Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) & Bronchiectasis

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COPD

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COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) refers to a group of lung diseases that block airflow and make breathing difficult







In COPD

- Less in and out of the air flow due to
- lose their elastic quality.
- walls between air sacs are destroyed.
- walls of the airways become thick and inflamed.
- more mucus than usual.



Cause

- Smoking
- Air pollution
- Alpha 1 anti trypsin deficiency
- Immunodeficiency
- genetic (hereditary) risk

Clinical features

- Productive Cough
 –Mucus to Purulent
- Breathlessness
- Fever
- Other symptoms of COPD can be more vague
 - -weight loss
 - -tiredness

Examination

Inspection / Palpation / Purcussion

- Barrel chest (Ant-Post diameter increase)
- Tachypnia
- Tachycardia
- Wide intercostal space
- Indrawing of intercostal muscles
 Auscultation



Normal Breath Sound

Vesicular Breath



Broncho-vesicular



Bronchial



Tracheal

Difference between COPD and Asthma

• In COPD

- permanent damage .
- narrowed airways fixed
- Chronic symptoms
- Treatment open up the airways limited.
- > 35 years

In asthma

- inflammation in the airways
- Acte airways narrowing.
- Acute & intermittent symptoms
- Treatment open up the airways well.
- < 35 years</p>

Investigation

- Routine Blood Investigation
- Sample of sputum
- Chest x-ray
- High-resolution CT (HRCT scan)
- Pulmonary function test (spirometery)
- Arterial blood gases test
- Pulse oximeter









Bronchiectasis with marked airway dilatation HRCT shows clustering of markedly dilated airways in both upper lobes (arrows). Courtesy of Alan Barker, MD.





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Medical management

- Antibiotics
 - Cephalosporins
 - fluoroquinolones
 - Macrolides
- Bronchodilators
 - Aminophylline
 - Adrenaline
 - Ipratropium bromide
- Anti-inflammatory

 Steroid Glucocorticoid
- Oxygen
 - In acute episode , in limited amount only
- Chest physiotherapy and postural drainage
- Ventilatory support if Respiratory failure

COPD

Preventive measures

- To prevent irritation and infection of the airways, instruct the patient to:
- Avoid exposure to cigarette
- Avoid exposure to dusts and powders.
- Avoid use of aerosol sprays.
- Avoid exposure to cold and high humidity.
- Immunization against influenza & pneumococci

