

One exacerbation is too many in COPD, it is a warning signal.

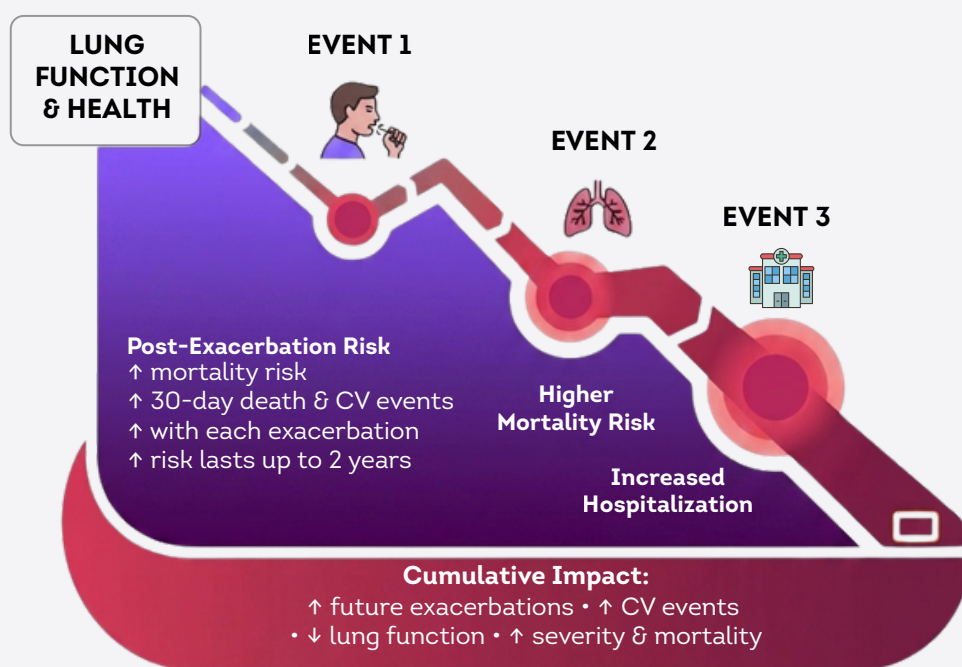
Do not normalize it.

Moderate Event

Requires oral steroids/antibiotics

Severe Event

Requires ER visit and/or hospitalization



ASSESSMENT FOR ADVANCED CARE

When to assess: Exacerbations despite optimized pharmacological management with triple therapy (LAMA/LABA/ICS), indicate a need for assessment for advanced therapy including the possibility of biologics.

Assess for advanced therapies, including biologics, or refer to a respirologist where appropriate.

SPECIALIST EVALUATION: Enables assessment for advanced therapies, including biologics.

References: Canadian Thoracic Society. Pharmacotherapy in Stable COPD. 2023; Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD). 2026 Report.