

# **Copd Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease An Issue Of Clinics In Chest Medicine**

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Clinics Collections: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is the most current, comprehensive, and complete resource on the clinical management of COPD and related conditions. Clinics Collections: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease draws from Elsevier ' s robust Clinics Review Articles database to provide multidisciplinary teams, including general practitioners, pulmonologists, sleep specialists, radiologists, and critical care nurses, with practical clinical advice and insights on this highly prevalent condition and its comorbidities. Clinics Collections: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease guides readers on how to apply current primary research findings on COPD to everyday practice to help overcome challenges and complications, keep up with new and improved treatment methods, and improve patient outcomes. Areas of focus include pathogenesis, COPD and secondary disorders, clinical considerations and complications, treatment and pharmacotherapy, and special considerations. Each article begins with keywords and key points for immediate access to the most critical information. Articles are presented in an easy-to-digest and concisely worded format. Elsevier ' s Clinics Collections provide concise reviews of today ' s most prevalent conditions and significant medical developments. Other Clinics Collections titles available include Type II Diabetes Mellitus, Asthma, Obesity, Pain Management, and Lipid Disorders.

This pocketbook is a concise companion for all health care professionals who come into contact with patients with COPD. It ummarises up-to-date literature in a style that will have direct clinical application to busy healthcare professionals.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) affects one in 10 people over the age of 65 and is predicted to be the fifth most common cause of death by 2020. This guide answers questions about its causes, symptoms and principles of treatment.

This book reviews the differential diagnosis, pathogenesis, and clinical management of COPD, plus specific treatment regimens, treatment of acute exacerbations, goals of therapy, prognosis, nonpharmacologic management, and smoking cessation. A main focus of the text is pharmacologic treatment of COPD, with results of major clinical trials for COPD medication agents reviewed. Pertinent clinical issues encountered in the management of COPD are discussed. Relevant consensus statements and guidelines on treatment are reviewed and critiqued.

Chronic Obstructive Lung Diseases

Managing Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Recent Advances in the Pathophysiology of COPD

Emphysema, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; a Manual for Physicians

This book considers chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) not as a simple inflammation of the lung but as a systemic inflammatory disease. Beginning with epidemiological studies, etiology, diagnosis and treatment, it elaborates further, illustrating some comorbidities and associations with other respiratory diseases. As such it provides numerous improved and more comprehensive treatment methods, including drug therapies as well as some non-drug therapies. There are also chapters describing the pathogenesis, genetic abnormalities and newly discovered pathogenetic mechanisms that are expected to be studied further in the future. Edited and written by pioneering

researchers, each chapter summarizes the latest trends, describes future prospects and explores the unresolved and critical questions. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease - A Systemic Inflammatory Disease is a valuable resource to beginning researchers, physicians engaged in clinical practice, supervisors, and basic researchers whose work includes COPD.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) affects millions of people across the world. COPD is not only a major burden to patients but is also costly and results in billions of dollars of direct and indirect costs annually. In recent years and with advancement of science, the understanding of COPD has improved significantly. Fortunately, current management guidelines consider COPD a preventable and treatable condition, and recent studies clearly indicate that available pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions may improve various clinical outcomes. COPD: A Guide to Diagnosis and Clinical Management offers an exciting, evidence-based assessment of the field and will be of significant interest to clinicians who care for patients with COPD, including primary care providers and specialists. Comprehensive and state-of-the-art, this title is authored by experts who took the task of developing a resource that focuses on the essential issues in caring for patients with COPD. The first four chapters of the book cover major points about the systemic nature of COPD, the clinical and physiological assessments, and the outcome measures and prognostic markers. In the following section, various pharmacologic and non-pharmacological management strategies are reviewed based on the available evidence. The final sections outline the non-pulmonary effects of COPD and their management. COPD: A Guide to Diagnosis and Clinical Management is a vital, evidence-based text that will prove invaluable for all clinicians who care for patients with this debilitating disorder.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is increasing rapidly worldwide and it's predicted that by 2020 it will represent the third leading cause of death. Sadly, this slow-progressing debilitating disease not only affects the individual but also has consequences for the family. More positively, the urgent need to improve the care offered and to raise the public profile of the condition has now been recognised. Healthcare providers play a central role in this, through health education, early diagnosis and better management through all stages of the disease. Managing Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease provides an insight into this debilitating condition. The book aims to develop nurses' and allied health professionals' knowledge and skills in caring for individuals with COPD. It takes the reader on a journey from diagnosis through to end-of-life care and examines: Initial diagnosis and symptom management Smoking cessation Pulmonary rehabilitation The management of acute episodes The role of each member of the multi-disciplinary team Quality of life, including nutrition, fatigue management and leisure activities The future for the care and management of people with the condition. Healthcare professionals from multi-disciplinary teams have contributed to this book to demonstrate that a co-ordinated approach for these patients is required across both primary and secondary care. Managing Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease can be utilised by nurses and allied

