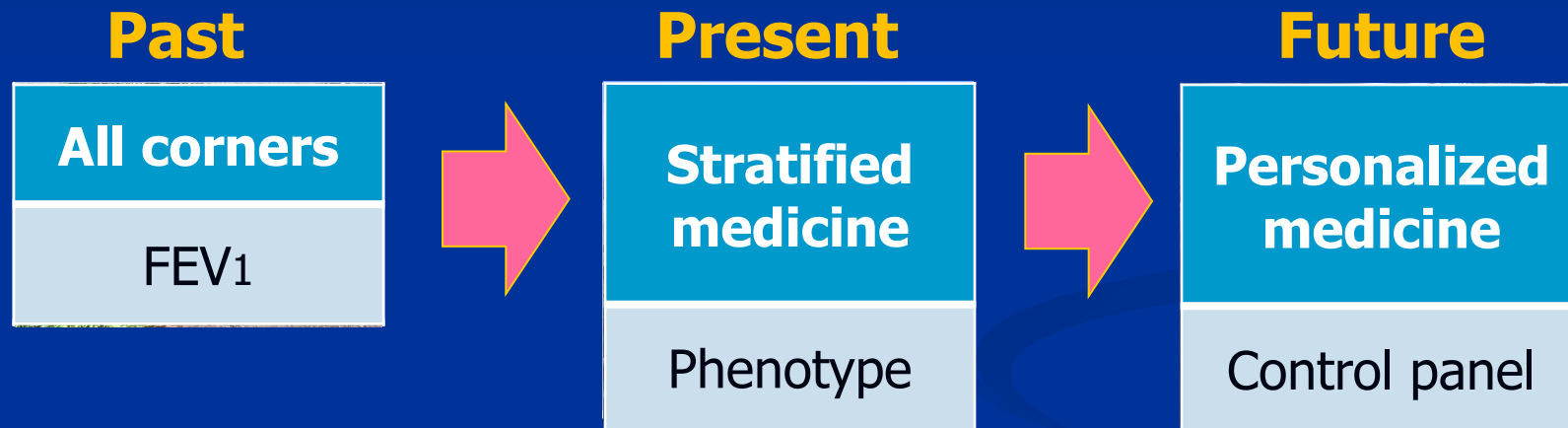


# Personalized Medicine in COPD Treatment

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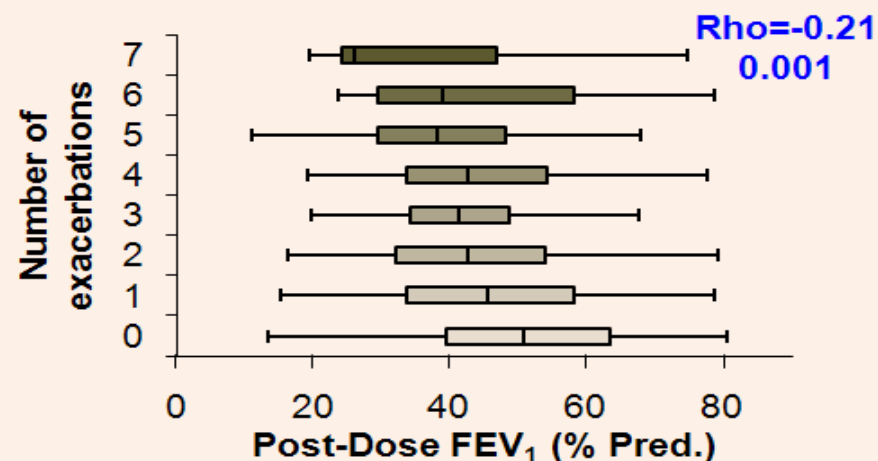
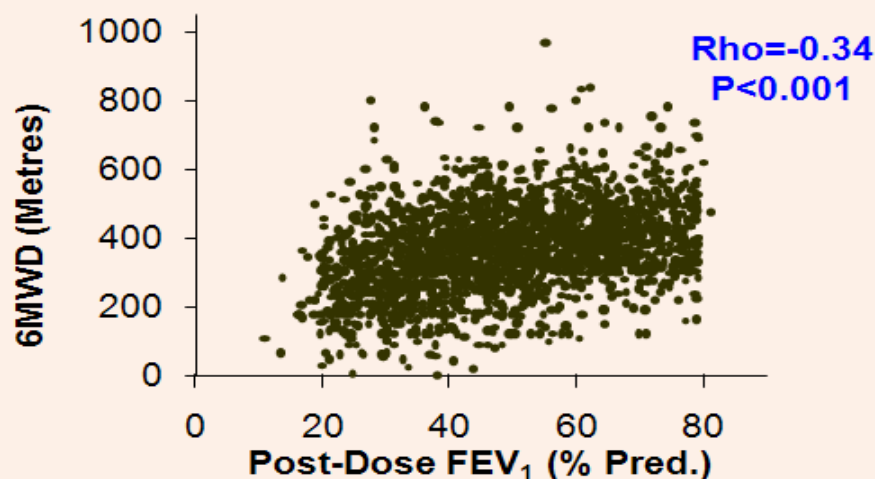
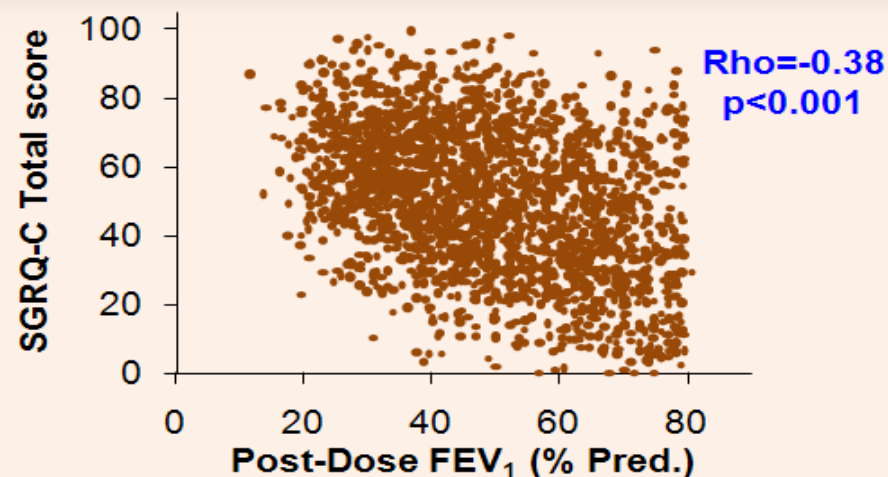
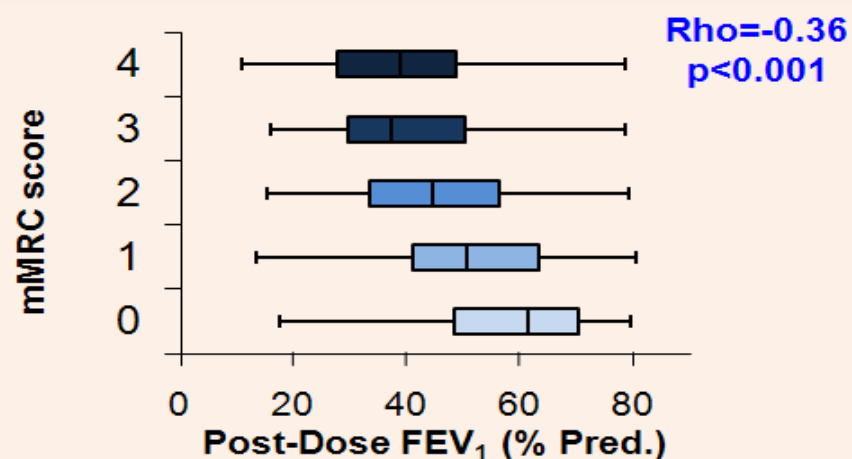
COPD Renaissance: Complexity, phenotypes and stratified medicine

COPD Future: Personalized Medicine

# COPD Stone Age: FEV<sub>1</sub>-centric view

- 15-20 years ago
  - : self-inflicted disease
  - : persuading quit smoking
  - : use short-acting bronchodilator, theophylline
- Landscape began to change when the 2001 first GOLD document and first revision in 2006
  - : persistent airflow limitation that is usually progressive
  - : diagnosis, assessment, and therapy has been guided primarily by the degree of airflow limitation (FEV<sub>1</sub>)

