



*The Medical **Bulletin***

In Pulmanology

COPD

1. Imprecise understanding of the diagnostic testing necessary to establish the diagnosis of COPD and the indication for empiric therapy.
2. Lack of clarity on the lab evaluation all COPD patients should have on diagnosis, and the criteria to guide selection of a first therapeutic agent.
3. Confusion about types of inhalers and the differences between them.
4. Insufficient understanding about indications to stop inhaled steroids in COPD patients.
5. Insufficient awareness of end-of-life issues that should be raised for all COPD patients

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