health professionals caring for patients at all stages of their disease.

A panel of recognized authorities comprehensively review the medical, surgical, and pathophysiologic issues relevant to lung volume reduction surgery for emphysema. Topics range from the open technique and video-assisted thoracoscopic approaches to LVRS, to anesthetic management, to perioperative and nursing care of the patient. The experts also detail the selection of candidates for LVRS, the clinical results and clinical trials in LVRS, and the effects of LVRS on survival rates.

All You Need to Know to Manage COPD in Your Practice

Understanding COPD

World Clinics: Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Multidisciplinary Approach (Clinics Collections)

Understanding, Treating, and Living with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

The only international clinical textbook for COPD – one of the top 5 causes of death and disability worldwide The only COPD textbook to include the latest national and international guidelines and the newer therapeutic agents in COPD treatment International team of contributors covers all aspects of COPD – from physiology and epidemiology to diagnosis and treatment Everything the busy physician needs to understand, diagnose and treat the COPD patient: Structure and physiology of the respiratory system Clinical considerations and allied conditions Therapy (including current and developing treatments) Diagnostic tests used in daily practice

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) ranges amongst the commonest diseases in the world. The relentless progression of the disease causes a pressing need for a better understanding of and therapies for COPD. This volume provides state-of-the-art information on the pathophysiology of COPD including an outlook on new therapies. It is of interest to researchers and clinicians in academia as well as in the pharmaceutical industry.

This reference presents a comprehensive review of the most recent strategies used to assess, treat, and manage patients in each phase of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)-offering the latest diagnostic modalities to identify and distinguish components of COPD in earlier, more reversible stages. Contains perspectives from the World Health Organization on the epidemiology and control of COPD in Africa, South America, and Eastern Europe!

This clinical reference for practitioners offers a new and comprehensive look at chronic obstructive lung disease. Global in scale and importance, it is an important cause of morbidity and mortality. Bringing together a roster of internationally renowned contributors from the front lines of pulmonary medicine and research, it is aimed at practitioners in pulmonary medicine, pathology, thoracic radiology and epidemiology. Its focus is on the pathobiology of chronic obstructive pathology disease and emphysema and its exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and on treatment options. This reference works to 'connect the dots' by collating and centralizing the various data on the subject.

Critical Debates

A Current Conspectus

ABC of COPD

## Coping with COPD

### Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, 2Ed

Part of the World Clinics series, this book is the second volume of the pulmonary and critical care medicine manuals and focuses on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The book begins with the epidemiology and pathophysiology of COPD, followed by chapters covering topics in the diagnosis and management of the disease, including acute exacerbations, imaging, biomarkers, oxygen therapy and vascular dysfunction. The final sections present a complete review of pulmonary disease and rehabilitation. This new volume includes numerous images, illustrations and tables to enhance the text. The previous volume in this series, Pneumonias, published in 2012. Key points Second volume covering chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Part of the World Clinics: Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine series Includes nearly 100 images, illustrations and tables Volume One published in 2012 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease - A Current Conspectus provides an update on COPD related to the following topics: • merging of experience with technology in confronting COPD • air pollution and work-related exposures as major causes of COPD • heterogeneity of COPD caused by smoke from cigarettes and biomass fuel • disease-related contributors of health status in COPD • exercise training in the context of pulmonary rehabilitation • nutritional interventions in COPD • mechanical ventilation in COPD • use of patient-directed music listening during mechanical ventilation