# ECLIPSE showed Weak Correlation between Disease Outcome Parameters and FEV<sub>1</sub>

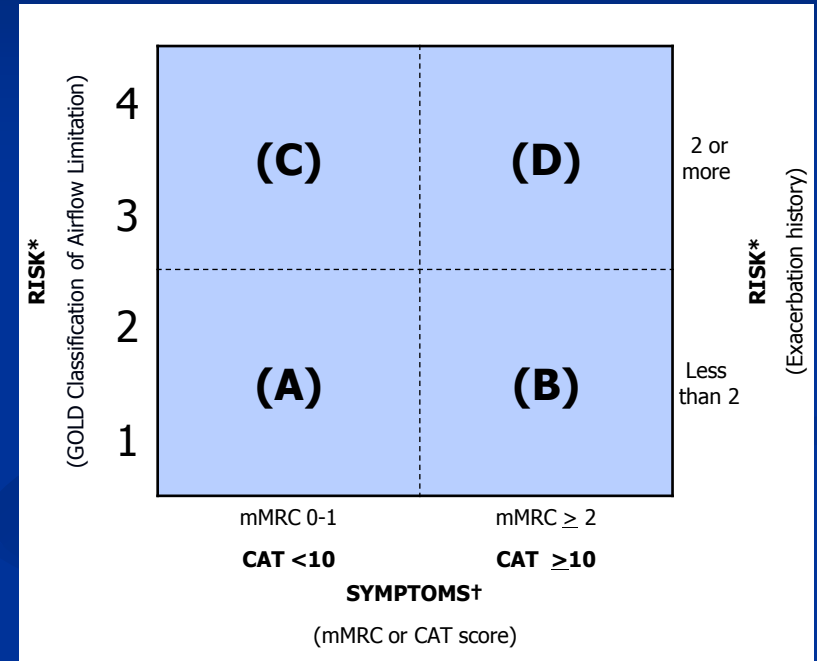


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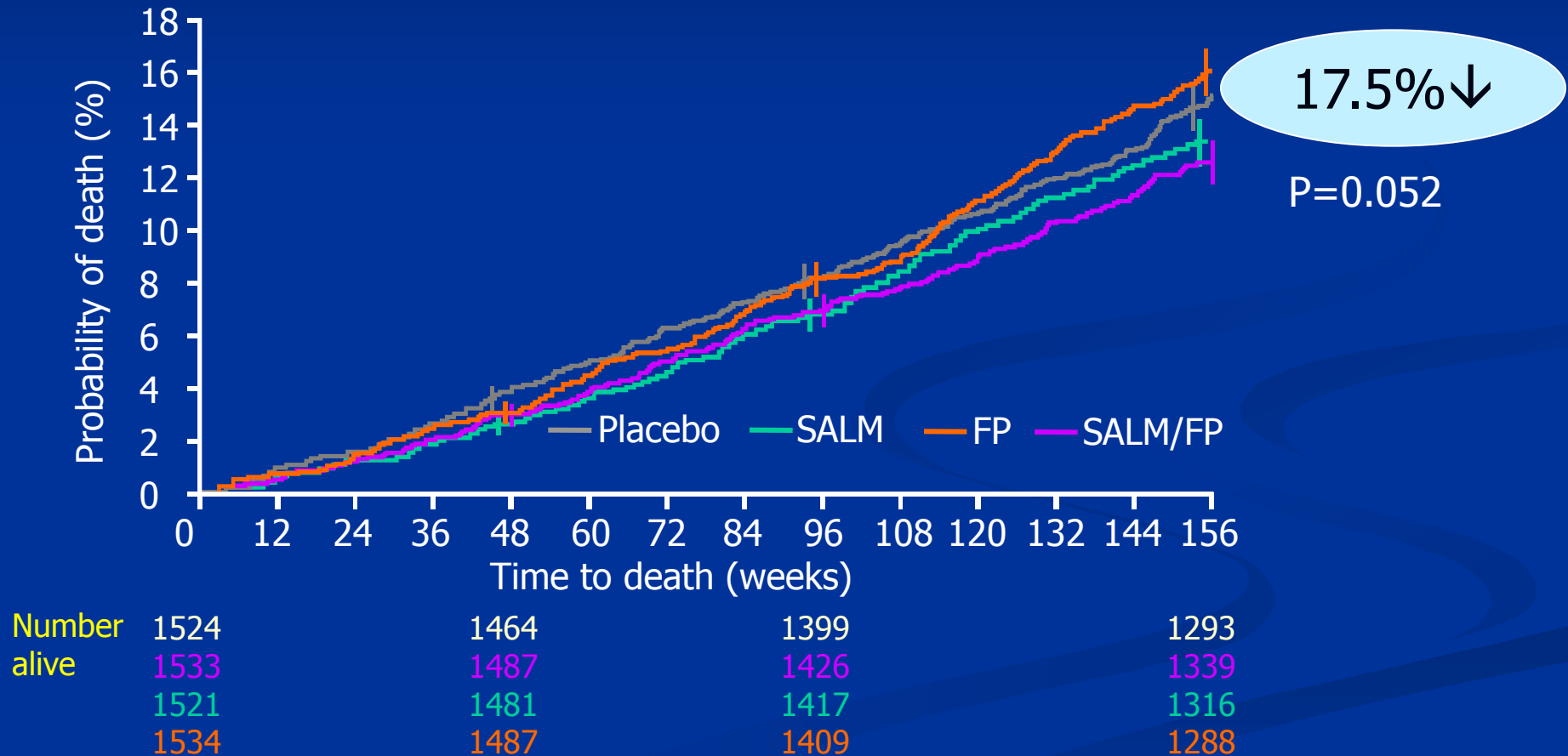
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<b>Add</b> long term oxygen if chronic respiratory failure. <b>Consider</b> surgical treatments			



