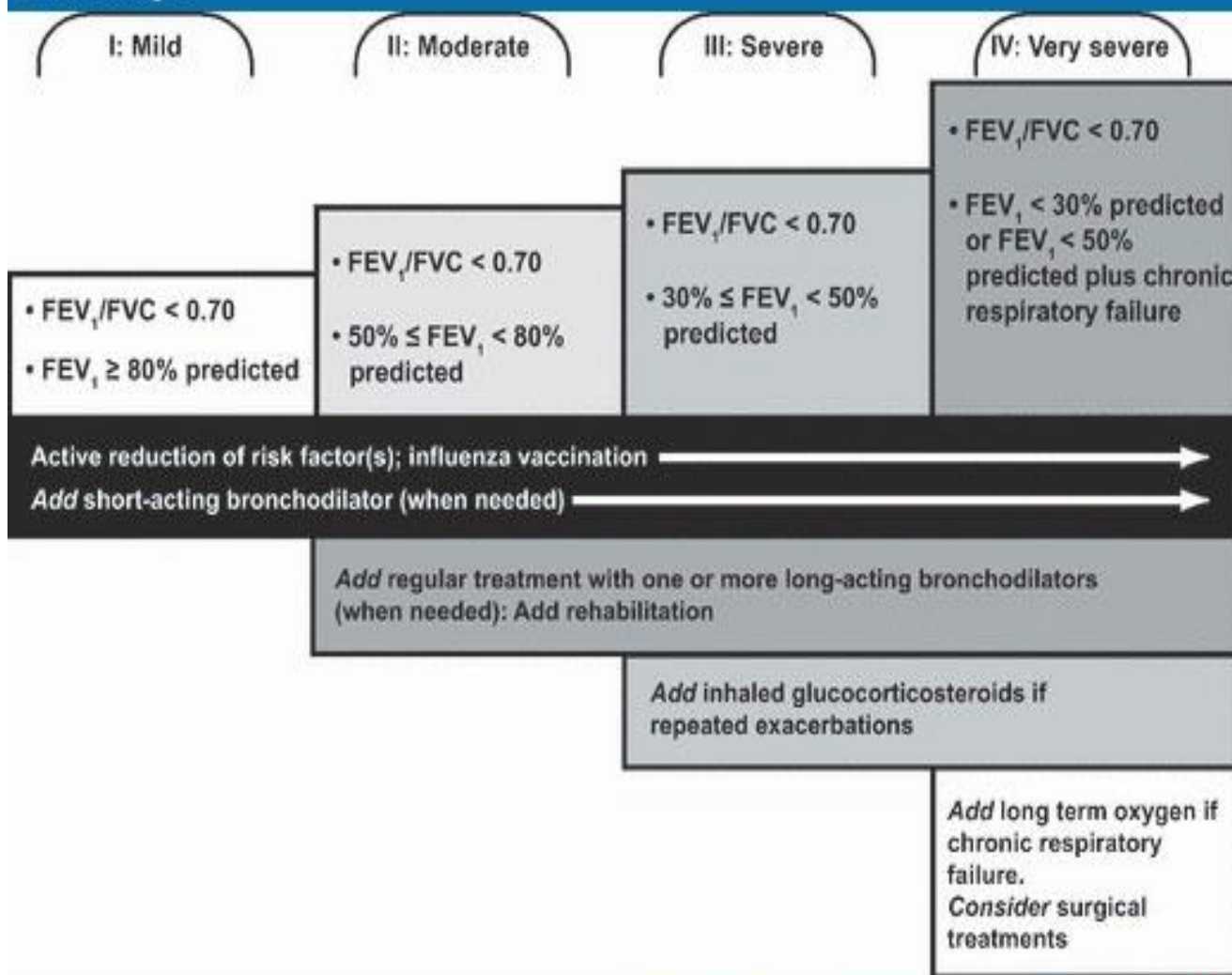
Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Other Options

FEV₁

Symptoms

Disease Progression



SABA/SAMA prn

then LABA/LAMA bd

then LABA + ICS bd

then LABA /ICS + LAMA

Plus

- Oral AB/Prednisone
- Pulmonary rehab
- LTOT and surgery/valves

A symptom based approach

HEED study

- Lung function alone is a poor predictor of symptoms
- Symptoms of COPD should be assessed regularly in patients with COPD (self administered CAT questionnaire, www.catestonline.co.uk)
- Reduced exercise tolerance was seen in 70% with mild disease (%predFEV1>80%) and 74% with moderate disease (%predFEV1 50-80%).

The CAT questionnaire (**download from - www.catestonline.co.uk**)

Cough		
I never cough	0 1 2 3 4 5	I cough all the time

Phlegm		
I have no phlegm (mucus) in my chest at all	0 1 2 3 4 5	My chest is full of phlegm (mucus)

Tight		
My chest does not feel tight at all	0 1 2 3 4 5	My chest feels very tight

SOB		
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

Activity		
I am not limited doing any activities at home	0 1 2 3 4 5	I am very limited doing activities at home

Confidence		
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

Sleep		
I sleep soundly	0 1 2 3 4 5	I don't sleep soundly because of my lung condition

Energy		
I have lots of energy	0 1 2 3 4 5	I have no energy at all

A symptom based approach – CAT

COPD Self Assessment Test

Score/40

- mild 0-10
- mod 10-15
- severe 15-25
- very severe 25-40

Basis on which to establish

- overall disability
- specific disabilities and
- response to treatments

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The CAT questionnaire consists of eight horizontal bars, each representing a symptom. Each bar has a scale from 0 to 5. A red bracket on the left side of the first four bars (Cough, Phlegm, Tight, SOB) and the last four bars (Activity, Confidence, Sleep, Energy) groups them under the label 'WET WHEEZY WEAK'.

Symptom	0	1	2	3	4	5
Cough	I never cough					I cough all the time
Phlegm	I have no phlegm (mucus) in my chest at all					My chest is full of phlegm (mucus)
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CAT Score – patient data

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WEAK	I have lots of energy	0 1 2 3 4 5	I have no energy at all	5
	Scoring range 0-40 Total score			2 2

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Severe

Modified MRC Breathlessness Score

Grade	Description of Breathlessness
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0	I only get breathless with strenuous exercise.
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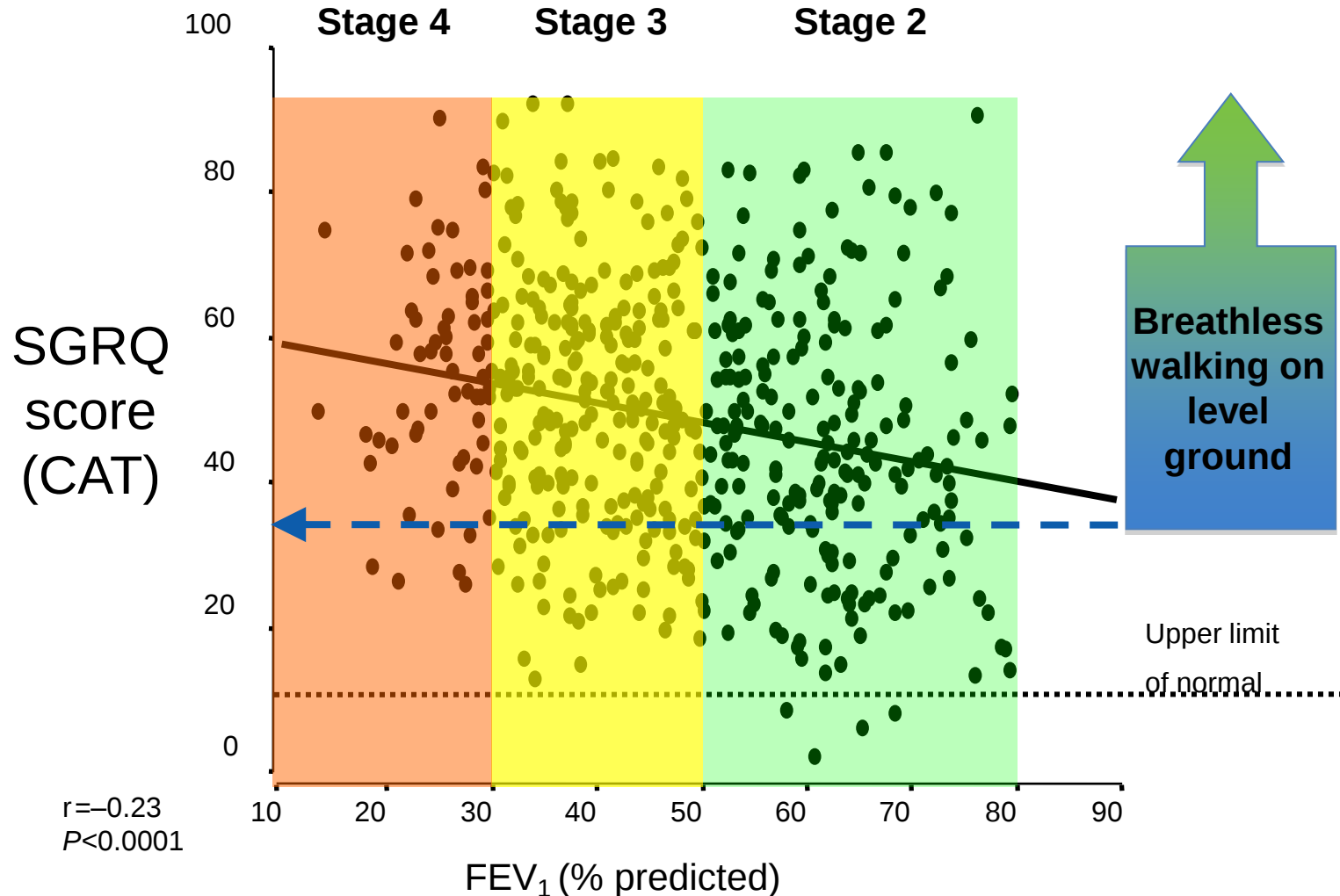
1	I get short of breath when hurrying on level ground or walking up a slight hill.
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2	On level ground, I walk slower than people of the same age because of breathlessness, or have to stop for breath when walking at my own pace.
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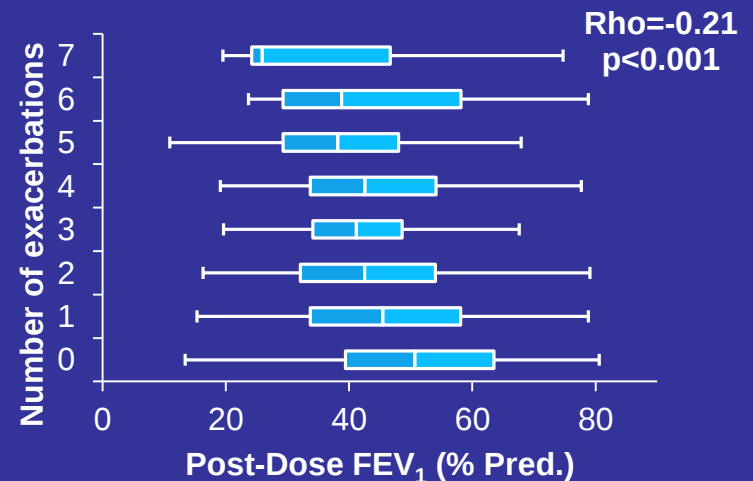
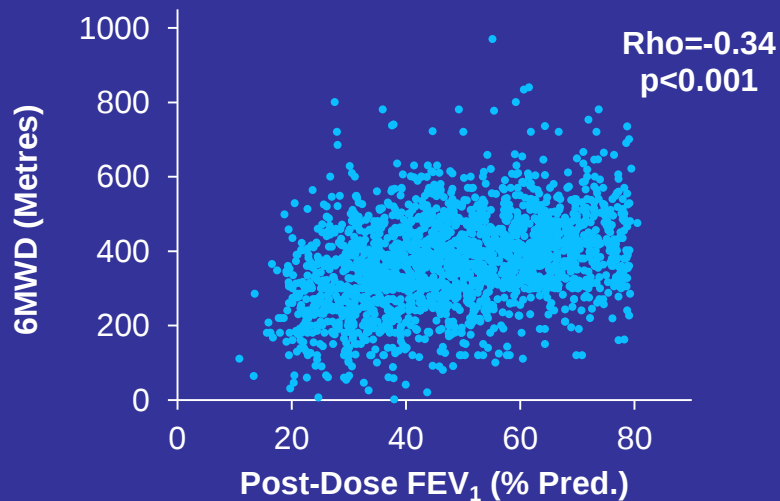
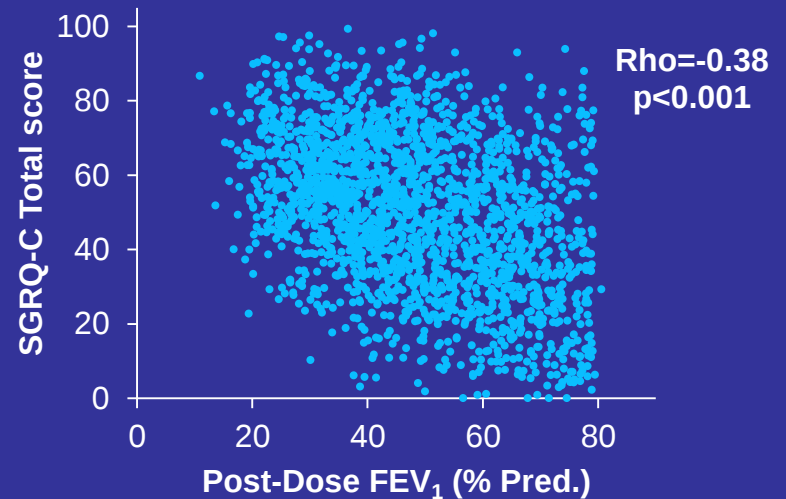
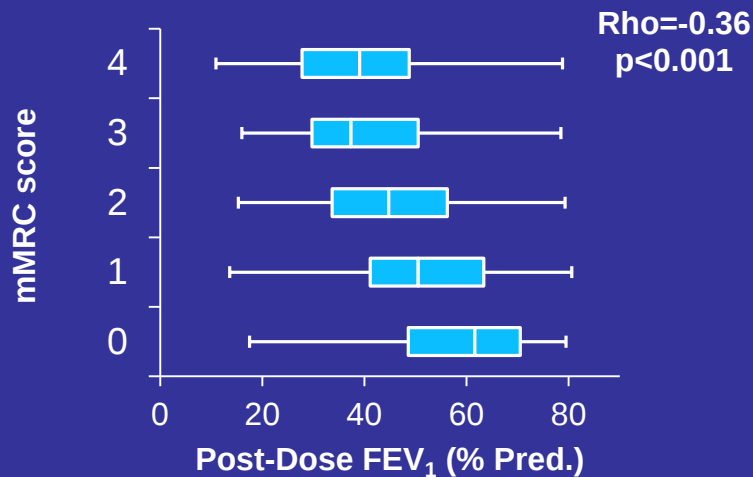
3	I stop for breath after walking about 100 yards or after a few minutes on level ground.
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4	I am too breathless to leave the house or I am breathless when dressing.
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No correlation between QOL and FEV₁ severity