A decade or so ago, many clinicians were described as having an unnecessarily 'nihilistic' view of COPD. This has certainly changed over the years... This open access book on COPD provides a platform for scientists and clinicians from around the world to present their knowledge of the disease and up-to-date scientific findings, and avails the reader to a multitude of topics: from recent discoveries in the basic sciences to state-of-the-art interventions on COPD. Management of patients with COPD challenges the whole gamut of Respiratory Medicine - necessarily pushing frontiers in pulmonary function (and exercise) testing, radiologic imaging, pharmaceuticals, chest physiotherapy, intensive care with respiratory therapy, bronchology and thoracic surgery. In addition, multi-disciplinary inputs from other specialty fields such as cardiology, neuro-psychiatry, geriatric medicine and palliative care are often necessary for the comprehensive management of COPD. The recent progress and a multi-disciplinary approach in dealing with COPD certainly bode well for the future. Nonetheless, the final goal and ultimate outcome is in improving the health status and survival of patients with COPD.

An informative and educational column on infectious diseases, public health and sports medicine by Dr. Keith Roach, a highly respected physician at Weill Cornell Medical College and New York Presbyterian Hospital. Emphysema is a disease which attacks the alveoli, the air sacs within the lungs. It is commonly found together with another respiratory disease, chronic bronchitis. Together the two of them are known as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD. Fourteen million Americans suffer from COPD.

The condition is second only to heart disease as the prime cause of disability. It is the fourth most common cause of death in the United States. The purpose of this pamphlet is to explain the "twin diseases" which make up COPD, as well as to offer suggestions for prevention and treatment.

Lung Volume Reduction Surgery

The Quiet Killer

COPD Clinical Perspectives

COPD

Clinicians' Guide to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Appropriate for the clinician managing COPD in either the primary or secondary care setting, Clinicians' Guide to COPD considers epidemiology, diagnosis and management, concentrating on how patients really present to the clinician. Aspects of disease prevention, including lifestyle change, particularly smoking cessation, are discussed in detail. Acute exacerbations of COPD, currently a major cause of mortality and morbidity in these patients, are also examined. Illustrative 'real-life' case histories have been included throughout, and the book also incorporates 'interesting asides', for example the impact of COPD on a patient awaiting surgery. With its practical focus, a balanced, readable style and clear explanatory colour illustrations, this book provides invaluable advice for both the primary care and specialist clinician looking after patients with COPD.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a progressive, largely irreversible lung condition characterised by airflow obstruction. Although cigarette smoking is the single most important risk factor in its development, other associations and risk factors are thought to have increasing relevance throughout the world. COPD is usually managed in primary care, although it is commonly under-diagnosed, and is one of the most common medical conditions necessitating admission to hospital. The second edition of the ABC of COPD provides the entire multidisciplinary team with a reliable, up-to-date and accessible account of COPD. Extensively updated by experienced clinicians - including new chapters on spirometry, inhalers, oxygen, death, dying and end of life issues - this ABC is an authoritative and practical guide for general practitioners, practice nurses, specialist nurses, medical students, paramedical staff, junior doctors, non-specialist doctors and all other health professionals working in both primary and secondary care.