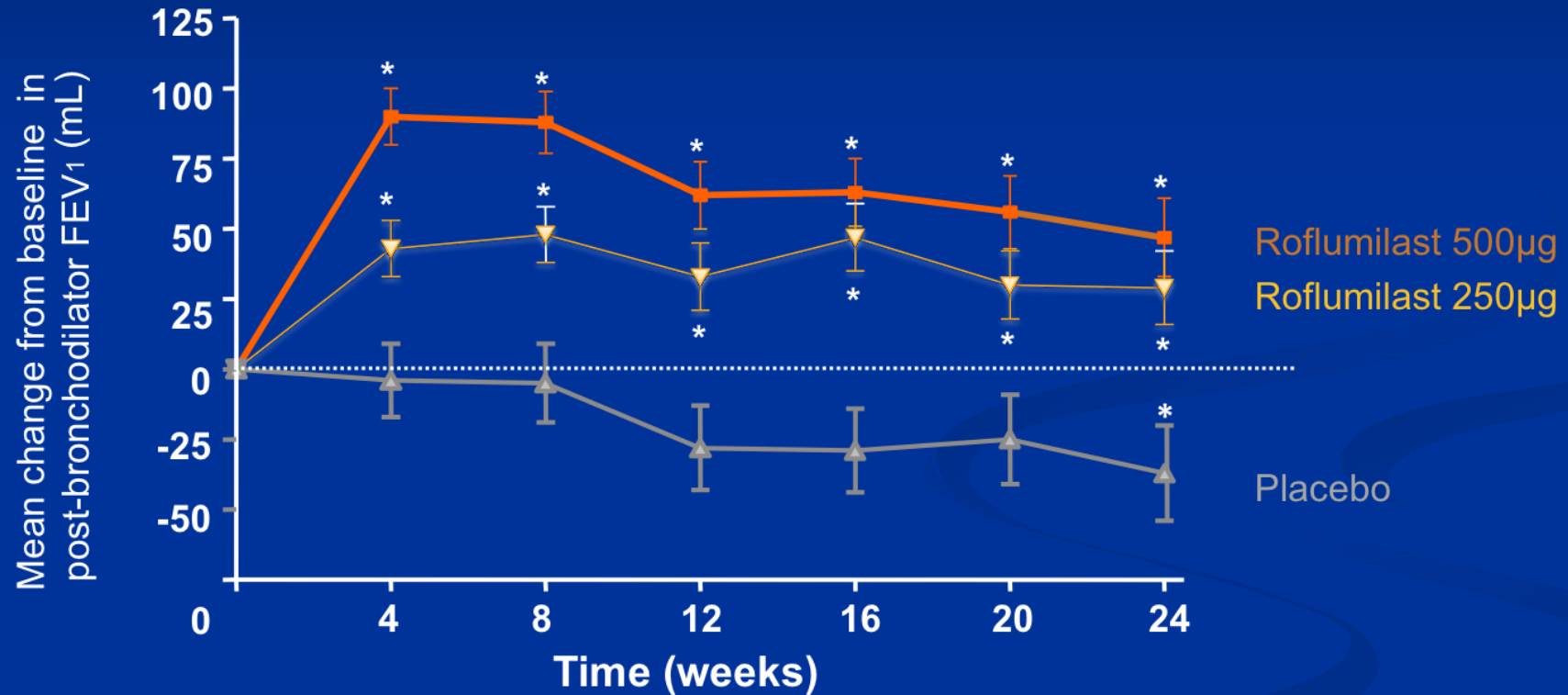
# 2011



# TORCH Study: All-cause Mortality at 3 Years

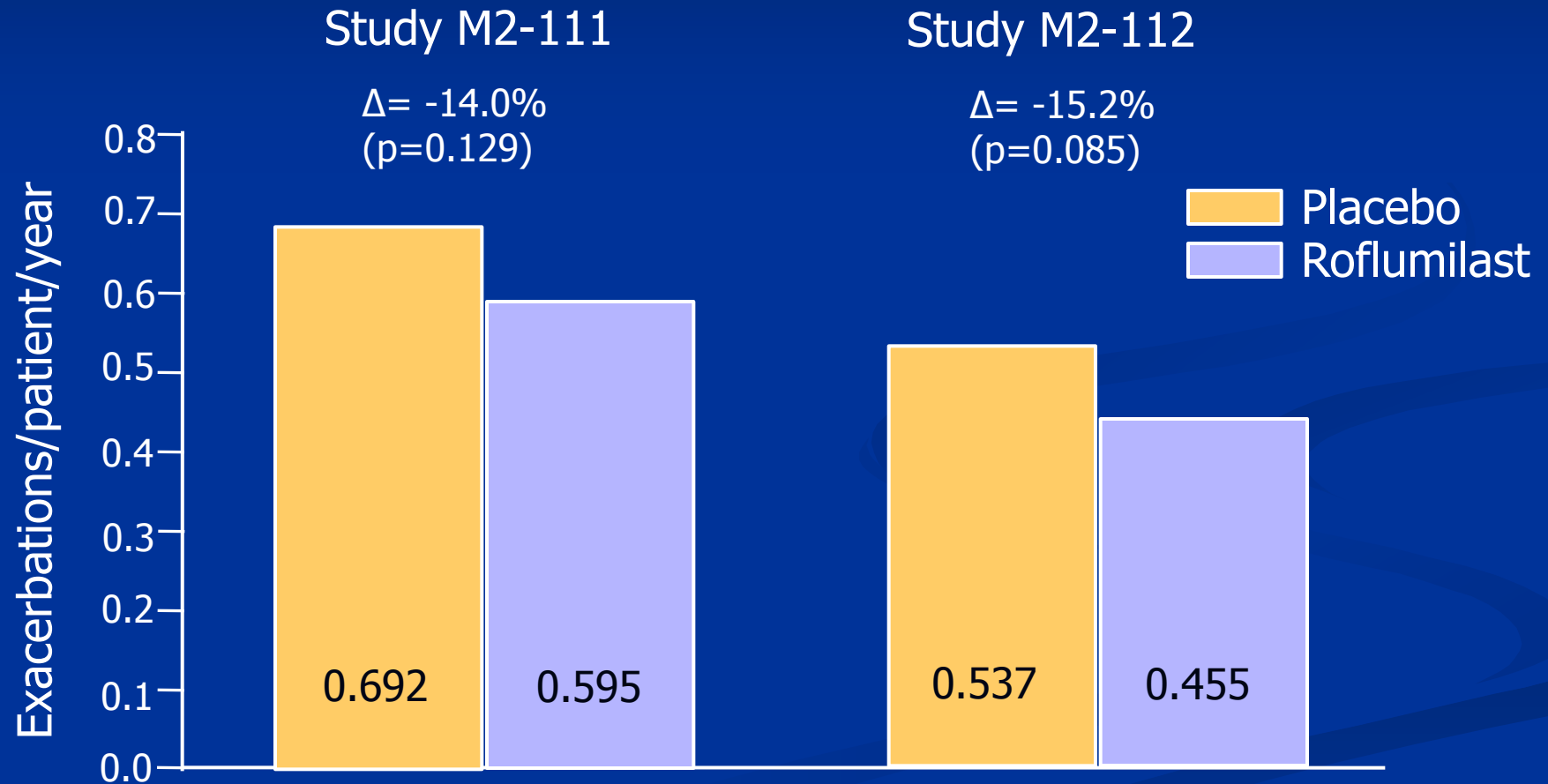


# Roflumilast: Lung Function

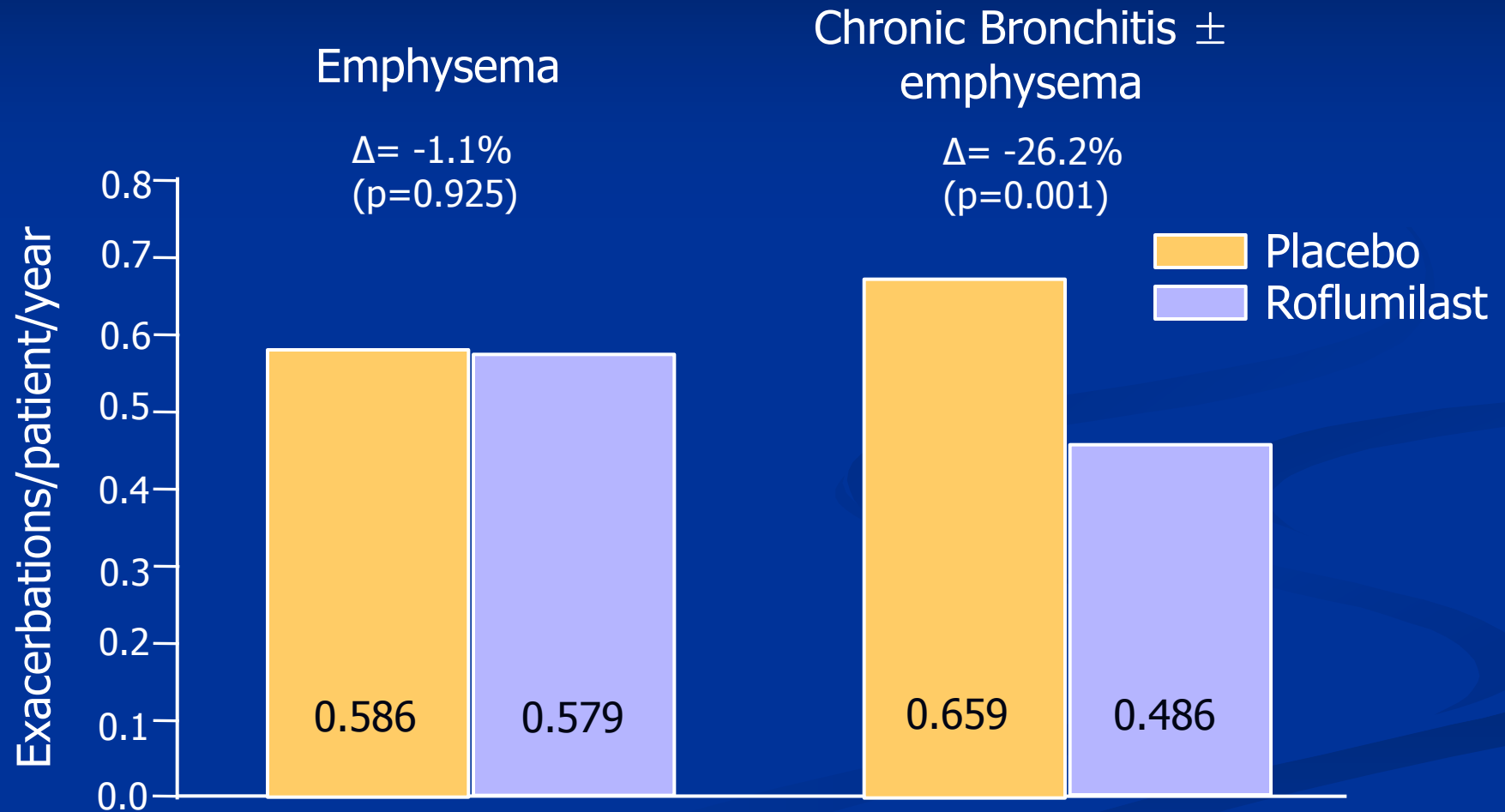


\* p<0.05 vs baseline

