## MANAGEMENT OF BRONCHO-OBSTRUCTIVE SYNDROME: BETA-AGONISTS

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Broncho-obstructive syndrome (BOS) is a pathological condition with airflow limitation during breathing. Approximately 100 heterogeneous diseases are associated with BOS. In asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease it is a leading clinical syndrome. Airway obstruction consists of reversible and irreversible components, with the inflammation as the main pathogenetic factor, developing under the influence of infectious, allergic, physical or neurogenic triggers. Moreover, the presence of viral or other respiratory infection deteriorates the course of bronchial obstruction, leading to the progression of the disease.

Current literature data regarding the mechanisms of BOS, its diagnosing and management, based on the use of different  $\beta$ 2-agonists, are presented in this report. Dyspnea is certainly the main clinical manifestation of BOS, however, spirometry remains only one possible method to reveal its presence and severity. Confirmed bronchial obstruction requires immediate treatment with bronchodilators with a rapid onset of action and high safety profile. Formoterol in tandem with Cyclohaler inhaler ("Adamed", Poland), being a complete  $\beta$ 2-agonist with lipophilic and hydrophilic properties, not only provides a high level of pulmonary deposition and has a dose-dependent effect with high intrinsic activity, but can also reduce activity of neutrophilic inflammation in the airways.

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