



Assessing patients with advanced COPD

As COPD progresses, the group of patients with very severe disease may reach a point where their assessment and review needs to be less disease specific and more holistic. In addition, there are generic issues that can help to predict that such patients are nearing the end of their lives.

This practice improvement worksheet helps to identify the trigger points where such generic tools can help to inform patients, families and clinical teams that the patient is in the final phase of their illness.

Ensuring that patients approaching the end of their life are supported by a multi-disciplinary team (within a recognised and effective framework) is an achievable and desirable goal.

- ✓ Better end of life care for people with COPD
- ✓ Better more appropriate treatment for people with COPD
- ✓ Management in line with national guidance

PCRS-UK Resources:

- PCRS-UK Opinion sheets - Telehealth, Social and lifestyle impact of COPD, COPD self-management and self-care, Hospital at home, Palliative care
- PCRS-UK Quick Guide to the diagnosis and management of COPD in primary care

Other Resources:

- GOLD standards Framework
<http://www.goldstandardsframework.org.uk/>
- Living and Dying Well
<http://www.livinganddyingwell.org.uk/>
- SPARC Holistic tool:
<http://www.ncsi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/SPARC-Brief-History-and-Usage.pdf>
- National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Clinical Guideline 101. Management of COPD in adults.
<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG101>
- GOLD – Global strategy for the diagnosis, management and prevention of COPD

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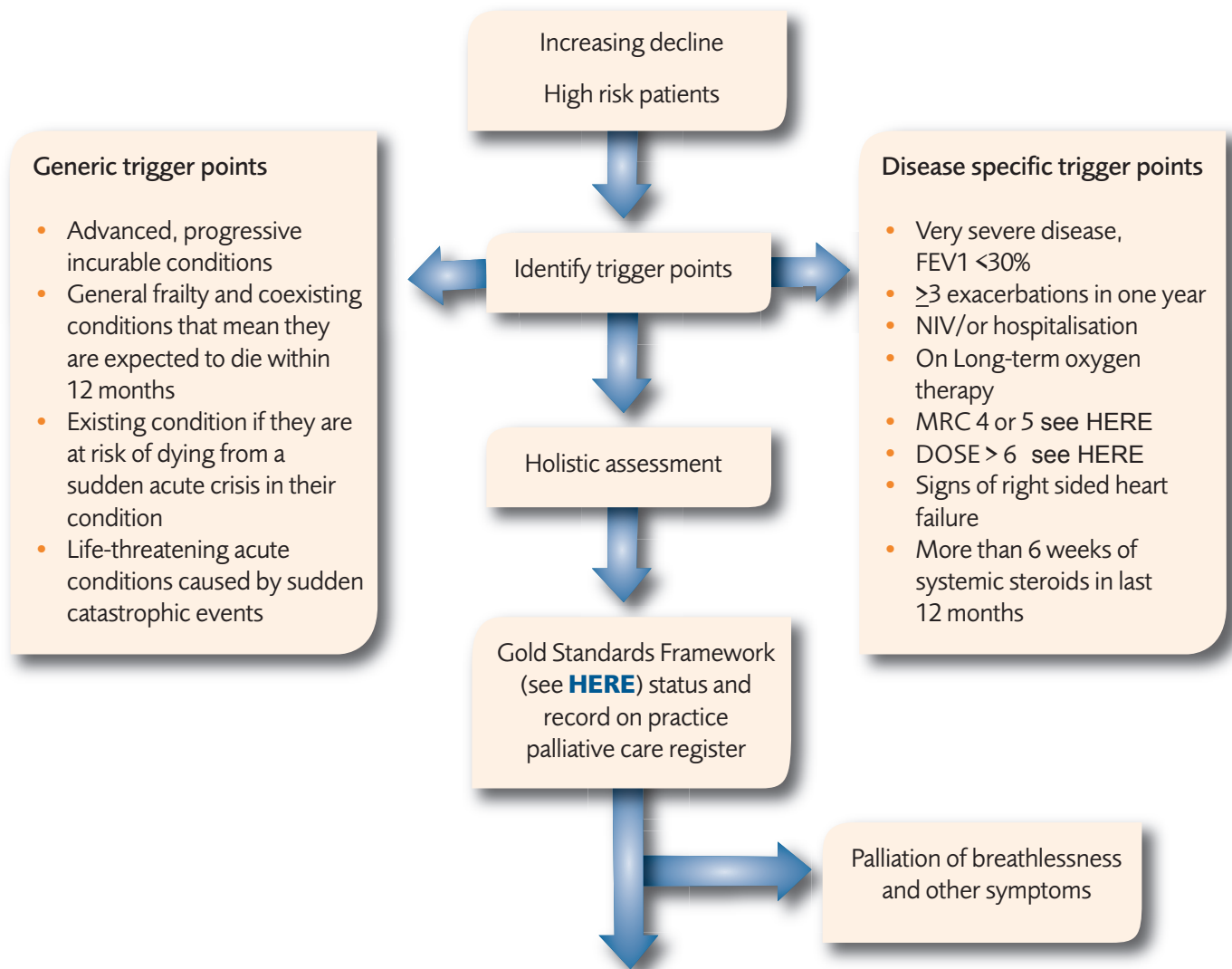
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Identify: Include the patient on the practice GSF/QOF palliative / supportive register or locality register if agreed. Discuss at team meeting.

Assess: Discuss this with patient and carers, assess needs and likely support and record advanced care planning discussions and decisions

Plan: Plan and provide proactive care to improve coordination and communication

Ongoing care: See Holistic management in COPD practice improvement worksheet