# Roflumilast: Exacerbation Rate

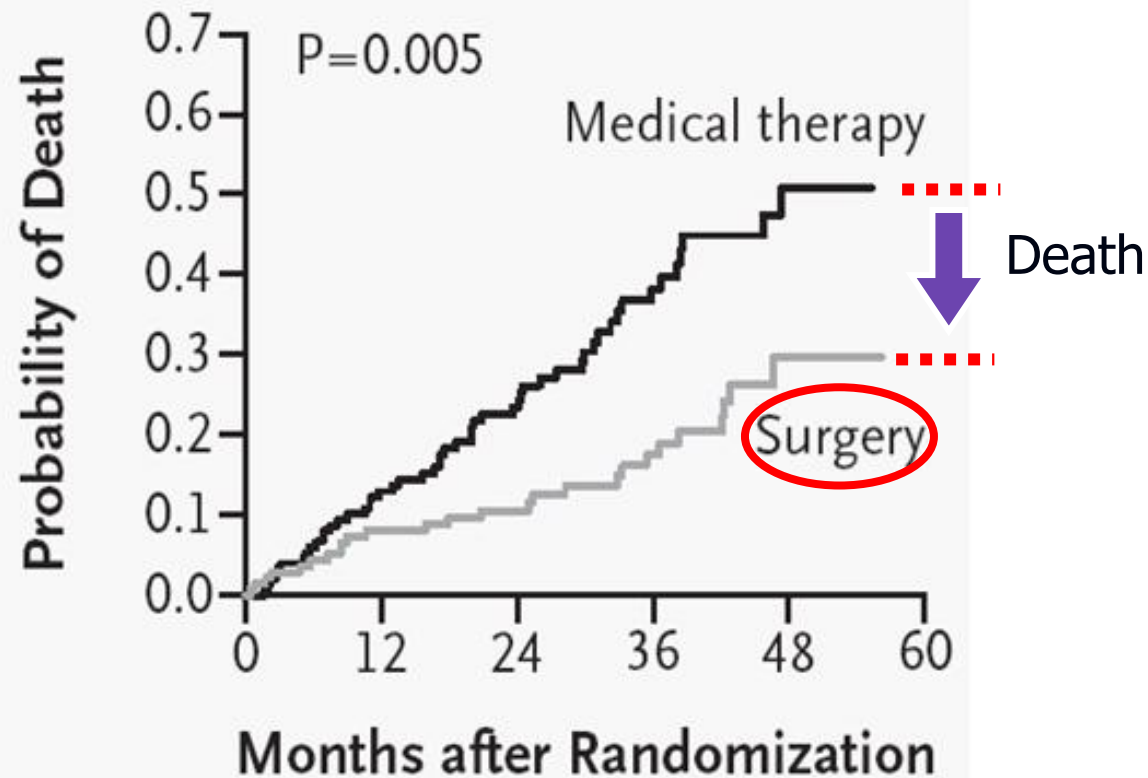


# Roflumilast: Exacerbation Rate



# Lung Volume Reduction Surgery

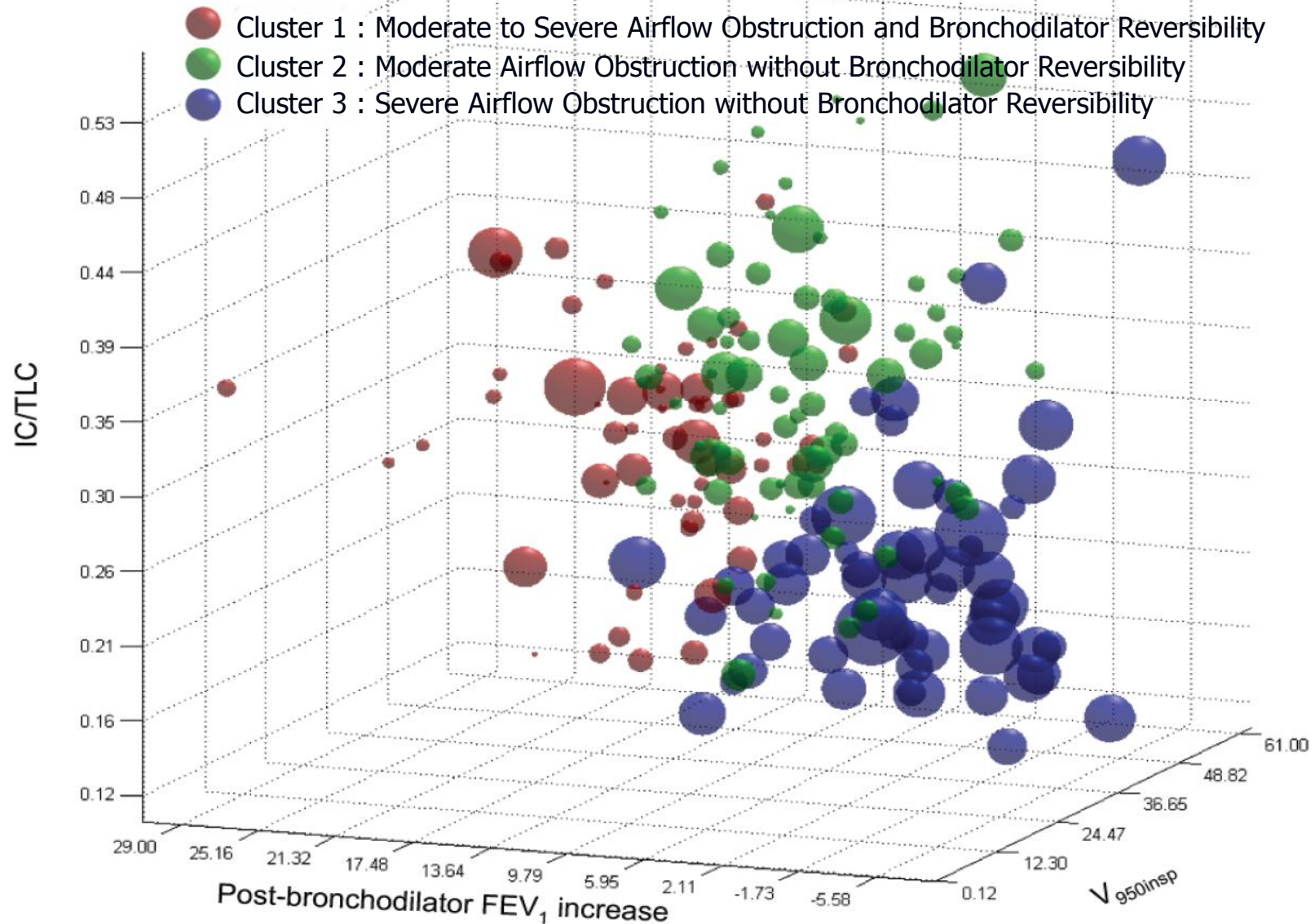
Emphysema: Upper-Lobe Predominance, Low Base-Line Exercise Capacity