Until recently COPD was largely neglected by health professionals and viewed as the Cinderella of respiratory conditions. Many patients were seen as heart-sink cases with a self-inflicted disease. But views are now changing and COPD, like other chronic conditions managed within primary care, has taken on a higher profile within the Government and NHS agenda. This book reflects that change. It looks at the treatment of COPD in primary care: in the GP surgery, in outpatient clinics, and through district and community nursing. COPD management does not depend on purely medical intervention; much can be done to help these patients from a psychological, social and holistic perspective to cope with their everyday activities. Patients lead a frightening existence, struggling to breathe and to cope with their symptoms. The book helps nurses and other healthcare professionals to support these patients.

This third edition of this practical and concise handbook shows professionals how to manage COPD in primary care, successfully and with worthwhile outcomes for patients.

Living Well with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

## 100 Questions & Answers about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

### COPD at Your Fingertips

#### A Guide to Diagnosis and Clinical Management

#### Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is the most common respiratory disorder of adults in the developed world and is the fourth main cause of death in the USA. It is also associated with high morbidity, and poses an enormous burden of suffering and expense. Despite this, the disease has received little attention compared with other respiratory conditions such as asthma and lung cancer. Current treatment can offer some marginal symptomatic relief but does not address the underlying disease process. Indeed, smoking cessation is the only intervention known to alter the rate of disease progression. There is clearly great need, and potential, for the development of superior therapies for symptomatic relief and disease modification. This book brings together leading researchers and physicians to discuss the most recent advances in our understanding of COPD, and draws together basic and clinical aspects relevant to the topic. Coverage includes the basic pathology, current and potential therapies, and detailed consideration of the major theories for the pathogenesis of COPD.

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Extensively updated, this new fourth edition, includes everything you need to know about dealing with COPD in your practice confidently and effectively - including patient rehabilitation

Taken together, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and emphysema represent the fourth most common cause of death today. This volume contains 25 contributions from clinicians, researchers, and health educators on dealing with advanced stage

COPD/Emphysema. A sampling of topics includes managing dyspnea, traveling with mechanical ventilation, encouraging patients to quit smoking, self- help groups, and hospice care. The volume is not indexed. Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

Ferri's Clinical Advisor 2020 E-Book  
Co-Morbidities and Systemic Consequences  
Clinical Management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
Textbook of Respiratory Medicine  
5 Books in 1

Significantly updated with the latest developments in diagnosis and treatment recommendations, Ferri ' s Clinical Advisor 2020 features the popular "5 books in 1" format to organize vast amounts of information in a clinically relevant, user-friendly manner. This efficient, intuitive format provides quick access to answers on 1,000 common medical conditions, including diseases and disorders, differential diagnoses, and laboratory tests – all reviewed by experts in key clinical fields. Updated algorithms, along with hundreds of new figures, tables, and boxes, ensure that you stay current with today ' s medical practice. Contains significant updates throughout, covering all aspects of current diagnosis and treatment. Features 27 all-new topics including chronic traumatic encephalopathy, medical marijuana, acute respiratory failure, gallbladder carcinoma, shift work disorder, radial tunnel syndrome, fertility preservation in women, fallopian tube cancer, primary chest wall cancer, large-bowel obstruction, inguinal hernia, and bundle branch block, among others. Includes a new appendix covering Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Measures. Provides current ICD-10 insurance billing codes to help expedite insurance reimbursements. Patient Teaching Guides for many of the diseases and disorders are included, most available in both English and Spanish versions, which can be downloaded and printed for patients.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or COPD affects many lives from various communities and different nations. COPD is a disabling condition affecting the lungs and involving irreversible lung damage, so that the lungs can no longer function at full capacity. More and more people are being diagnosed with the condition each day. COPD is very disabling and many people find it hard to cope with the restrictions that it brings. People with COPD can suffer greatly and many do so in silence. There are medications that are available that will help to improve symptoms. Practical support is also at hand from various sources ranging from education about COPD to advice on coping with COPD. This book tries to provide the reader with a better understanding of COPD, giving an insight into the management of the condition. Living with COPD is no doubt difficult, understanding it will hopefully make the journey easier.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbations covers the definition, diagnosis, epidemiology, mechanisms, and treatment associated with COPD exacerbations. This text also addresses imaging and how it plays a pivotal role in the diagnosis and study of exacerbations. Written by today's top experts, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbations: is formatted into separate sections covering imaging diagnosis and treatment, making this text practical and easy-to-use examines current and breakthrough pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatments includes COPD-causing exacerbations such as viral and bacterial infections discusses the negative environmental factors relating to COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is one of the most common respiratory diseases of the developed world and interest in the condition is burgeoning both among physicians encountering the disorder and within the pharmaceutical industry. International guidelines for diagnosis and management have been formulated and our basic understanding