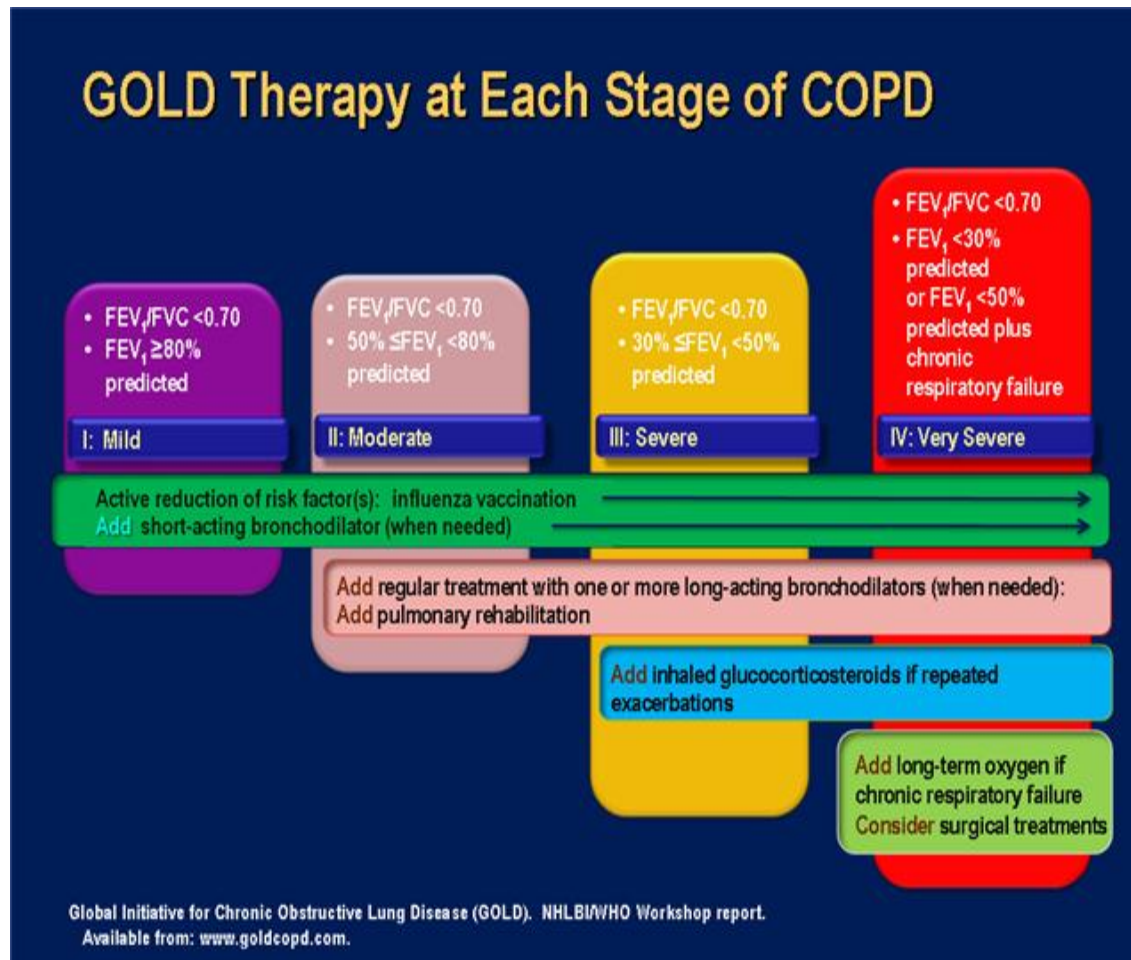


ECLIPSE showed weak correlation between disease outcome parameters & FEV₁



3. When to start long acting bronchodilators and when to add steroids (**Manage**)

COPD Management – adding inhalers



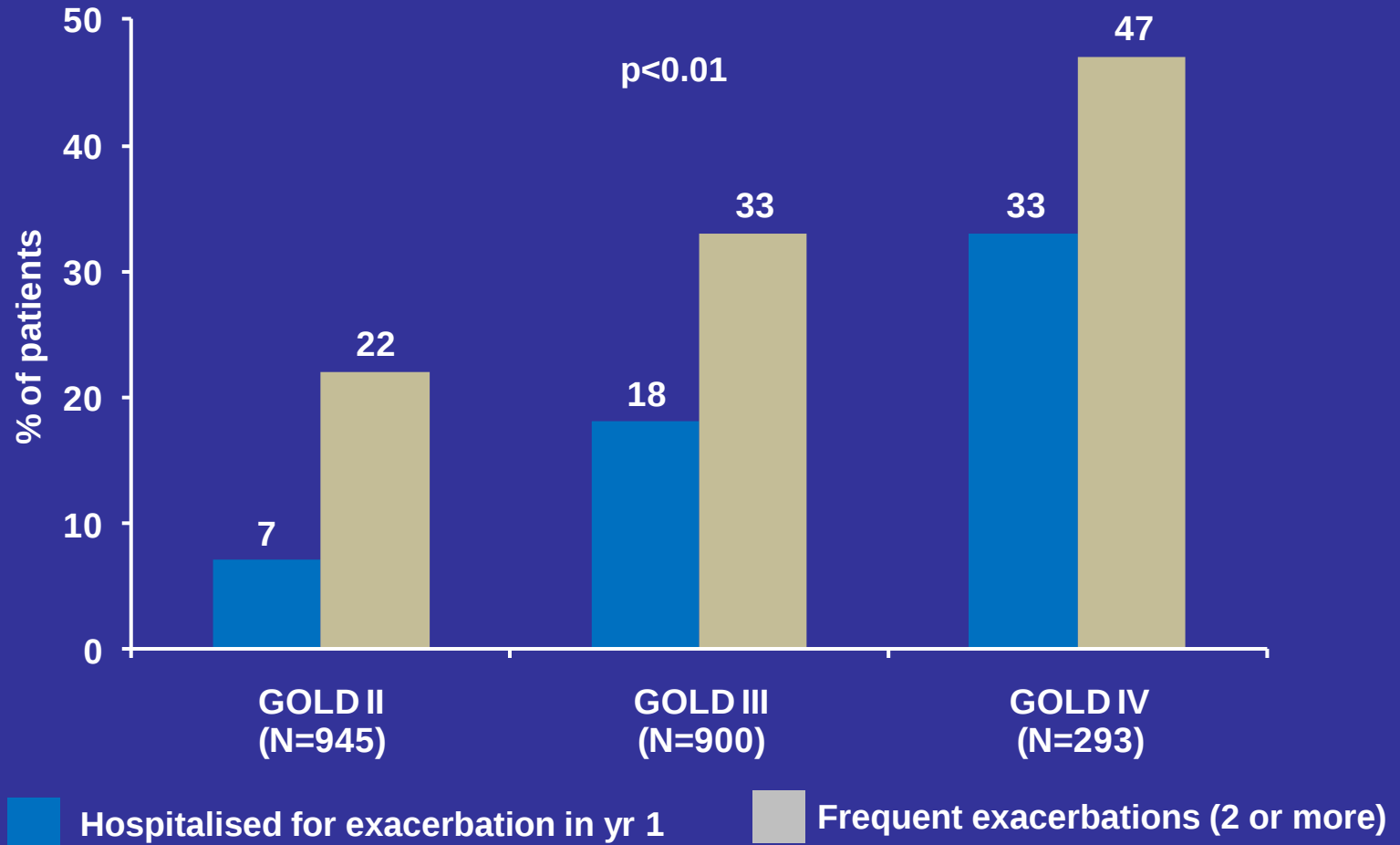
A symptom based approach

Eclipse study

- “Frequent exacerbator*” is a specific type of COPD that requires aggressive treatment with combination therapy (preferably fixed dose ICS and LABA)
- “Frequent exacerbators” may be found in those with moderate COPD (22%) and not just severe disease (30-50%).

