COPD Health Care Provider Resource





3 CLASSES OF INHALED CONTROLLER MEDICATIONS



Long-acting muscarinic agonists -bronchodilator



Long-acting beta-agonists –bronchodilator



Inhaled corticosteroids -antiinflammatory

4 TYPES OF INHALED MEDICATION DELIVERY DEVICES

- Dry powdered inhalers [DPI]
- Pressurized metered-dose inhalers [MDI]
- Soft mist nebulizers [SMI]
- Traditional nebulizer

COPD CAN WORSEN OVER TIME

- COPD can worsen over time, especially for people who experience frequent exacerbations, which can speed up lung function decline and often lead to hospitalizations.
- COPD treatment options can be tailored based on whether the patient is experiencing symptoms or exacerbations. Prominent risk factors for exacerbations include prior history of exacerbations and/or hospitalizations, high degree of symptom burden, and poor lung function.
- Recent research suggests that lack of treatment adherence and continuing smoking behavior are considered exacerbation risk factors by practicing US pulmonologists.

VARIOUS FACTORS IMPACT EFFICACY OF DELIVERY DEVICES







Cognition

Musculoskeletal issues

Hand-breath coordination

PATIENTS OFTEN WORRY THEY ARE NOT TAKING THEIR MEDICATIONS CORRECTLY OR IF THEY ARE EFFECTIVE



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