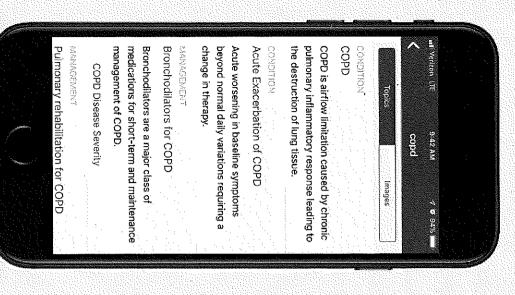
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Background

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is characterized by significant airflow limitation associated with a chronic inflammatory response in the airways and lungs resulting in the destruction of lung tissue.
- It commonly affects adults > 40 years old who smoke, with an estimated worldwide prevalence of 4%-10%.
- The disease course is usually progressive with a long-term decline in lung function and is the third leading cause of mortality worldwide.
- It is a preventable and treatable disease commonly associated with co-morbidiles (such as cardiovascular disease) and significant systemic consequences (such as skeletal muscle dysfunction)
- Smoking is the most common risk factor for COPD worldwide; other risk factors include occupational exposures (for example, organic and inorganic dichemical agents, and turnes), alpha-1 antitrypsin