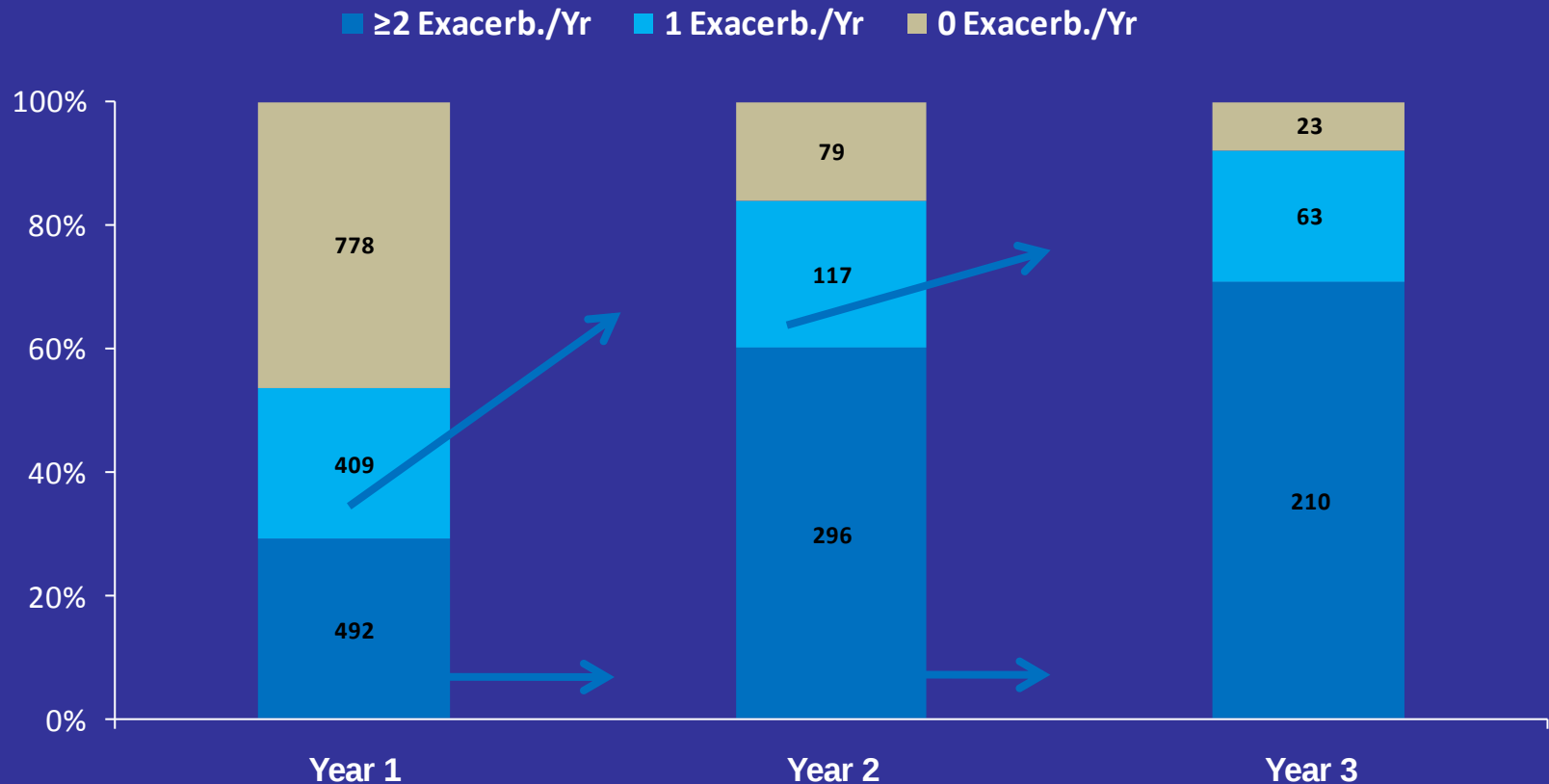
* 2+ exacerbations per year

The 'frequent exacerbator phenotype': Frequency/severity by GOLD Category (1)

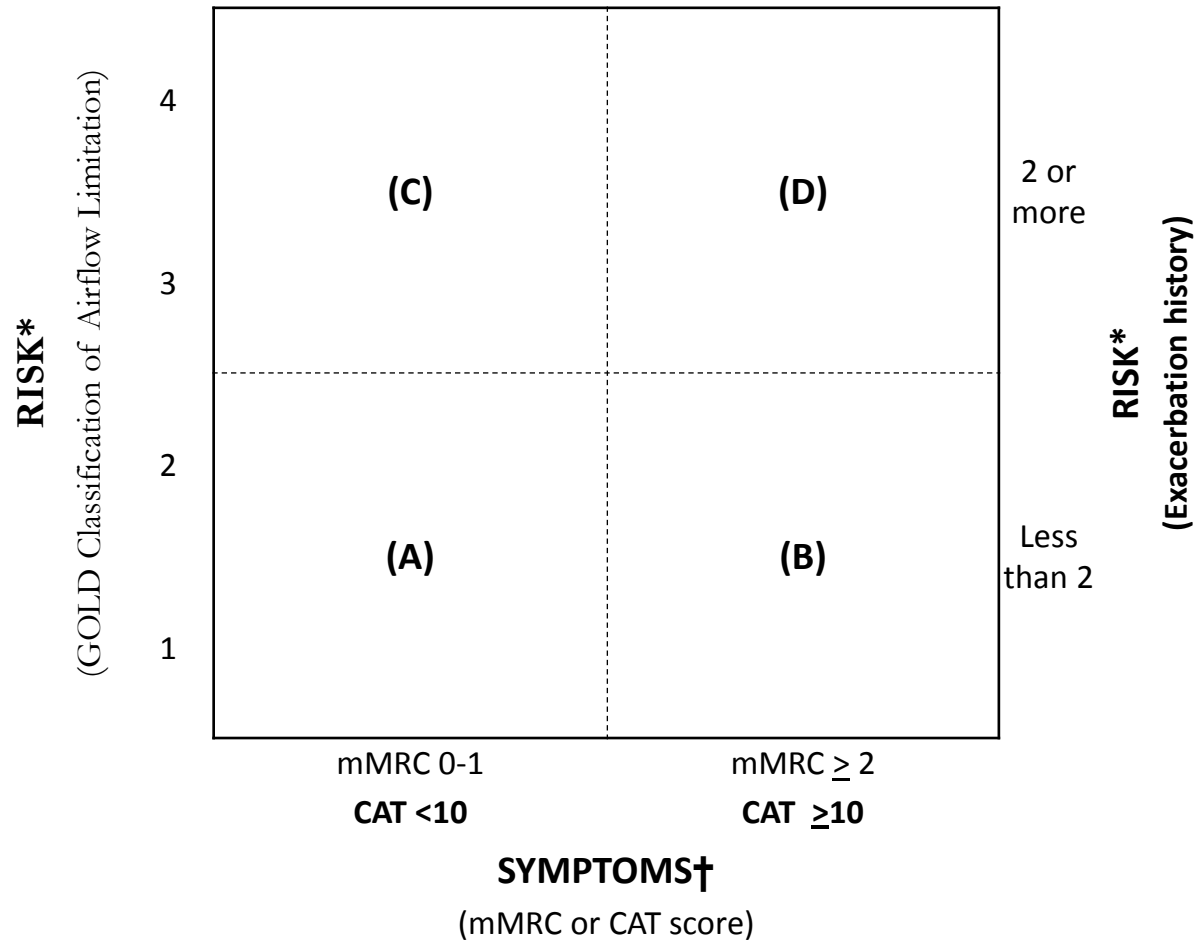


Frequent exacerbators represent stable COPD phenotype - independent of severity

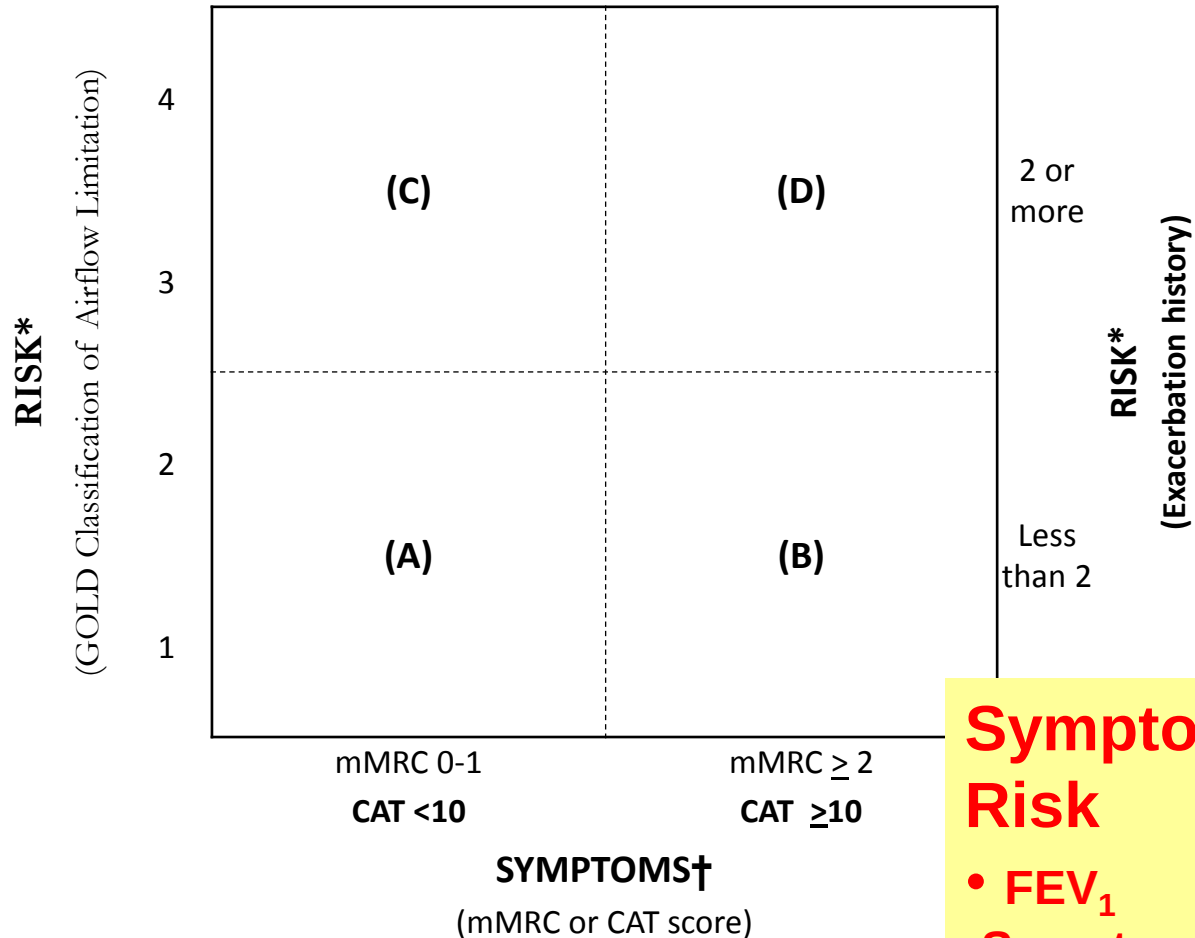
- Proportion of subjects experiencing ≥ 2 exacerbations/year increases year-on-year
- Stable population provides potential to understand the cause(s) of the phenotype



