

51. COPD: diagnostic and therapeutic challenges in developing countries

Saturday, 01 November 2014, 14:00 - 16:00



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| Type | Symposium |
| Track | Adult and Child Lung Health |
| Topic | Other |
| Description | Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is prevalent in low- and middle-income countries, with most patients remaining undiagnosed. This symposium will address the difficulties related to diagnosis, in particular the varying definition of COPD and the limitations inherent to low-resource settings. Therapeutic challenges include avoidance of risk factors, primarily smoking, and access to appropriate drugs. Finally, the control of chronic respiratory disease in resource-limited settings will be addressed globally. |
| Target audience | Physicians, nurses, programme managers in respiratory health care, and other health care practitioners involved in managing respiratory diseases. |
| Objectives | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To present propositions to improve recognition of patients with COPD 2. To discuss therapeutic challenges in low- and middle-income countries 3. To open new avenues to improve the global management of chronic respiratory diseases |
| Keywords | COPD; chronic respiratory diseases; diagnosis; tobacco; drug therapy; low-and middle-income countries |
| Coordinator(s) | Jean-william Fitting (Switzerland) |
| Chair(s) | |
| Presentations | <p>14:00 - 14:15 Despite a high disease burden and financial cost, why does COPD continue to be so neglected?</p> <p>14:20 - 14:35 Diagnosing COPD in resource limited-settings</p> <p>14:40 - 14:55 Targeting smoking cessation in patients with chronic respiratory diseases</p> <p>15:00 - 15:15 Choice of drugs for COPD patients</p> <p>15:20 - 15:35 Access to non-communicable disease essential medicines</p> <p>15:40 - 15:55 Control of chronic respiratory diseases in resource limited settings</p> |