Diagnosis and Management of Stable Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Clinical Practice Guideline Update from the American College of Physicians, American College of Chest Physicians, American Thoracic Society, and European Respiratory Society

This clinical practice guideline from four medical societies updates the 2007 American College of Physicians clinical practice guideline on diagnosis and management of stable chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). It addresses the value of history and physical examination for predicting airflow obstruction; the value of spirometry in screening for or diagnosis of COPD; and COPD management strategies, specifically various inhaled therapies (anticholinergics, long-acting β-agonists, and corticosteroids), pulmonary rehabilitation programs, and supplemental oxygen therapy.