New GOLD patient groups



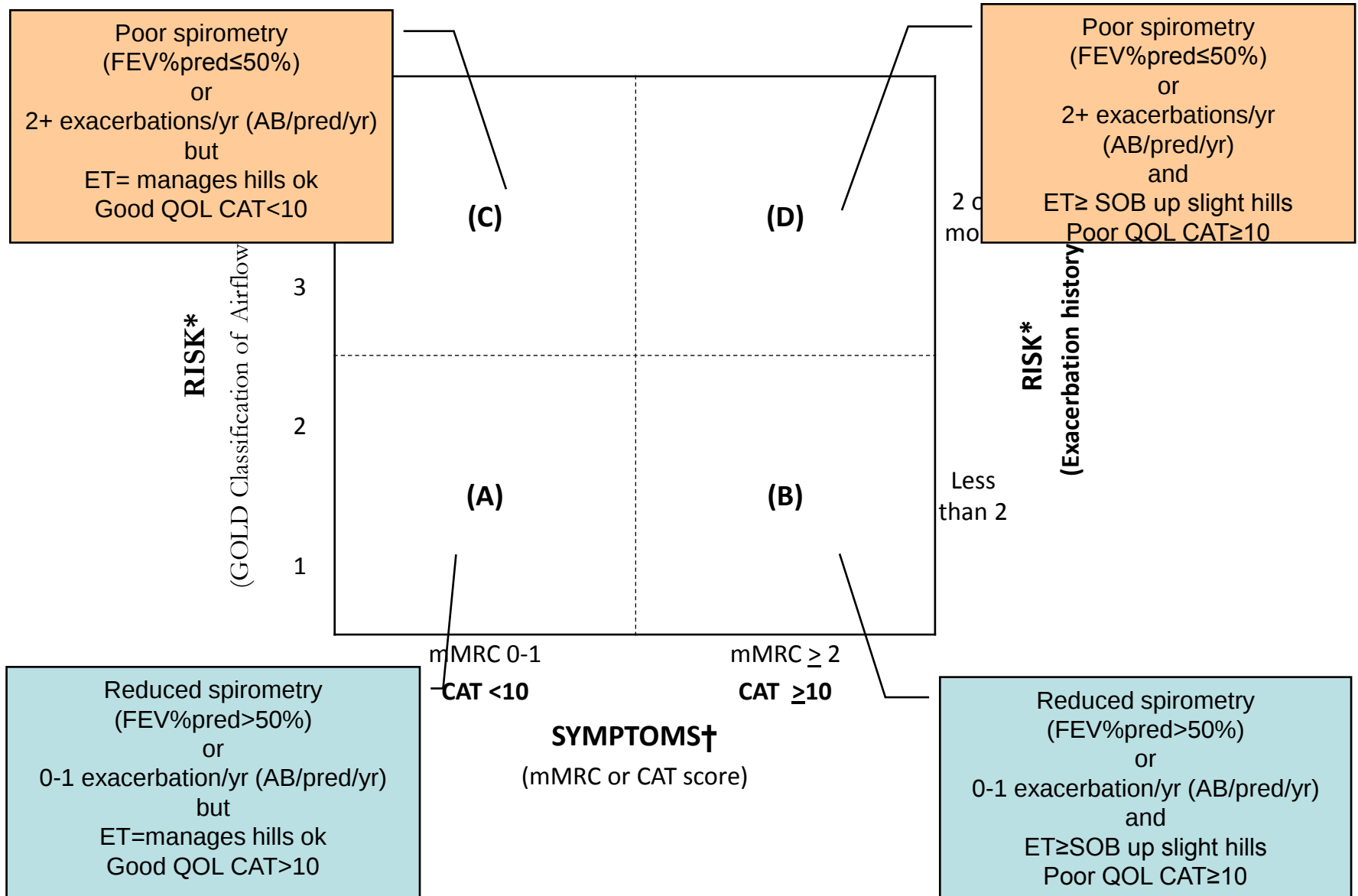
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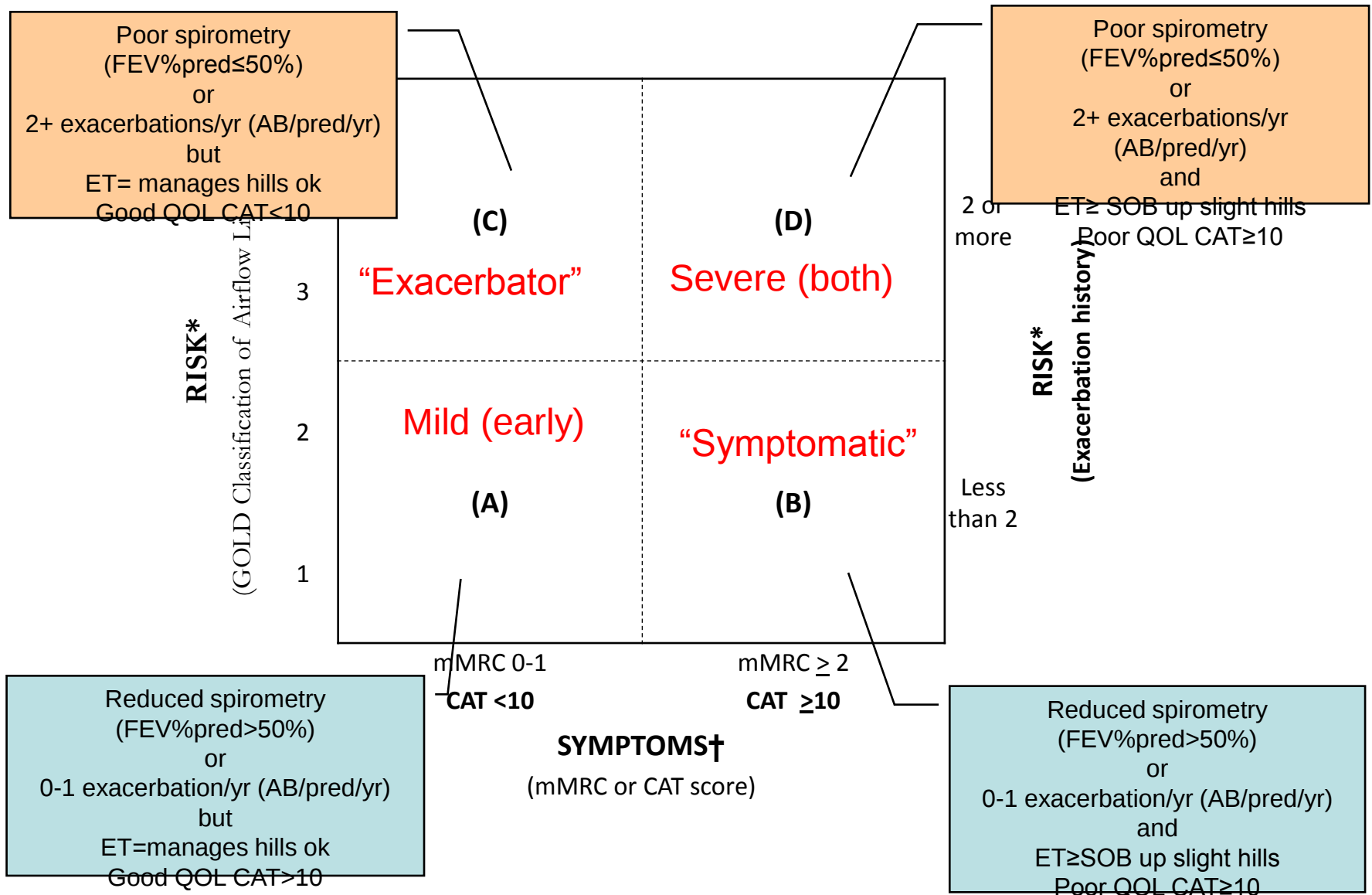
Symptoms and Risk

- FEV₁
- Symptom score
- Exacerbation Hx

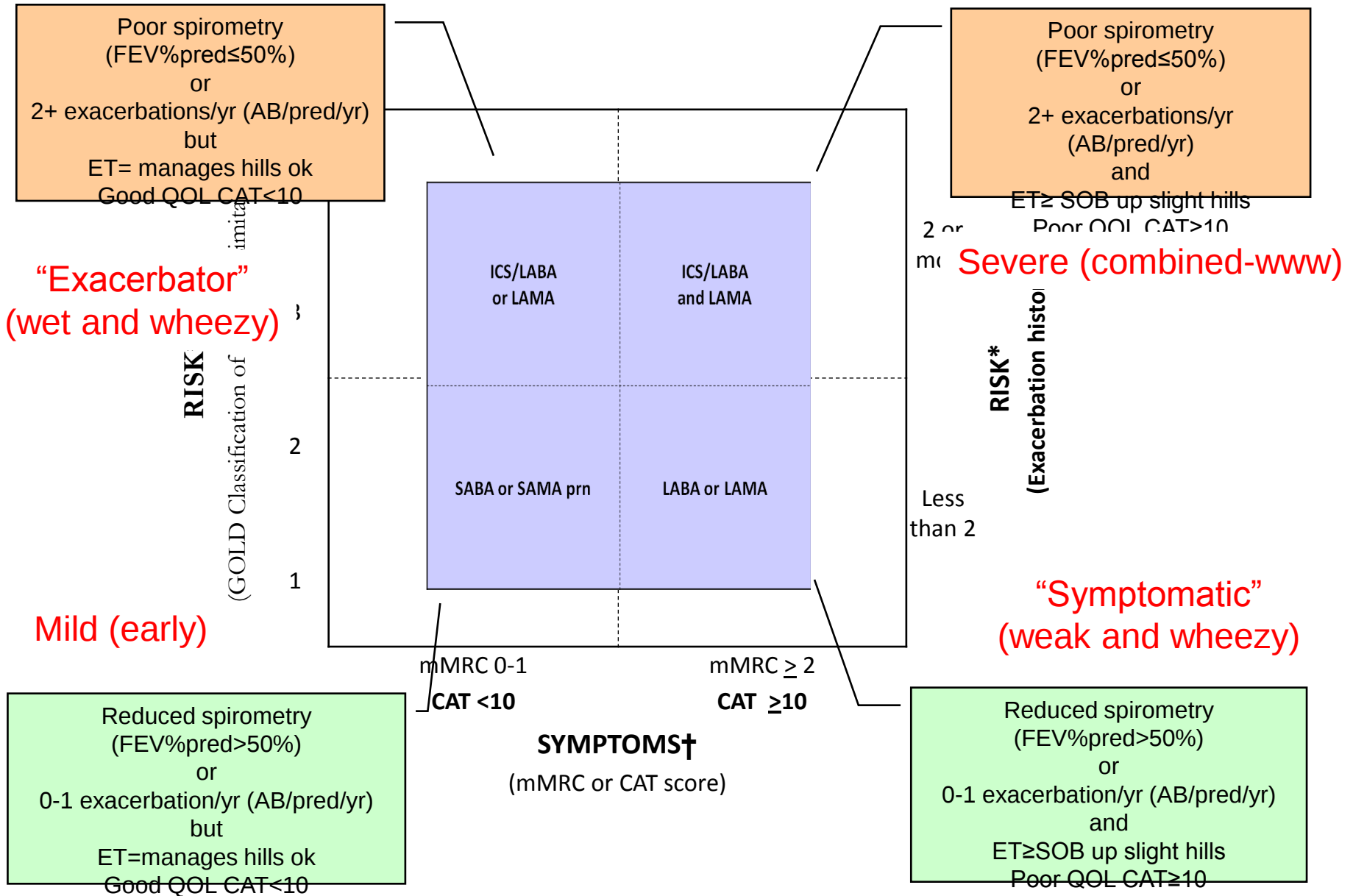
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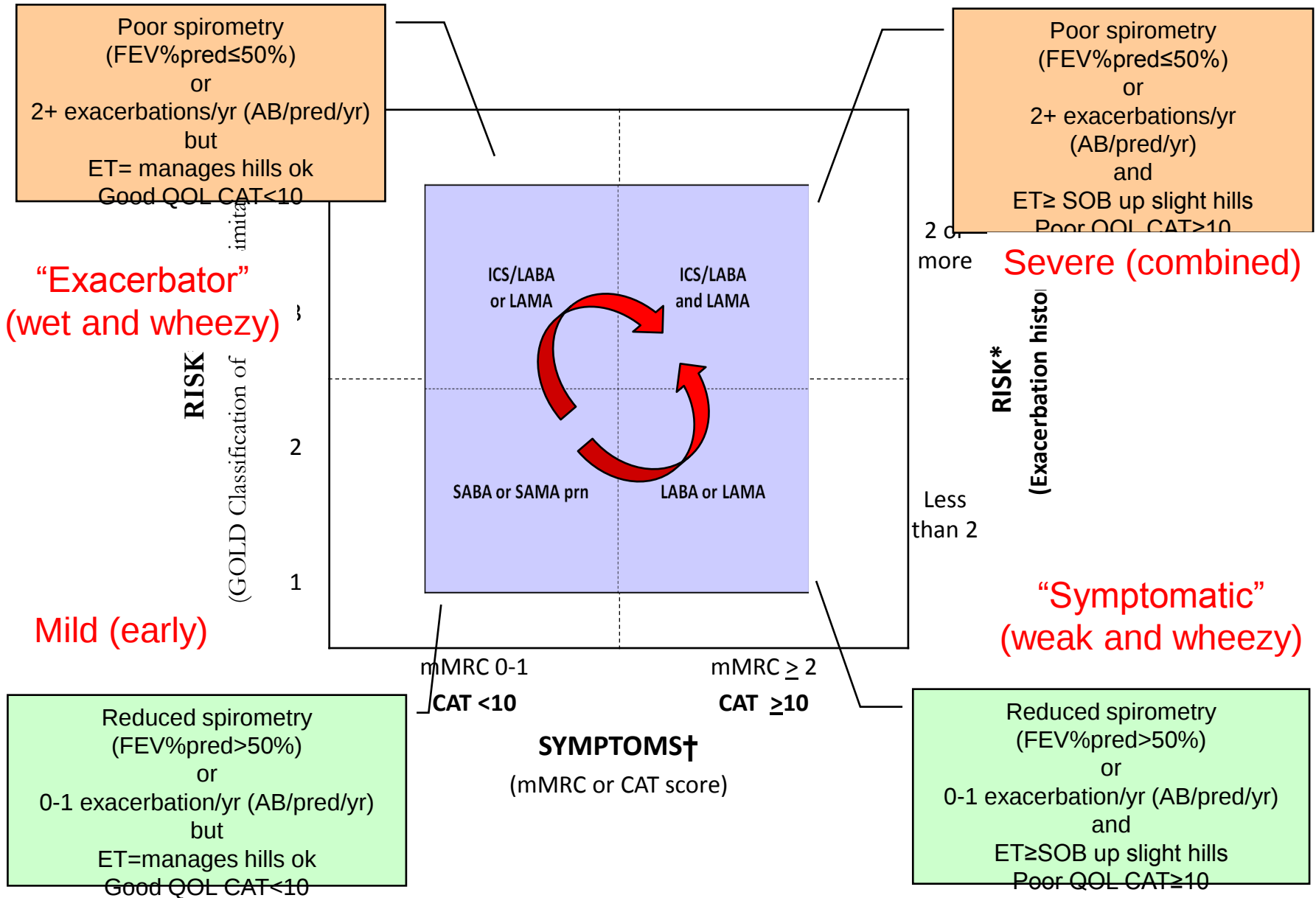
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“Symptomatic”
(weak and wheezy)