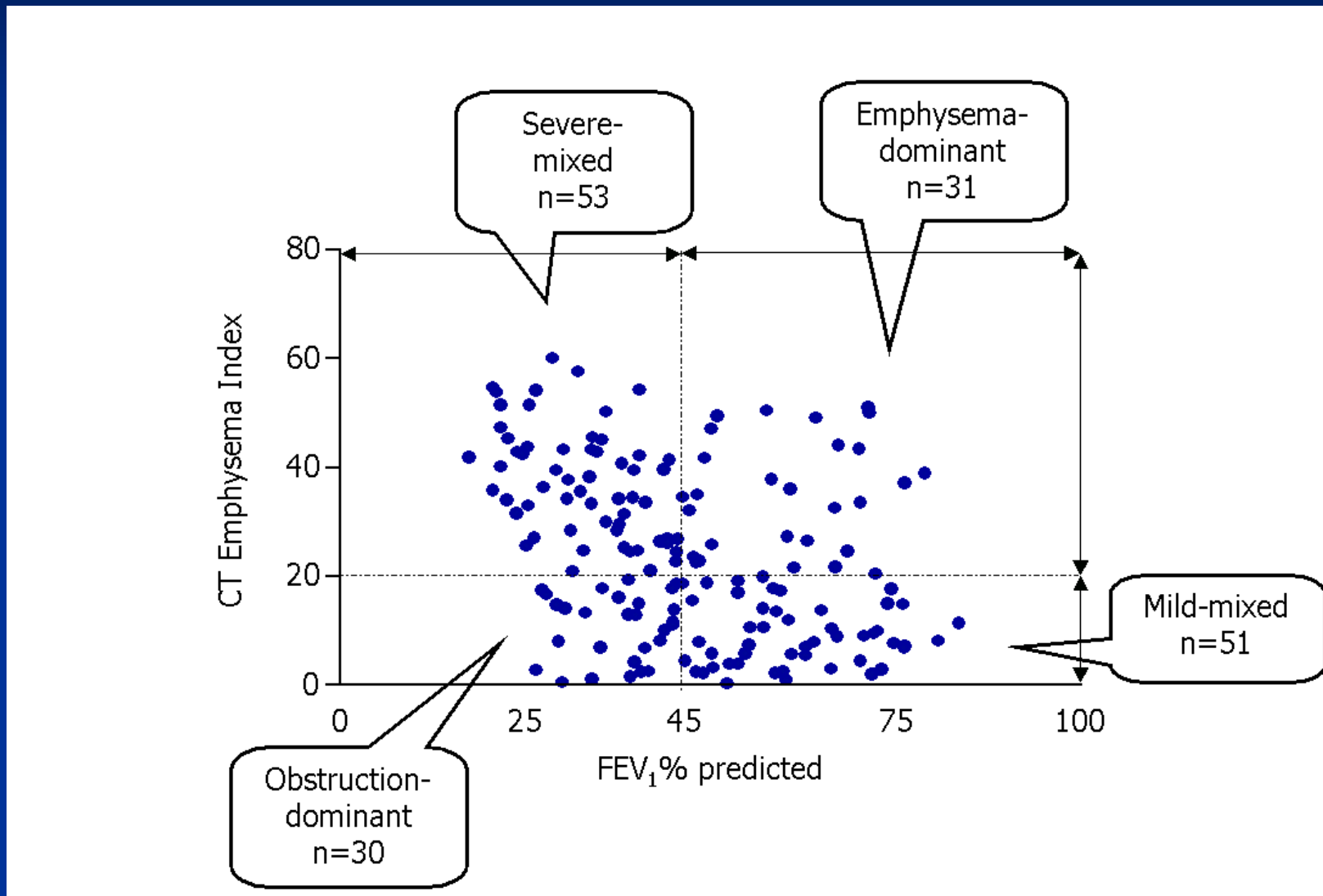
## No. at Risk

Surgery	139	121	93	61	17
Medical therapy	151	120	85	43	13

# KOLD Cohort (n=191, age $\geq 60$ )

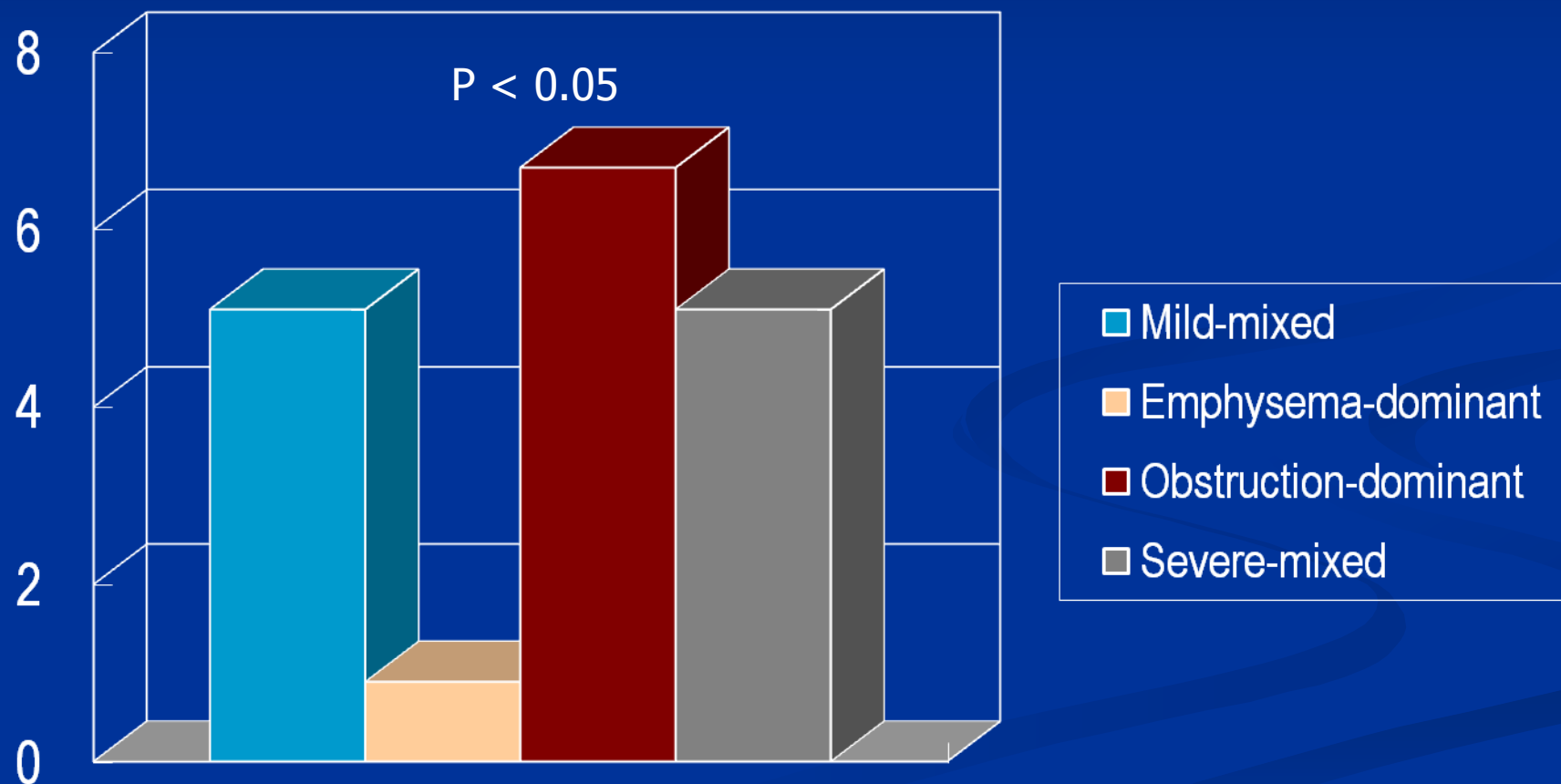


# Responses of Lung Function according to COPD Subtype

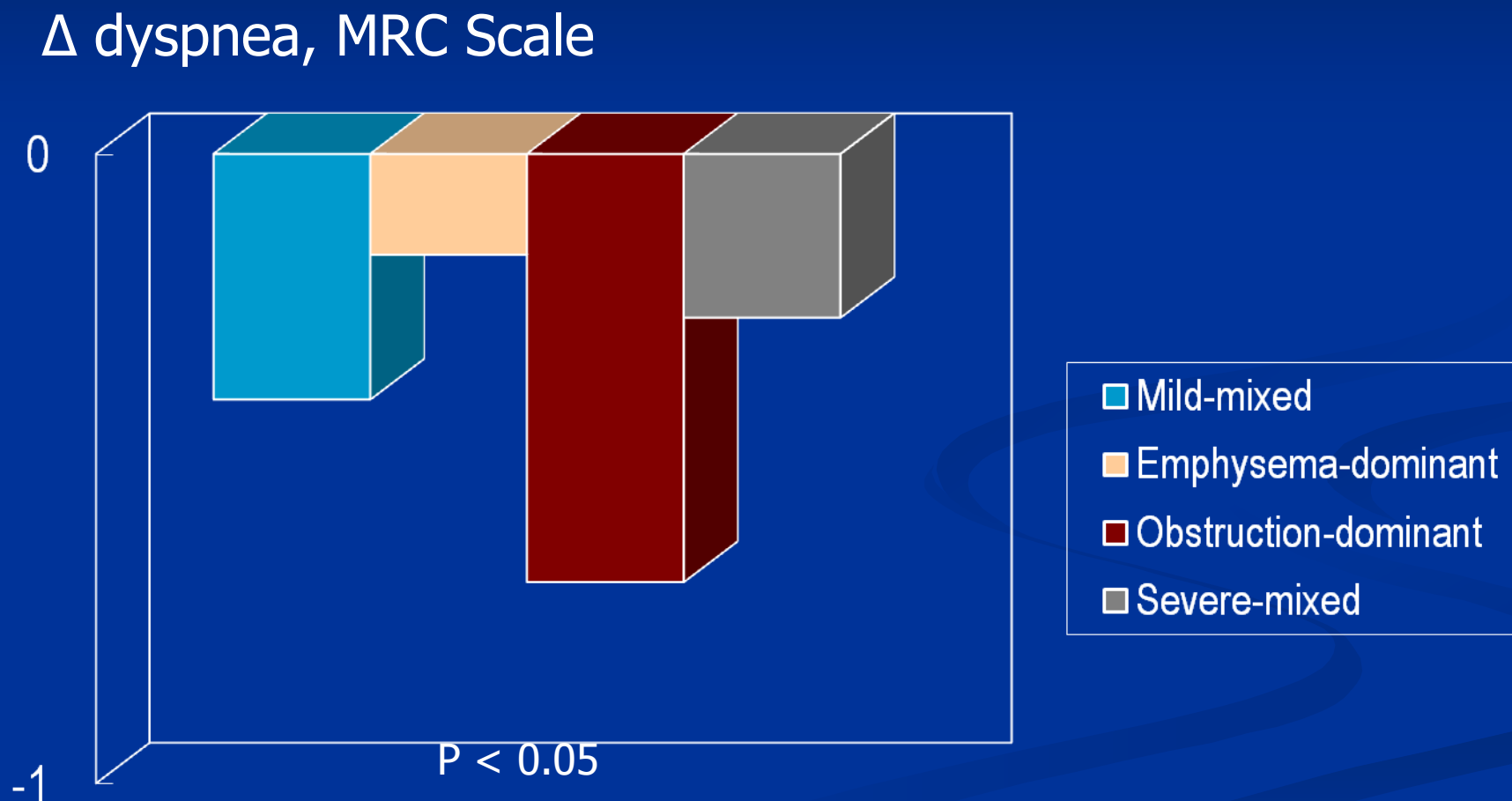


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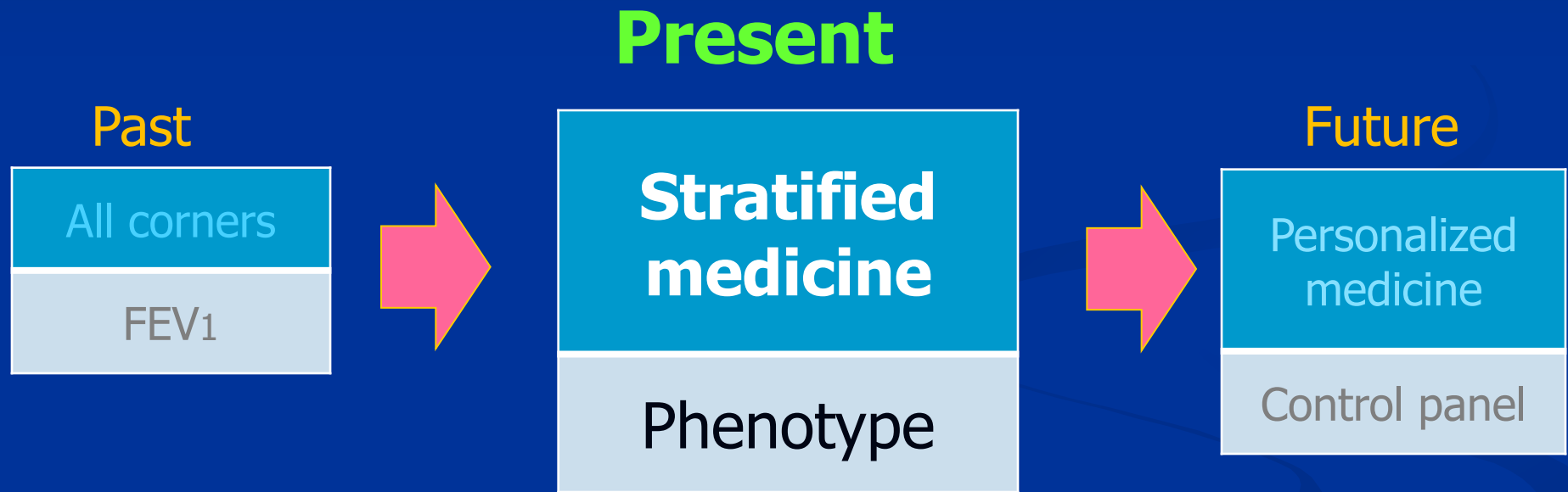
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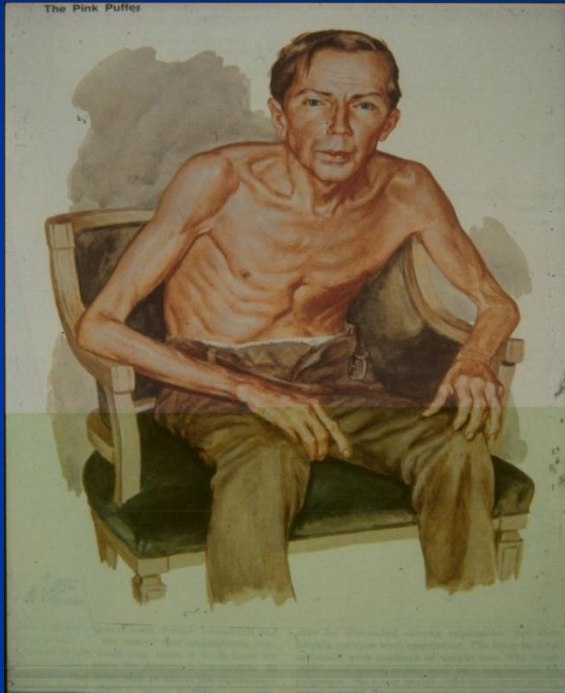
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# COPD Renaissance: Complexity, Phenotypes



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Emphysema type  
"pink puffer"  
(thin and noncyanotic at rest)



Chronic bronchitis type  
"blue bloaters"  
(heavy and cyanotic)

# COPD Renaissance: Complexity, Phenotypes

## Clinical

- Gender
- Body mass index
- Chronic bronchitis
- Dyspnea
- Frequent exacerbators
- Systemic inflammation
- Comorbidities
- Overlap syndrome

## Physiologic

- Airflow limitation
- Rapid decliner in FEV<sub>1</sub>
- BD responsiveness
- Airway hyperresponsiveness
- Hyperinflation
- Low DLco
- Hypoxemia
- Pulmonary hypertension

**COPD**

## Radiologic

- Emphysema
- Airway disease

# Gender: Women

- Greater risk of smoking-induced lung function impairment for the same level of tobacco exposure
  - More dyspnea and lower self-reported health status
  - Higher rates of exacerbation
  - Long-term oxygen therapy is less effective
  - Higher prevalence of anxiety
- Susceptibility to the effects of cigarette smoke
  - Decreased clearance of the toxins
  - Exaggerated immune and hormonal response

# Gender: Women

- 2047 smokers in COPDGene
- Compared with men and women  
Individual assessment of multiple airways;  
trachea to sub-segmental airway