A Systemic Inflammatory Disease

## Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Bayesian networks. A probabilistic model for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease diagnosis and phenotyping

## Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbations

A Nationwide Framework for Surveillance of Cardiovascular and Chronic Lung Diseases

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This book brings a new approach to the subject of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, highlighting the current areas of controversy and debate. It addresses many of the key issues surrounding the diseases, its causes, clinical assessment and management. Internationally renowned experts critically appraise the literature and combine this with their own clinical and research experience to present an informed view of a wide range of issues. Arguments are therefore supported by the most recently available evidence. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease – Critical Debates provides the reader with an up-to-date interpretation of the clinical trial data in this field and their relevance to daily practice.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is an increasingly recognized cause of morbidity and mortality. Over the next 10 years, deaths due to COPD are expected to increase by 30% and, by 2030, COPD is estimated to be the third leading cause of death worldwide. Research into the pathophysiology and management of COPD over the past decade has progressed immensely with greater understanding of the global burden of COPD, its pathophysiology, better understanding of the multisystemic manifestations of COPD, and, most importantly, novel and more effective therapeutic strategies. This volume brings together an international group of experts in COPD to provide in depth reviews of clinical perspectives into COPD. Topics range from the diagnosis of airflow limitation by spirometry; distinguishing COPD from another common obstructive lung disease, asthma; alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency and opportunities to diagnose this most common hereditary cause of COPD and as a paradigm for the development of novel therapeutics; the overlap syndrome - the concurrence of two epidemic disorders: COPD and obstructive sleep apnea; and pulmonary rehabilitation, one of the most effective treatments for COPD.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. By 2020, COPD is expected to be the fifth leading cause of disability and the third leading cause of death. COPD is associated with significant co-morbid illnesses including cardiovascular disease, pulmonary vascular disease, osteoporosis, depression and thoracic malignancies. In addition, COPD patients often have systemic manifestations of their disease, including peripheral muscle dysfunction, decreased activity levels and nutritional abnormalities, all of which contribute to poor functional status, decreased quality of life and increased health care utilization. Lack of recognition and understanding of the complex interactions of these common co-morbid conditions and systemic effects often



contributes to sub-optimal care for patients with COPD. Comprehensive in covering the range of co-morbidities that often accompany COPD, *Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Co-Morbidities and Systemic Consequences* provides a concise, evidence-based review of the problem and its systemic manifestations. All physicians interested in this growing disorder – from subspecialists to primary care providers – will find in this timely and informative title the practical, state-of-the art approaches needed to provide targeted, integrated care for patients with COPD.