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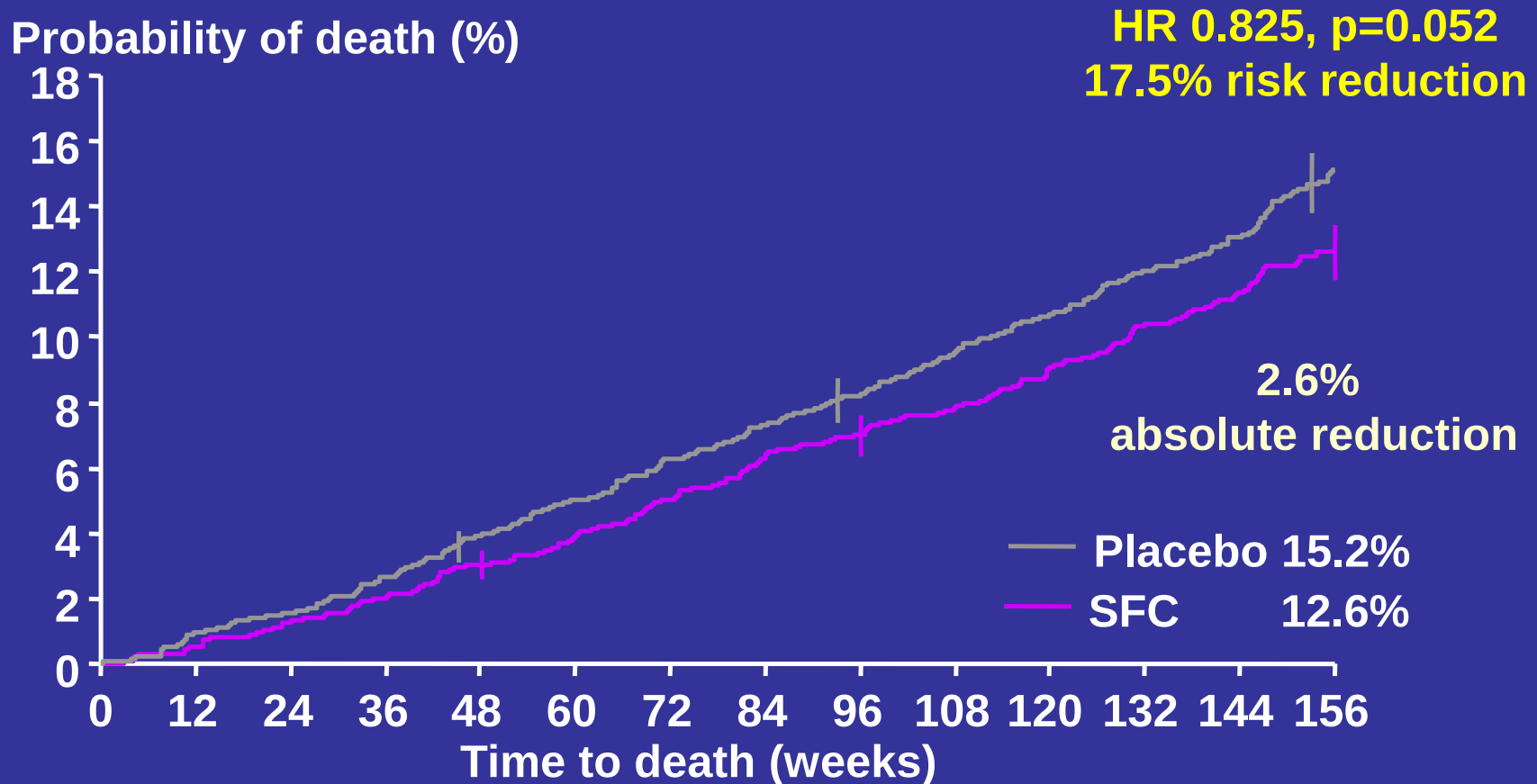
Scoring range 0-40

Total score

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Severe

Primary analysis: all-cause mortality at 3 years



Number 1524
alive 1533

1464
1487

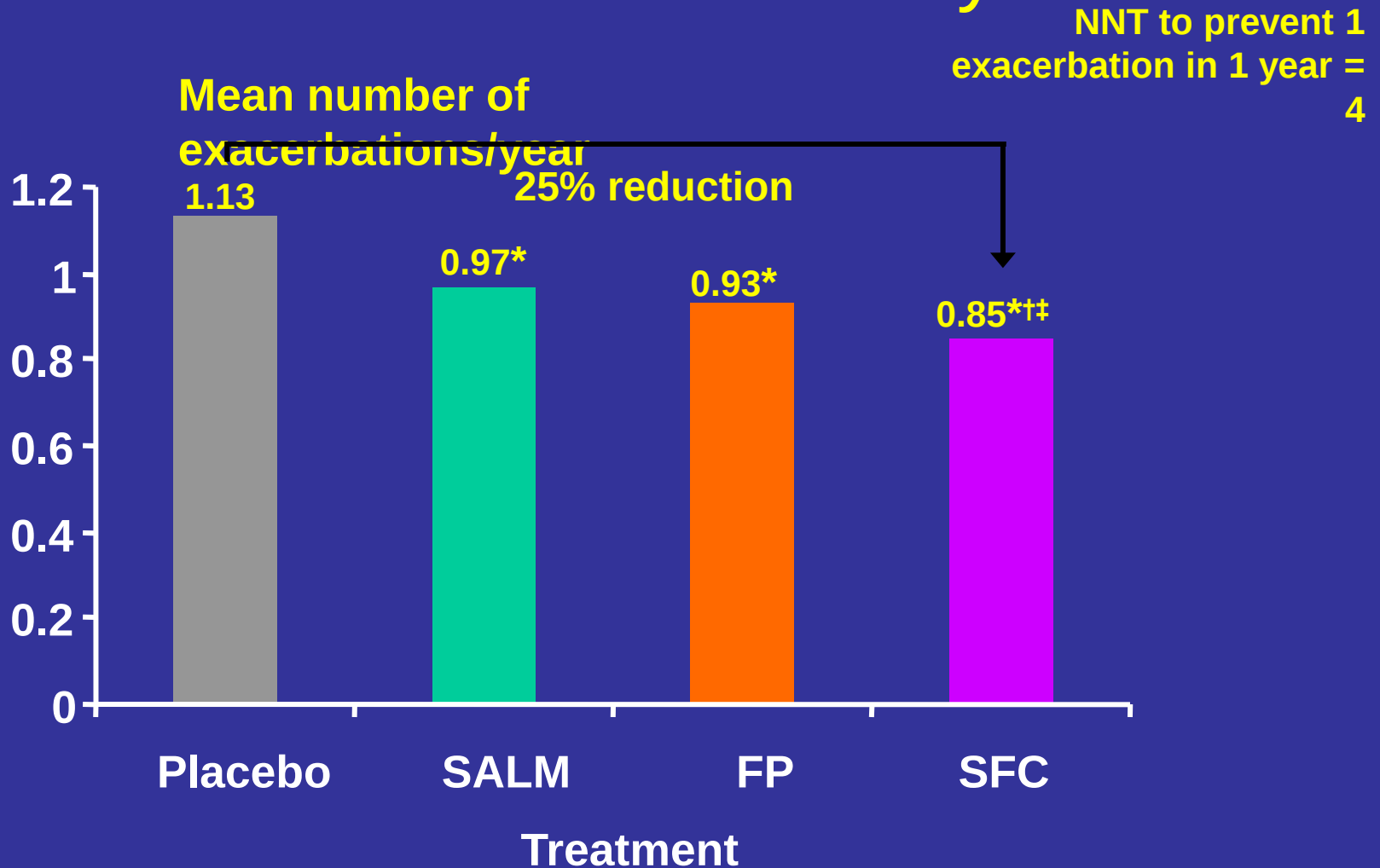
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Vertical bars are standard errors

Calverley *et al.* NEJM 2007

Rate of moderate and severe exacerbations over three years

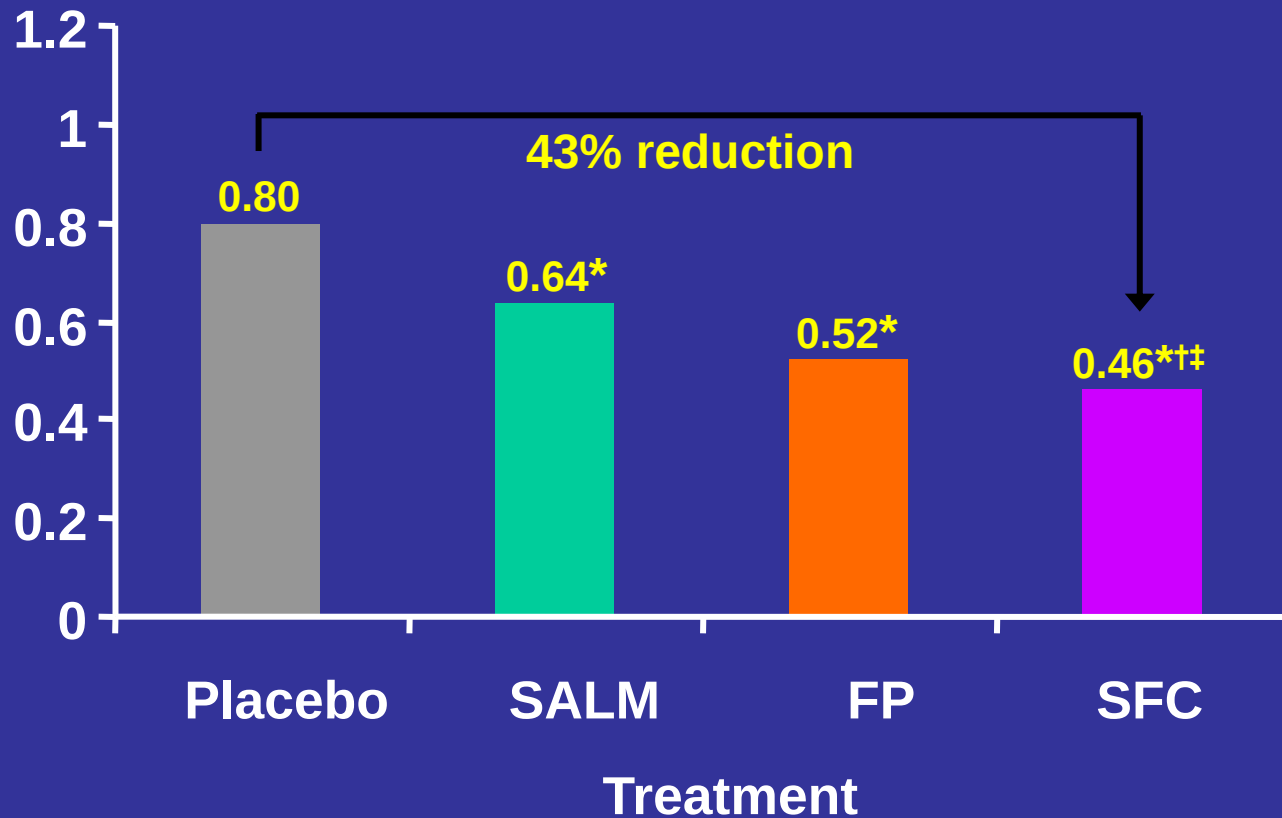


*p < 0.001 vs placebo; †p = 0.002 vs SALM; ‡p = 0.024 vs FP

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Rate of exacerbations requiring systemic corticosteroids over three years

