



Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editor

COPD causes chronic airflow limitation, breathlessness, exercise intolerance, cough, difficulty with daily activities, infections, acute exacerbations (AECOPD) and (re)hospitalization. COPD is a multisystem disease with effects beyond the lung that are associated with prognosis and mortality. COPD is characterized by a complex GxG/GxE interactions not yet completely understood. Many genes are associated with COPD genesis and development and therapy. Genetic variants (SNPs) are associated with COPD susceptibility, severity airway hyperactivity, FEV₁ and therapeutic response. Cellular senescence is implicated in COPD pathogenesis; thus lung senescent cells release senescence-associated secretory phenotype (SASP) factors. Viral and bacterial infections of the respiratory system are a major cause of COPD exacerbations, leading increased local and systemic inflammation.

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