Measured

airway diameter

airway lumen

wall thickness

wall area %



# Measures of Airway Wall Thickening

Airway lumen:  $L$

Airway diameter:  $D$

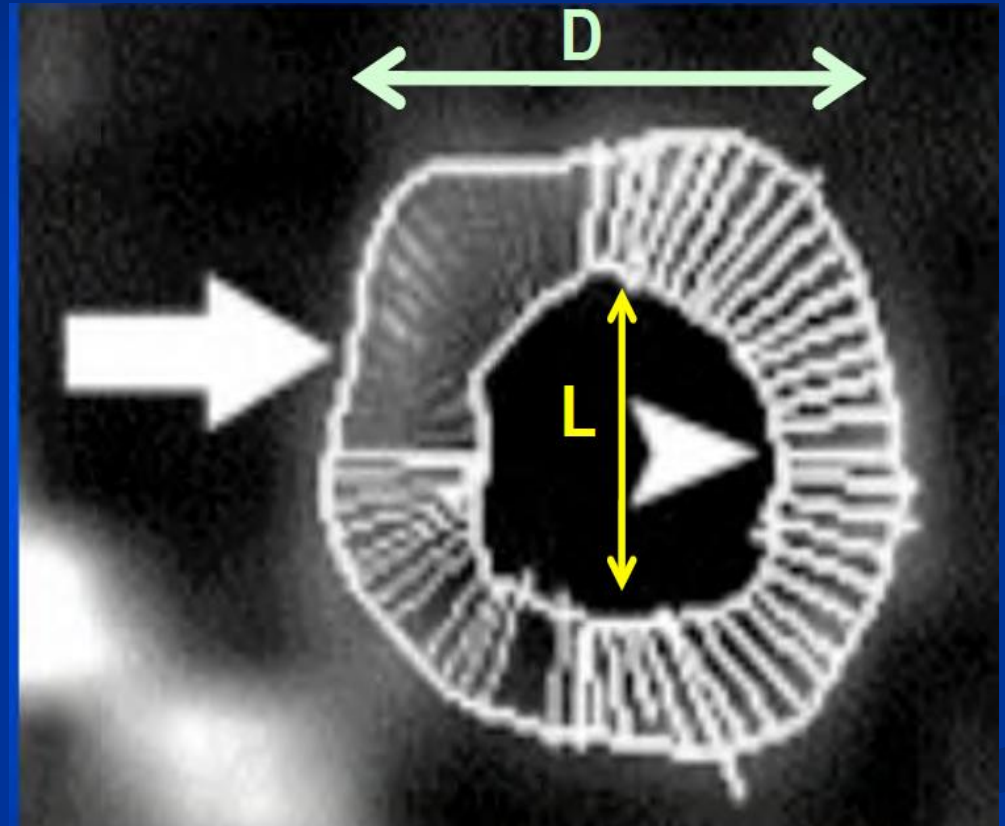
Airway thickness:  $D-L$

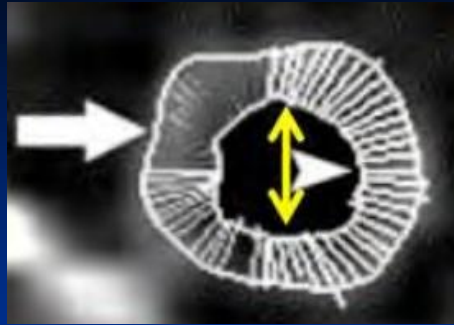
Airway wall %

: wall area/total area  
bronchial  $\times 100$

AWT-Pi10

: square root of airway wall  
area of the airway with  
internal perimeter of  
10mm

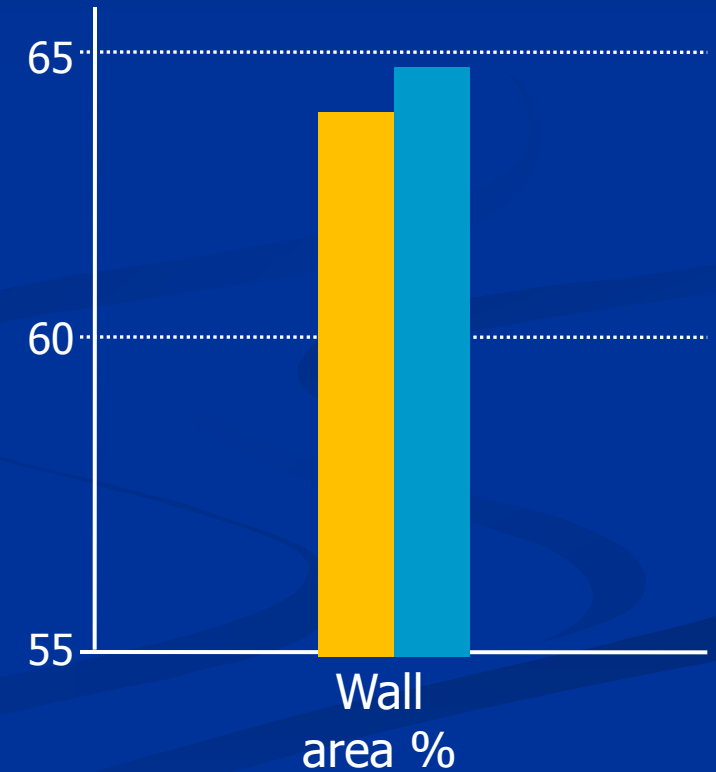
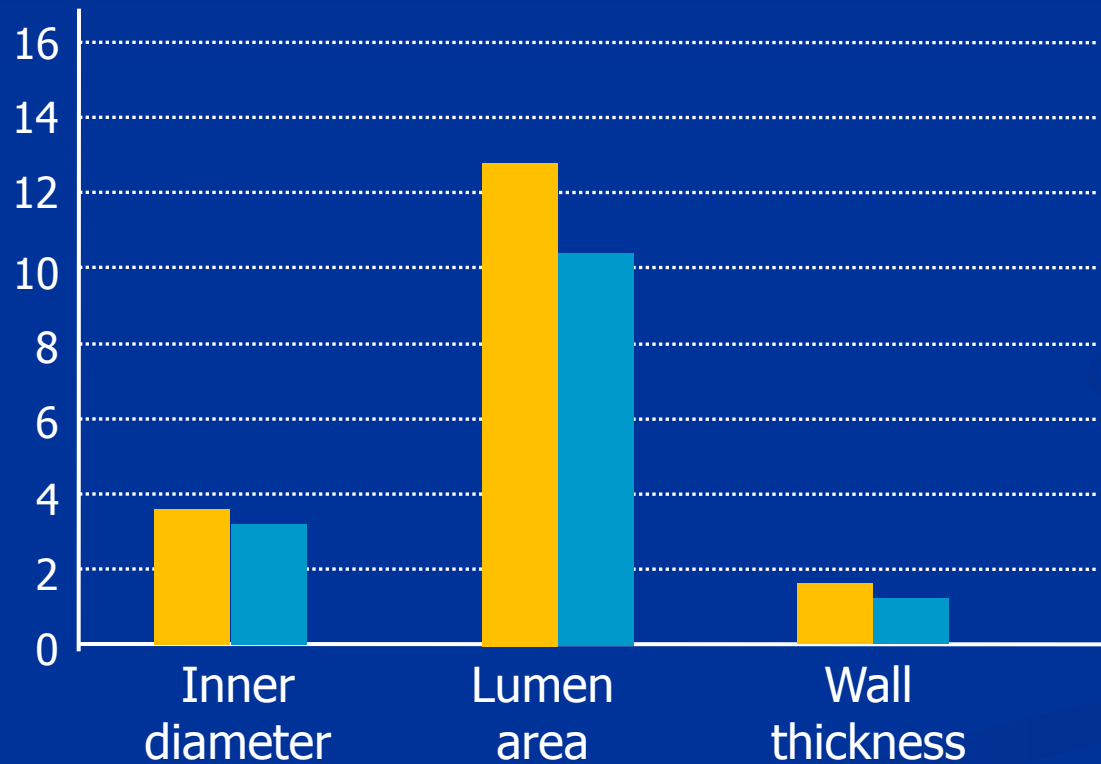




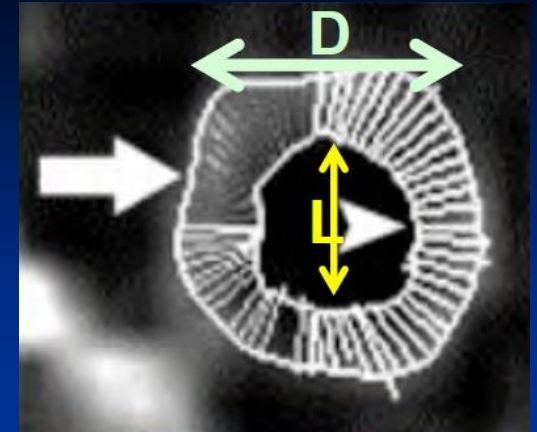
# Airway Dimensions by Gender

All  $p < 0.001$

Men  
Women



# Gender and Chest CT scan

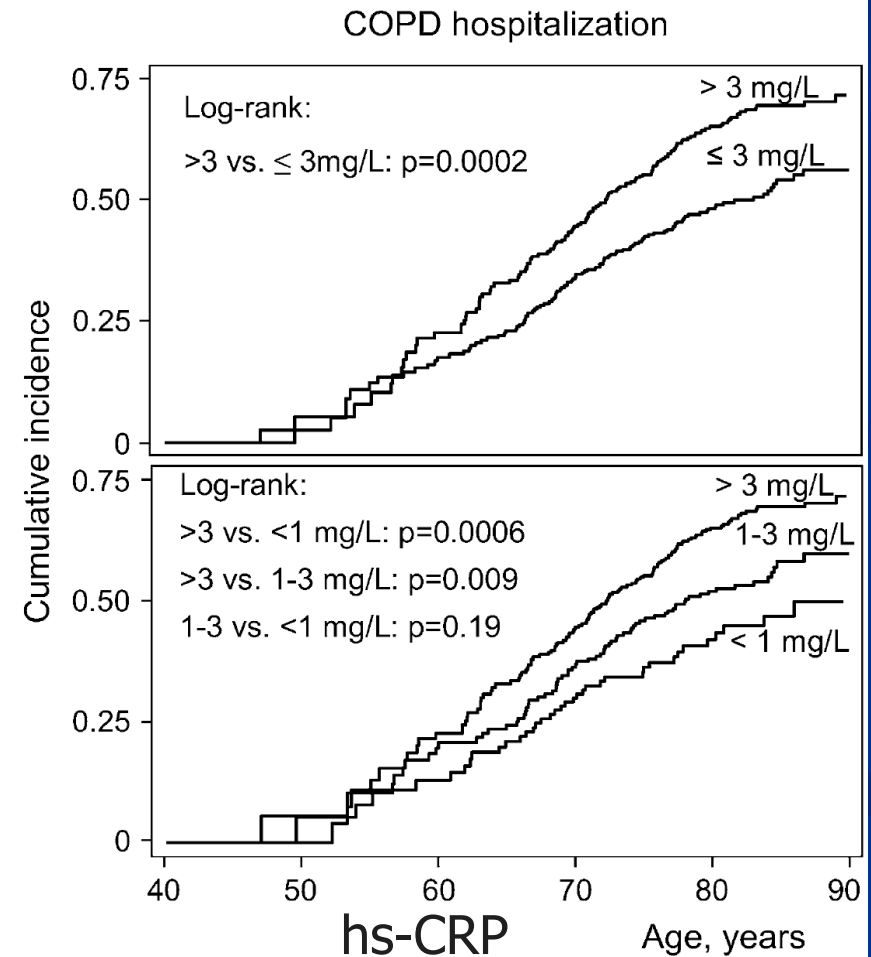
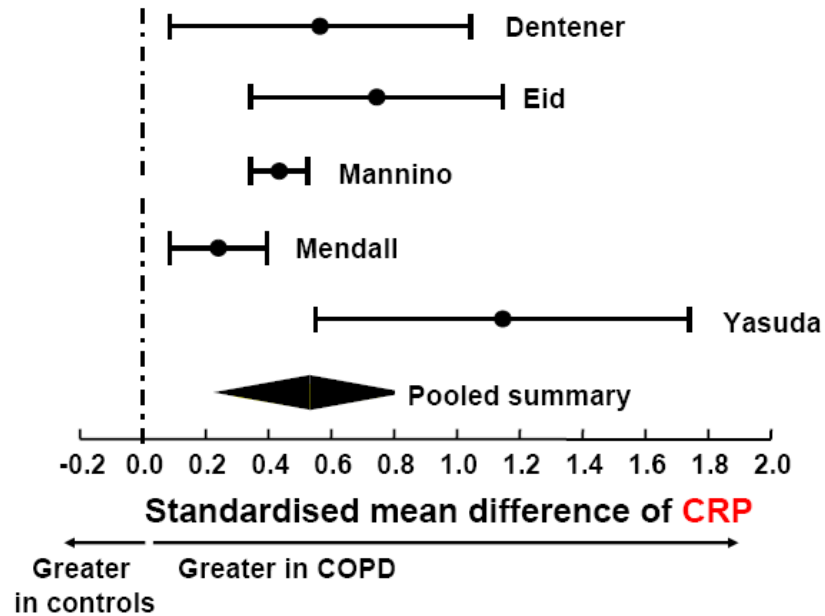