Mean number of exacerbations/year



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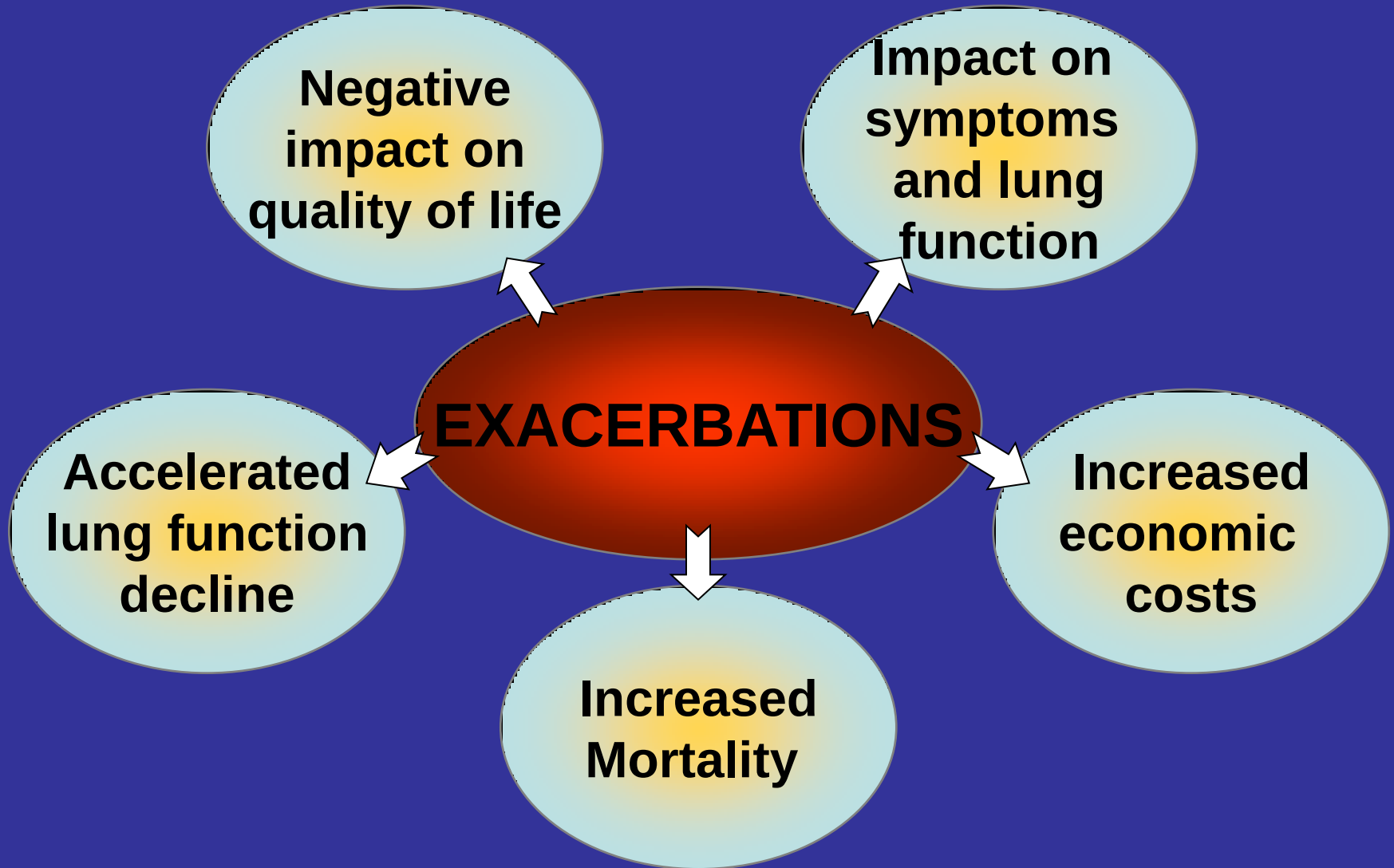
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TORCH: Results summary

SFC 50/500, in COPD patients with $FEV_1 < 60\%$ predicted

- Had a trend towards improved survival vs placebo
- Significantly maintains and improves health status vs placebo and components
- Significantly reduces the rate of exacerbations vs placebo and components
- Significantly improves lung function vs placebo and components
- Is generally well tolerated over 3 years with a lack of significant effect on systemic effects of steroids such as bone and eye disorders in COPD patients
- Led to increase in cases of pneumonia, but with no corresponding increase in mortality with SFC treatment

Consequences of COPD exacerbations



A symptom based approach

- Smoking and aero-pollutant (dust) avoidance
- Yearly Flu vaccination, 5 yearly pneumococcal vaccination and regular exercise
- Exertional SOB- prn bronchodilators (SABA/SAMA)
- Fatigue + poor ET – reg bronchodilators (LABA and LAMA (*FEV1<60% predicted for Tiotropium))
- LRTI/bronchitis/AECOPD – Inhaled corticosteroids with LABA or LAMA (*FEV1<60% predicted)
- 2+ Hospitalisations/yr – triple therapy

COPD Phenotypes and treatment

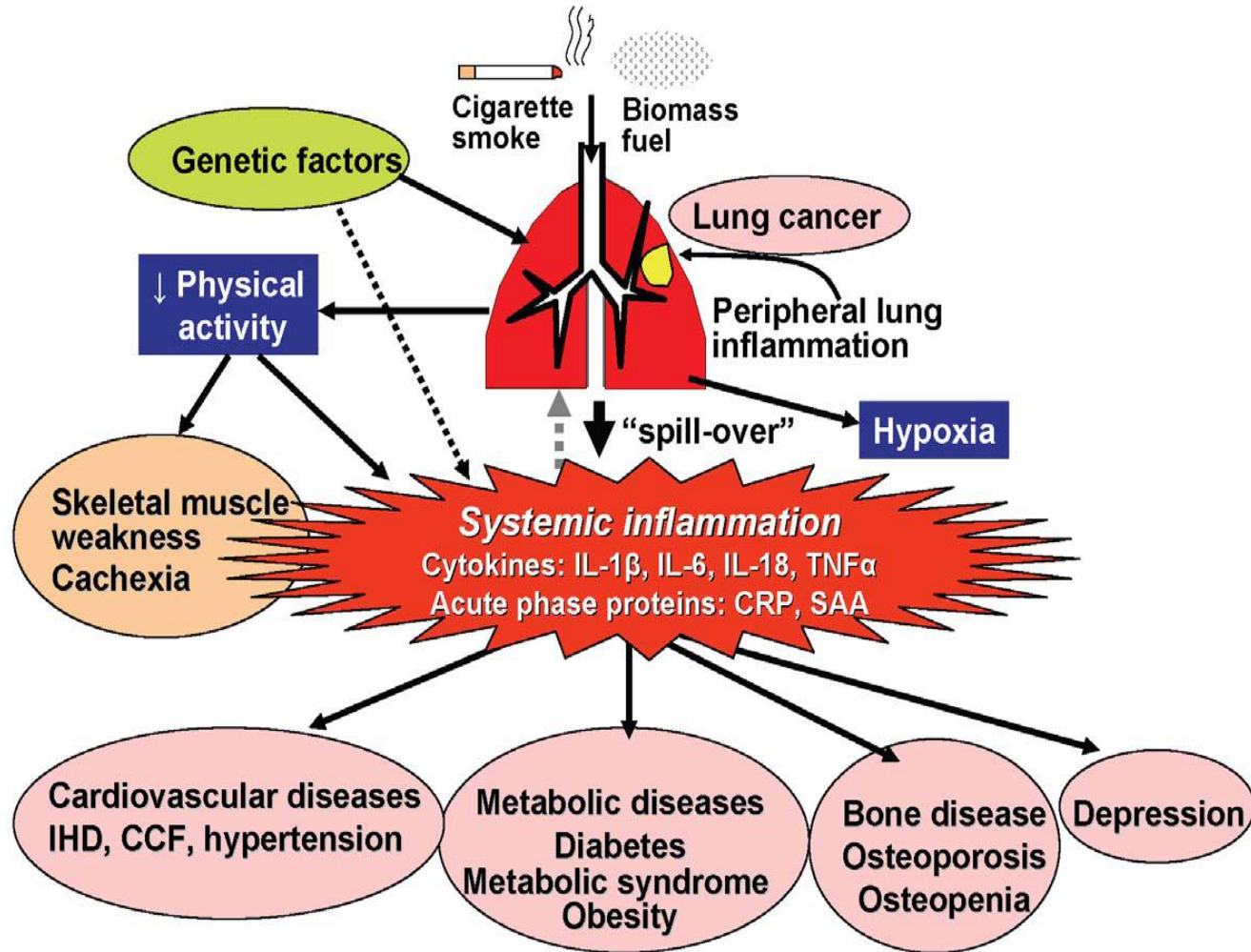
- Mild disease ($\text{FEV1\%pred} > 50\%$) - few Sx (SABA/SAMA)
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- Mod-Sev disease ($\text{FEV1\%pred} \leq 50\%$) - few Sx (ICS/LABA or LAMA)
- Mod-Sev disease ($\text{FEV1\%pred} \leq 50\%$) - persisting Sx (ICS/LABA and LAMA) and 2+ exacerbations/yr (ICS/LABA and LAMA)

When to add the steroids

- ICS are needed when patients suffer recurrent exacerbations characterised by productive cough and SOB.
- ICS with LABA are superior to ICS alone and shown to improve lung function, quality of life and survival as do LAMA (TORCH/UPLIFT study).
- Oral steroids for 3-10 days are useful for exacerbations characterised by SOB with productive cough.

4. COPD - Beyond the airways (**Manage – future**)

COPD - Beyond the airways



Beyond the airways

- Muscle fatigue, muscle weakness and cachexia (pulmonary rehab and optimised nutrition)
- Cardiovascular disease, stroke, CHF, pulmonary hypertension (aspirin, statin and β -blockers)
- Insulin resistance, metabolic syndrome, obesity (exercise, calorie restriction, wght loss)
- Osteoporosis (bisphosphonates)

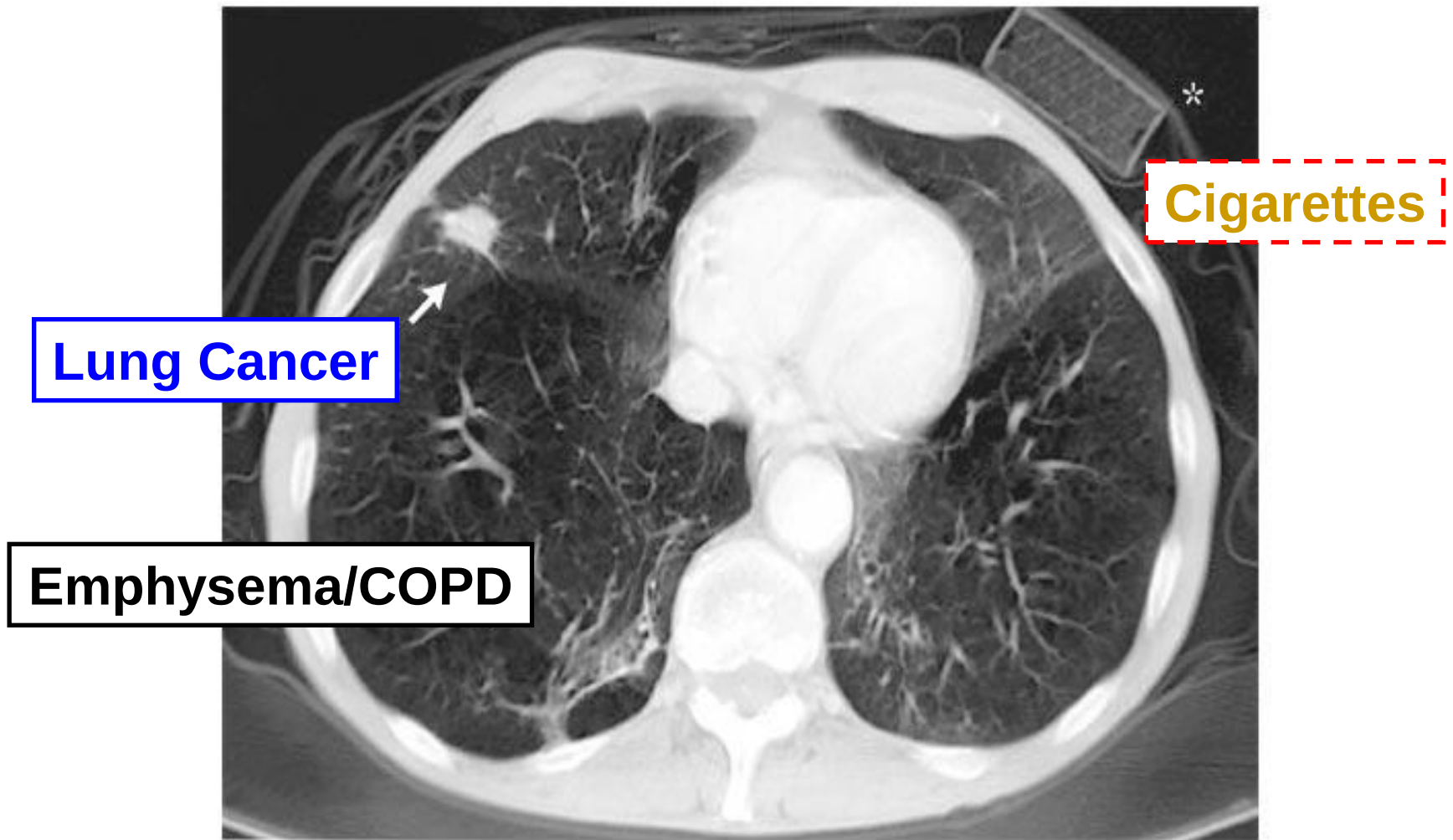
Beyond the airways

- Future treatments will look to reduce [dynamic] hyperinflation measured as IC/TLC ratio rather than to use FEV_1 as a measure of outcome.
- Recent studies suggest that statins reduce hyperinflation and dilate small airways by reducing pulmonary inflammation, and improve endothelial function by reducing systemic inflammation (clinical trials underway).