Mechanisms and Management of COPD Exacerbations

Current Concepts and Practice

To Your Good Health: COPD

Pathogenesis to Treatment

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in Primary Care

Masterarbeit aus dem Jahr 2014 im Fachbereich Medizin - Sonstiges, Note: 17, , Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: This thesis provides a model for diagnosing and classifying COPD based on phenotypes; General COPD, Chronic bronchitis, Emphysema, and the Asthmatic COPD using a Bayesian network (BN). A BN is a probabilistic modelling tool composed of random variables and the relationships of such variables is based on probabilities that maximize certain outcomes. We validated our BN model using a neural network model based on the Levenberg- Marquardt (LM) algorithm. Results show that the BN model achieved an overall classification of 98.75 % for our test cases. Furthermore, F1 score results also show that the BN is a better model for COPD classification in comparison to the LM algorithm. The World Health Organization (WHO) lists COPD as the fourth leading cause of the death worldwide yet the disease is preventable. Smoking of tobacco products, alpha-1-antitrypsin (AAt), and air pollution are the major risk factors associated with the development and progression of this disease. COPD is usually either misdiagnosed or under-diagnosed due to a number of factors including the slow progression of the development of its symptoms. Besides, differential diagnosis is usually applied during diagnosis because differentiating COPD patients from those with say chronic Asthma may not be an easy task. Previous researchers have used pulmonary function test results to diagnose COPD.

Chronic diseases are common and costly, yet they are also among the most preventable health problems. Comprehensive and accurate disease surveillance systems are needed to implement successful efforts which will reduce the burden of chronic diseases on the U.S. population. A number of sources of surveillance data--including population surveys, cohort studies, disease registries, administrative health data, and vital statistics--contribute critical information about chronic disease. But no central surveillance system provides the information needed to analyze how chronic disease impacts the U.S. population, to identify public health priorities, or to track the progress of preventive efforts. A Nationwide Framework for Surveillance of Cardiovascular and Chronic Lung Diseases outlines a conceptual framework for building a national chronic disease surveillance system focused primarily on cardiovascular and chronic lung diseases. This system should be capable of providing data on disparities in incidence and prevalence of the diseases by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geographic region, along with data on disease risk factors, clinical care delivery, and functional health outcomes. This coordinated surveillance system is needed to integrate and expand existing information across the multiple levels of decision making in order to generate actionable, timely knowledge for a range of stakeholders at the local, state or regional, and national levels. The recommendations presented in A Nationwide Framework for Surveillance of Cardiovascular and Chronic Lung Diseases focus on data collection, resource allocation, monitoring activities, and implementation. The report also recommends that systems evolve along with new knowledge about emerging risk factors, advancing technologies, and new understanding of the basis for disease. This report will inform decision-making among

federal health agencies, especially the Department of Health and Human Services; public health and clinical practitioners; non-governmental organizations; and policy makers, among others.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a disabling and potentially fatal illness, and it is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. This resource addresses 100 of the most common questions relating to COPD.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is an increasingly important health problem world-wide. Whereas most other leading diseases have shown a decline in the past decades, COPD morbidity and mortality is on a steady increase. Exacerbations are usually defined as an increase in cough, a change in the colour or quantity of sputum, and a worsening dyspnea. The role of bacterial infections and the efficacy of antimicrobial therapy in acute exacerbations of chronic bronchitis (AECD) is still controversial. Exacerbations of chronic bronchitis are a common occurrence in clinical practice and are a leading cause of antibiotic prescription among respiratory infections. It is still uncertain whether each new exacerbation may deteriorate the natural history of chronic bronchitis.

Undoubtedly, every episode includes a temporary worsening in lung function and may therefore pose the threat of respiratory failure or death in more severely obstructed patients.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Multidisciplinary Approach, Clinics Collections, 1e (Clinics Collections),

Coping with COPD: Understanding, Treating, and Living with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is the first hands-on guide to living and coping with an insidious disease that affects tens of millions of people Experts estimate that as many as thirty-five million Americans literally cannot catch their breath--they are suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. The fourth-leading cause of death in America, COPD is a combination of chronic bronchitis and emphysema with airflow obstruction. In this clear, concise, and up-to-date guide to dealing with and living well with COPD, readers will learn: - How to navigate activities of daily living, from applying make-up to continuing work - How to quit smoking--at any age - How oxygen therapy may help you - How to tailor diet to meet new nutritional needs - How to foster a useful patient/doctor relationship and how and when to visit a pulmonologist - How to tailor your diet to meet your new dietary needs