



# Identifying undiagnosed COPD

This worksheet helps practices to identify patients with undiagnosed COPD in an effective, efficient and practical way. Patients with COPD often present late, sometimes with a hospital admission, and the opportunity to bring about disease modifying change has already been lost.

In the UK, winter respiratory infections in this group of patients may in fact be exacerbations of COPD.

Using a series of flexible data searches (allowing practices to widen or narrow the patient group), the practice can zoom in on the group of patients who are most likely to have COPD, and proceed to diagnostic spirometry where appropriate.

- ✓ Improve COPD diagnosis
- ✓ Increase COPD prevalence in the practice
- ✓ Earlier, better, diagnosis and treatment for people with COPD

## PCRS-UK Resources:

- PCRS-UK Opinion sheets - Screening and case-finding in COPD, Diagnosis of COPD in primary care
- PCRS-UK Quick Guide to the diagnosis and management of COPD in primary care
- PCRS-UK COPD assessment and review protocol

## Other Resources:

- National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Clinical Guideline 101. Management of COPD in adults. <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG101>

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*This series of practice improvement worksheets are intended for members to use within their practice. This is a pilot project, prepared in DRAFT format. Please tell us what you think! We would like feedback on the accuracy, completeness, usefulness and outcomes of the resource. To submit your feedback visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EQUIPIIW>*

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