COPD and lung cancer

- COPD increases the risk of lung cancer by 4-6 fold compared to smokers with normal lung function.
- 70-80% of lung cancer has pre-existing COPD
- 20-30% of deaths in COPD are from lung cancer

COPD overlap with lung cancer

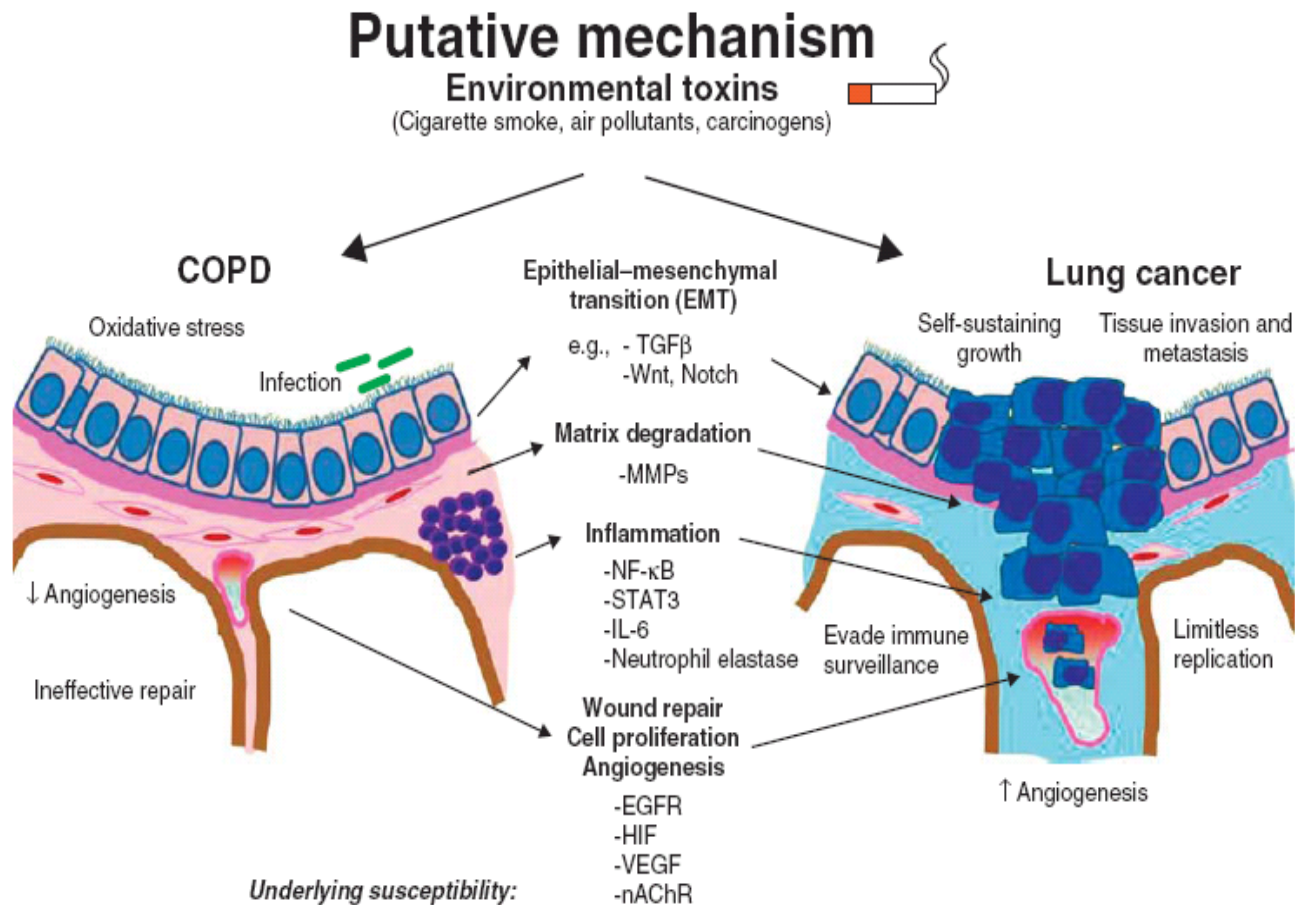


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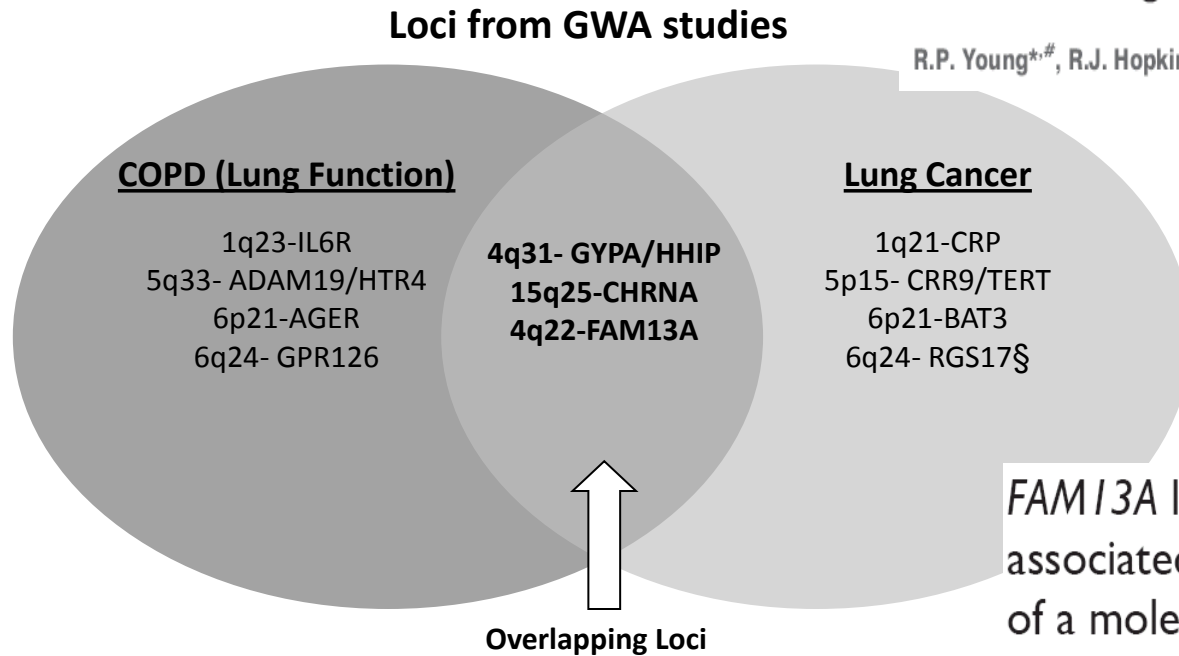
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COPD-Lung Cancer Genetic overlap

Lung cancer gene associated with COPD: triple whammy or possible confounding effect? 2008

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Chromosome 4q31 locus in COPD is also associated with lung cancer

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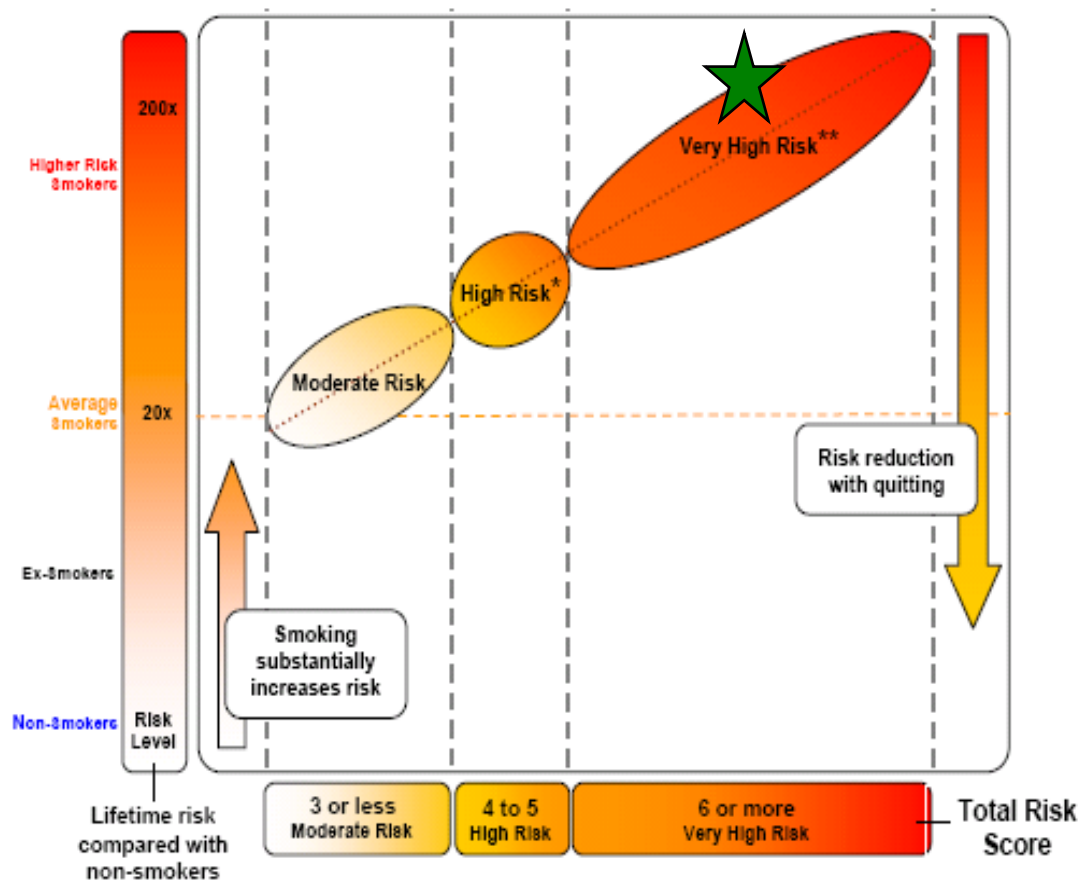
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Abstract: Recent genome-wide association studies have reported chromosome 4q22.1 is associated with lung function and COPD. In a case-control study of current or former smokers with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD, n = 458), lung cancer (n = 454), or normal lung function and smoking history were comparable between groups. We found that the rs7671167 variant confers a protective effect on smoking-related COPD (rs7671167: COPD = 0.70, P = 0.013, and COP and lung cancer = 0.71, P = 0.024).

