

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: NEW SOLUTION OF OLD PROBLEM

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Abstract

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) along with cardiovascular diseases and cancer, remains one of the most important problems in today's healthcare system throughout the world.

World COPD day, initiated in 2002, is an important event in COPD fight. On 16th of November 2016, the 15th regular event took place, becoming more important for patients and practicing physicians. On this day the new edition of international guidelines – Global strategy on COPD management and prevention (GOLD 2017) – has been published. This document is a valuable tool for implementation of effective plans of COPD control. GOLD 2017 acquired the data from recent important clinical trials, aimed on improvement of both diagnosis and management of COPD. A new step towards personalized therapy of COPD patient has been made and possible important markers of exacerbation identified.

The article highlights the several key aspects of this document, which is intended to improve care for COPD patients.

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