Gender differences in airway dimensions may be associated with differential effects of cigarette smoking and COPD in men and women

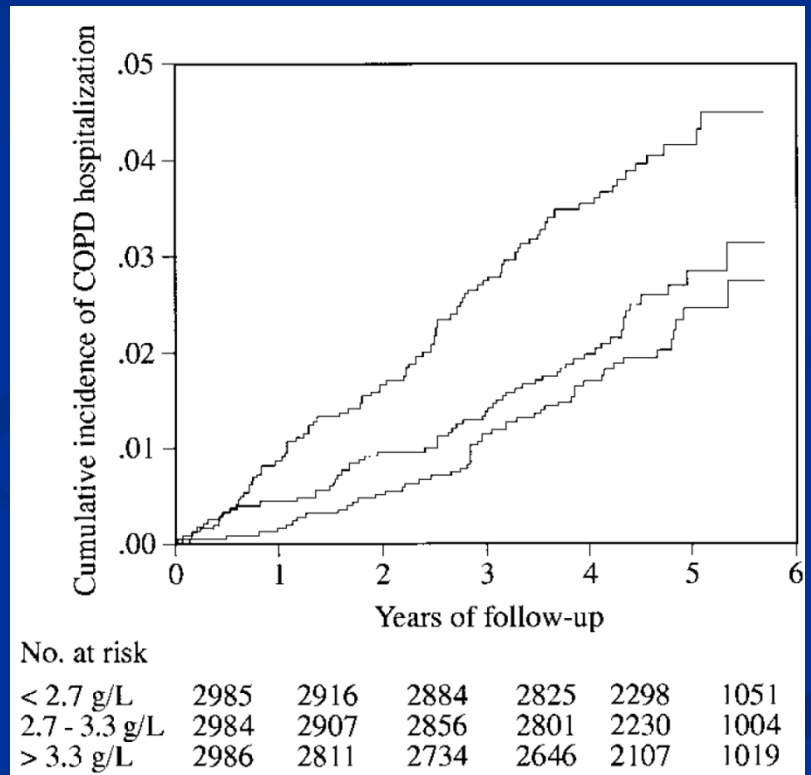
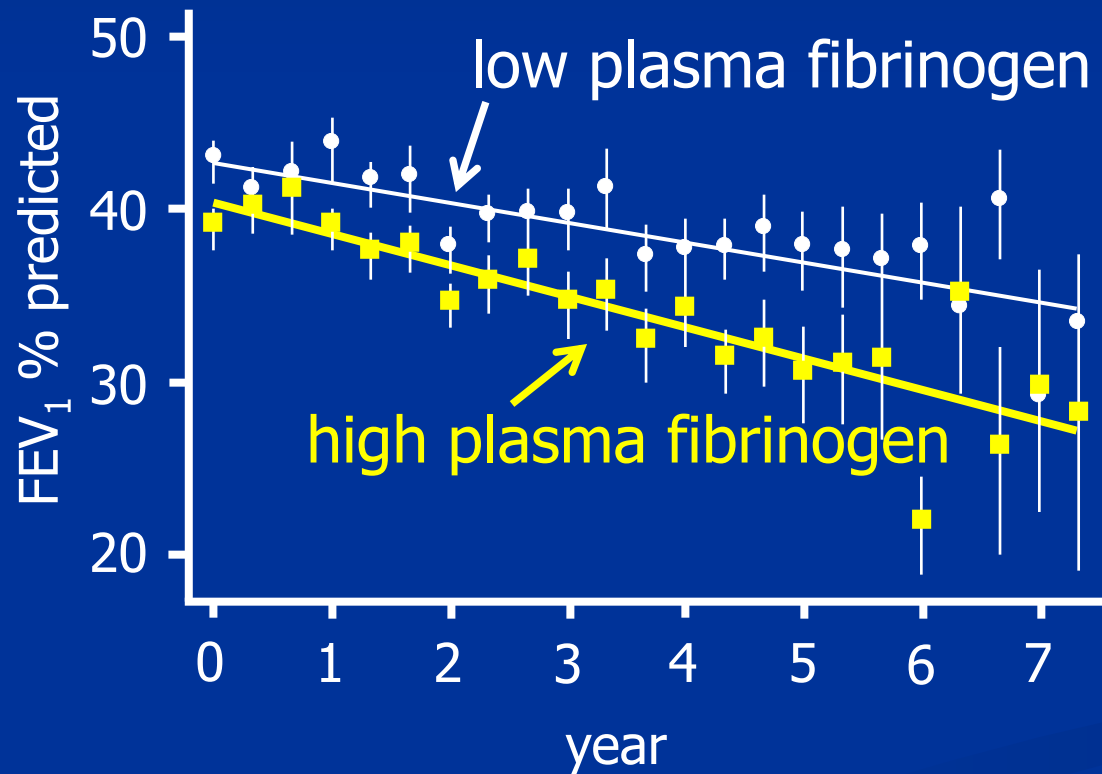
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# Systemic Inflammation, CRP

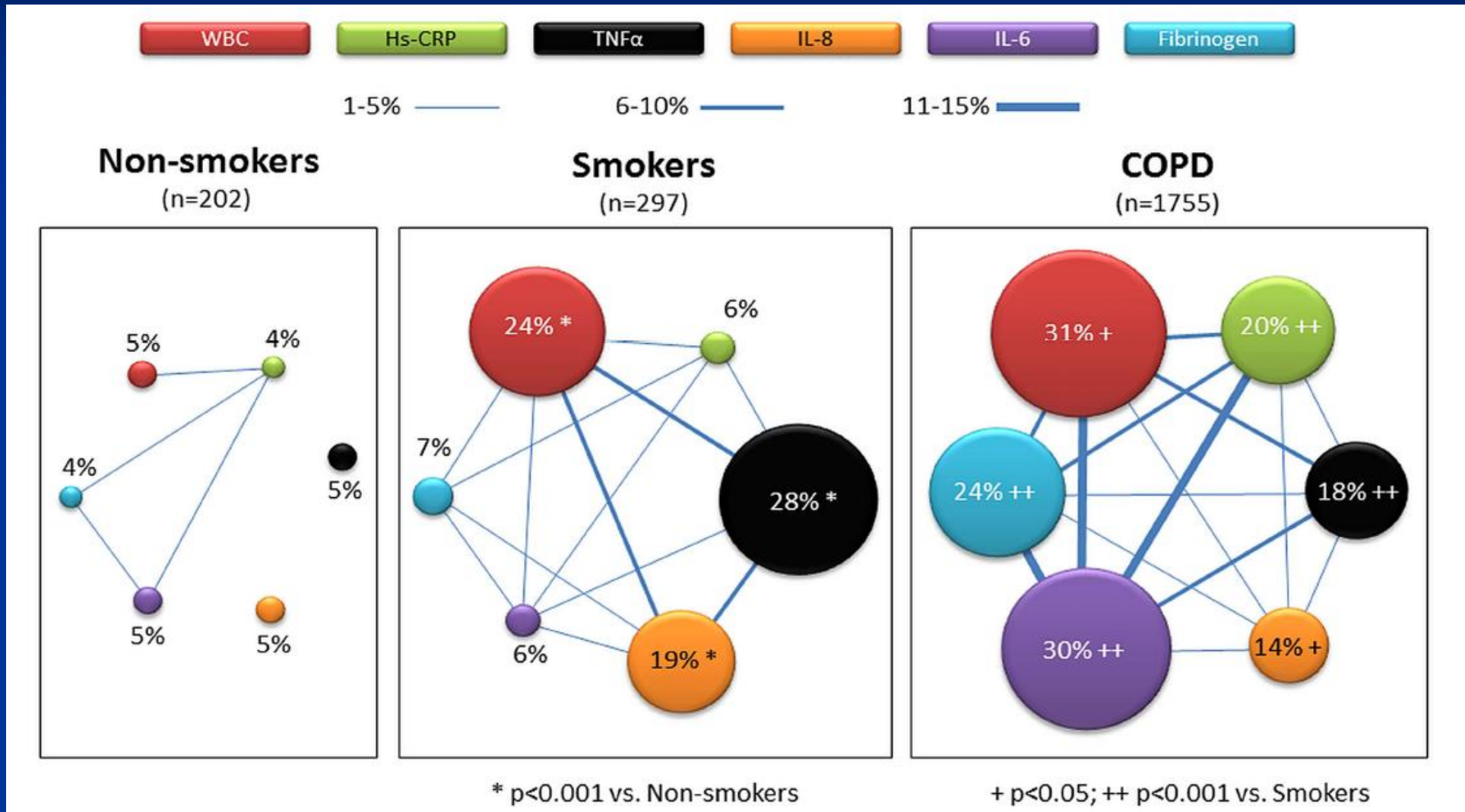


# Systemic Inflammation, Fibrinogen



Fibrinogen

# Inflammation: Pulmonary, Systemic



# Inflammation: Pulmonary, Systemic

- Not all patients with COPD have persistent systemic inflammation (A third of COPD appear to be persistently non-inflamed)
- Persistent inflammation had more frequent exacerbations and a six times higher mortality during 3 years of follow-up than patients without inflammation
- 'Inflammometry' has now been used in pilot studies to guide therapy in COPD with very encouraging results
  - Sputum eosinophil: ICS 500 g bid
  - Sputum neutrophil: azithromycin 250mg for 3 month
  - Systemic inflammation(CRP>3 mg/L): simvastatin 20 mg for 3 month

