

eConsults for COPD

Are your patients COPD exacerbations getting worse over time?

Consider an eConsult with a Pulmonologist to prevent COPD exacerbations. When submitting a consult request, be sure to include:



1 Assessment

Does the patient have a history of any of the following?

- Increased coughing
- Dyspnea
- Less energy for daily activities
- Increased or thicker phlegm/mucus
- Swelling of ankles
- More trouble sleeping than usual

What other comorbidities or complications does the patient have?



2 Diagnostics

Always include:

- Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
- Pulmonary Function Tests (PFTs)
- Chest X-Ray (CXR)
- Complete Blood Count (CBC)

Helpful to include:

- Patients dependency on supplemental oxygen
- History of frequent/reoccurring pulmonary infections



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