Lung cancer risk score:

Lung cancer risk score: **Very High Risk** (6 or more)



* High Risk = 4 x the Average Smokers' Risk

** Very High Risk = 10 x the Average Smokers' Risk

In addition to smoking, the risk of lung cancer is further increased by

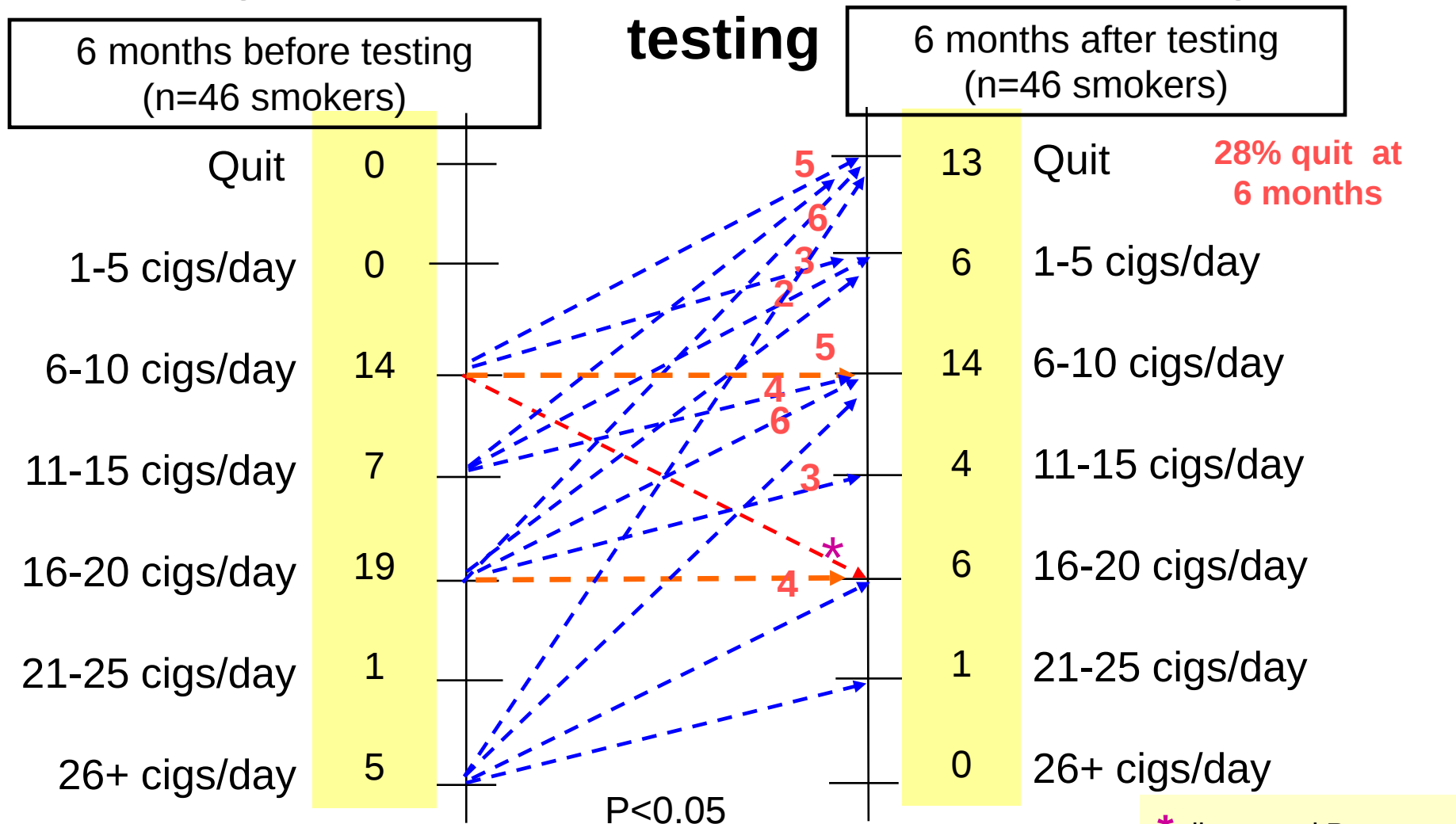
- ♦ genetic factors
- ♦ how much you smoked
- ♦ age
- ♦ COPD.

Respiragene Test* identifies those at greatest risk based on the above factors.

Life-long Smoker – has on average a 1 in 10 (10%) lifetime chance of getting lung cancer.

Non-smoker – has on average a 1 in 200 (0.5%) lifetime chance of getting lung cancer.

Daily cigarette consumption pre- and post genetic testing



After genetic testing changes in cigs/day:

Overall 78% decreased cigs/day (blue), 13 (28%) Quit smoking, 2 lost to follow up, while 9 (20%) no change (orange) and 1 (2%) increased (red) consumption *

CT screening for lung cancer

NLST trial (NEJM August, 2011)

- RCT of >50,000 current and former smokers in the US aged 55-74 yr and with 30+ pack year history
- Compared yearly CT screening with CXR screening over 3 years
- Showed a 20% reduction in lung cancer mortality
- Concerns remain over low pick up rates, costs and harms from radiation and unnecessary investigation of low risk smokers → **need to better target high risk smoker**

Diagnosis and management of COPD

- Diagnose - assess airflow limitation

(spirometry)

- Assess

Diagnose – spirometry

- Assess

Assess – CAT or mMRC score

- Assess

Manage – reduce

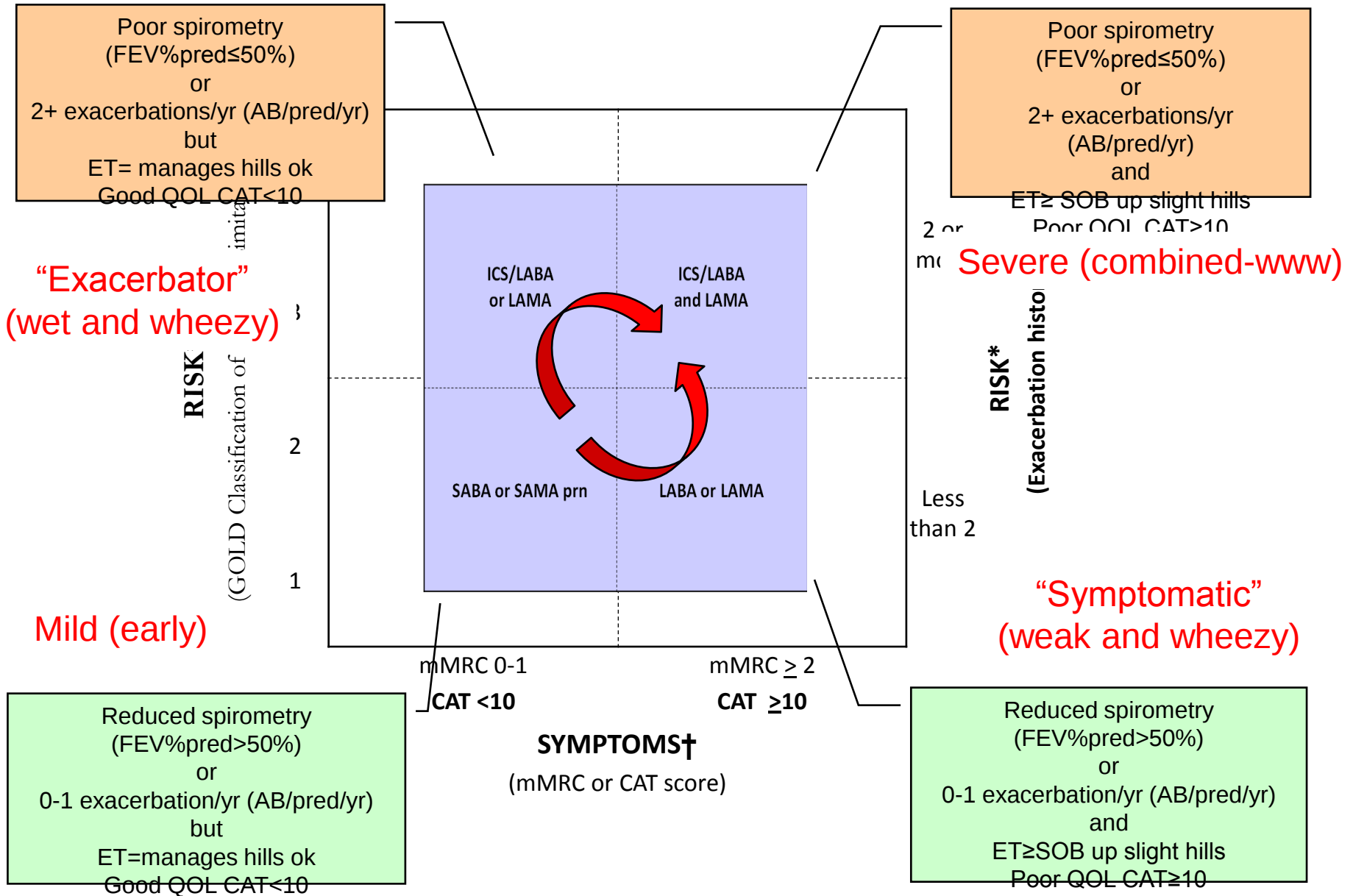
Sx/exacerbations

- Assess COPD-related comorbidities

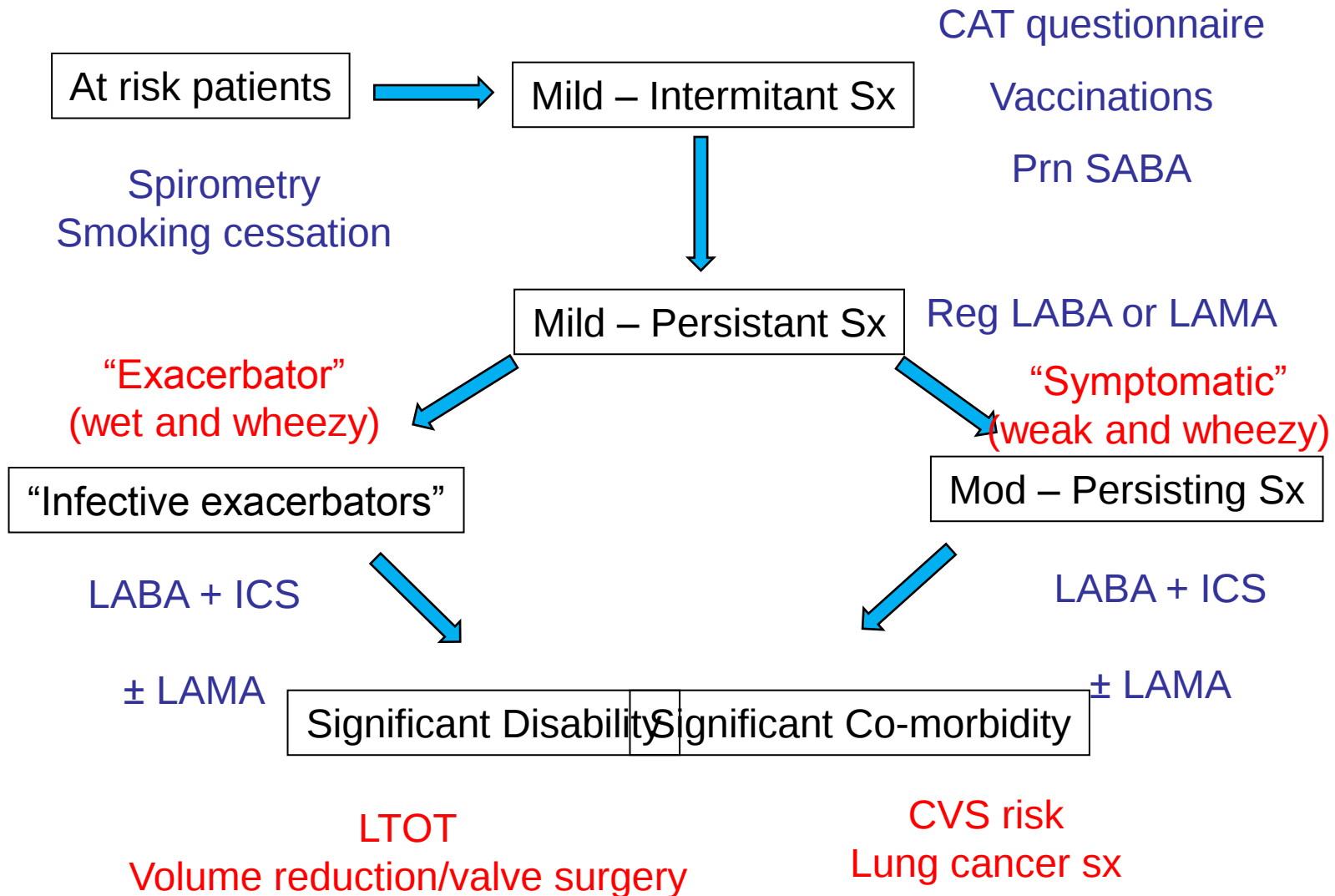
(CHD/CHF, lung cancer, osteoporosis)

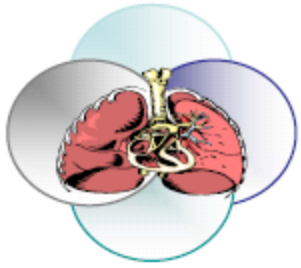
- Manage – reduce risk and reduce symptoms

New GOLD-defined patient groups



Management of COPD - summary





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For assessment of patients with breathlessness or suspected of asthma or COPD (especially those exposed to smoking or aero-pollutants).

For lung function testing, medication review, smoking cessation, inhaler technique, COPD unresponsive to treatment and lung cancer screening.

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