# Inflammation: Pulmonary, Systemic

- Common preventable and treatable disease
- Characterized by persistent airflow limitation that is usually progressive and associated with an enhanced **chronic inflammatory response** in the airways and the lung to noxious particles or gases
- No specific recommendations
  - how to measure and monitor inflammation
  - what therapeutic alternatives should be used based on the assessment of abnormal inflammatory response
- Inflammatory markers will sooner or later be included in the routine management of patients with COPD

# Chronic Airway 'Colonization'

- Healthy lungs display a complex 'microbiome'
  - : Microbiome changes in many diseases including COPD
- Influence of changes in the lung microbiome
  - Increasing the symptoms (cough and expectoration)
  - Frequent exacerbations, accelerating rate of FEV<sub>1</sub> decline
  - Predisposition to lung cancer
  - Relationship with pulmonary and systemic inflammation
- Current recommendations do not mention when and how this should be diagnosed, monitored or treated

# Overlap syndrome (ACOS)

## Diagnostic criteria

Two major criteria or one major with two minor criteria

### Major criteria

- Marked reversibility with bronchodilators  $>15\%$  and  $>400$  ml in FEV<sub>1</sub>)
- History of asthma ( $<40$  year of age)
- Sputum eosinophilia

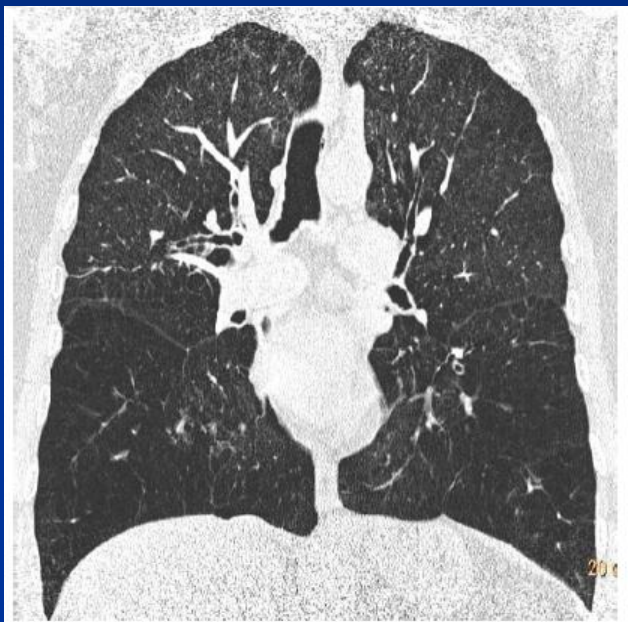
### Minor criteria

- Reversibility on two separate occasions ( $>12\%$  and  $>200$  ml in FEV<sub>1</sub>)
- History of atopy
- Increased total serum IgE

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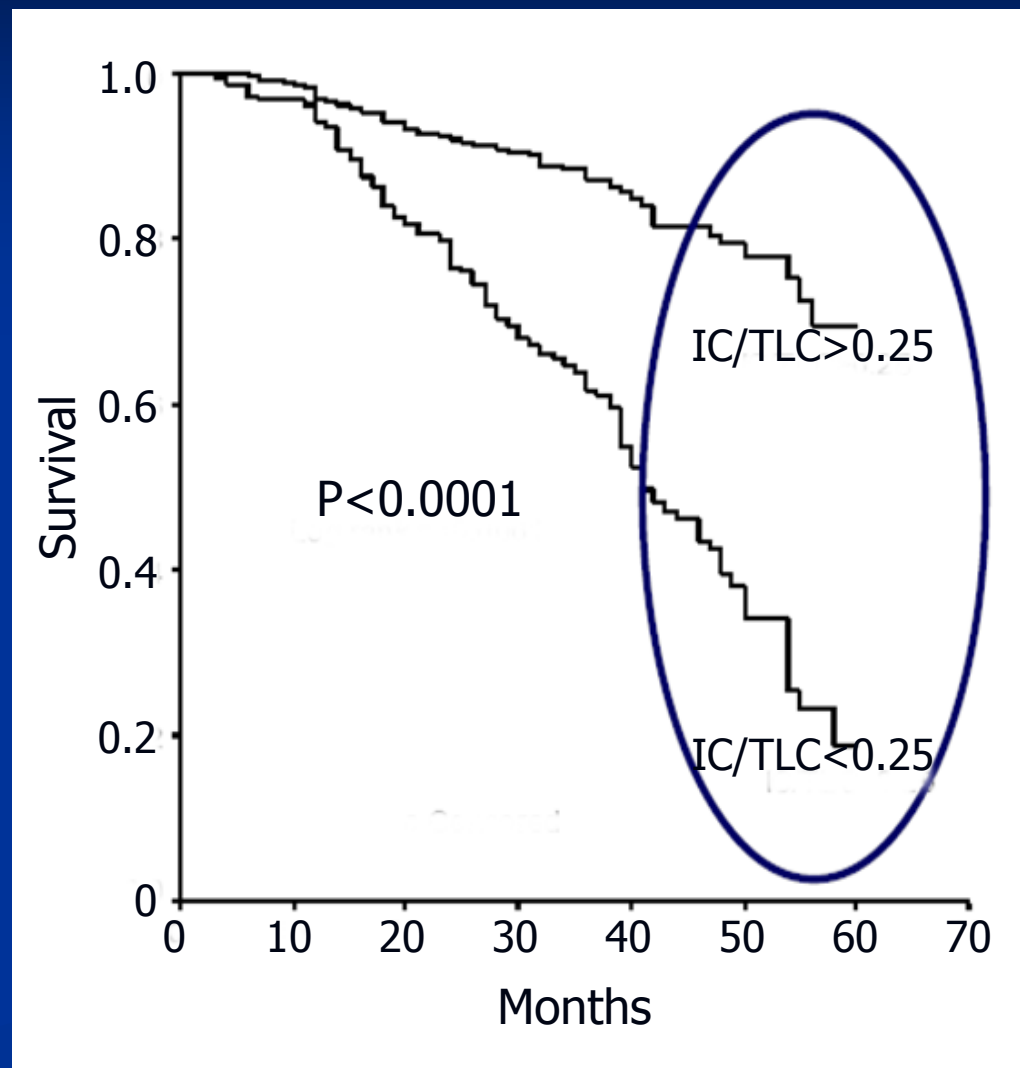
- Frequent exacerbations, poor quality of life
- Rapid decline in lung function
- High mortality
- Overlap syndrome can develop due to an accelerated decline in lung function or incomplete lung growth in children
  - : **Risk factor**
    - increasing age
    - bronchial hyper-responsiveness
    - tobacco smoke exposure
    - asthma
    - lower respiratory infections/exacerbations

# Hyperinflation



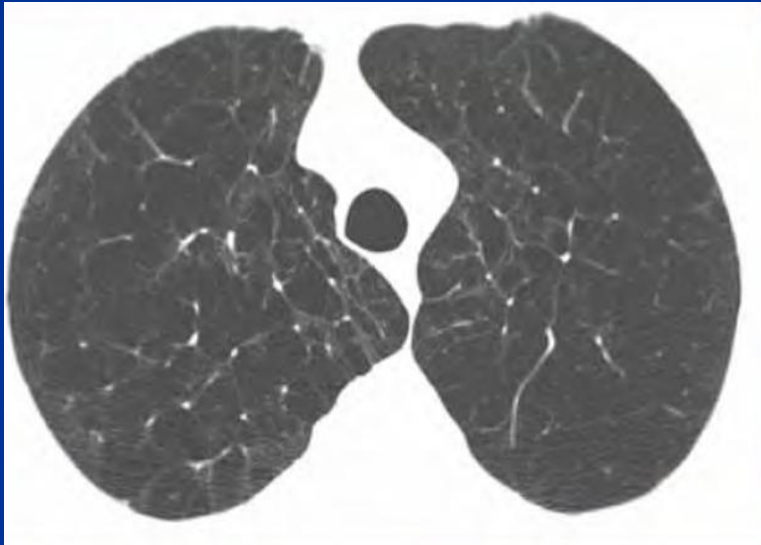
n = 689

Median F/U = 34 months



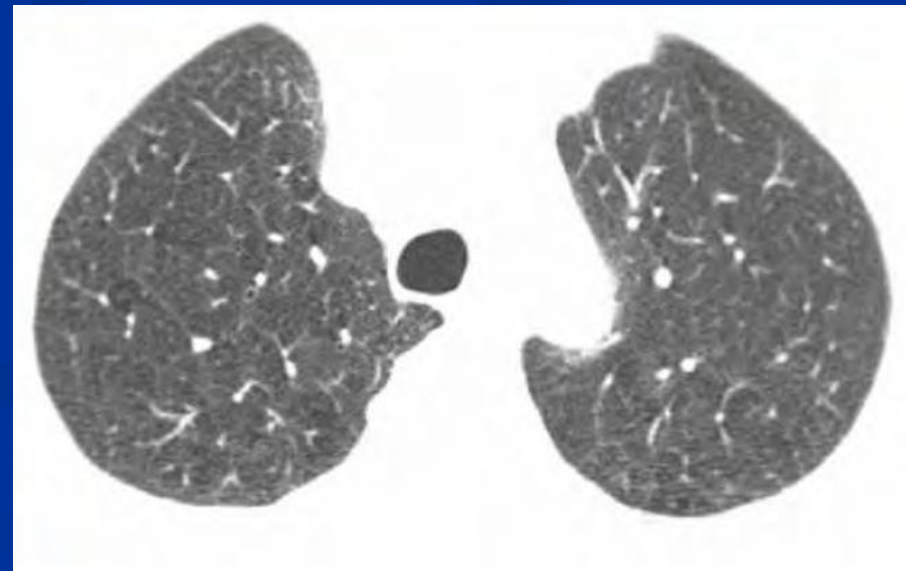
# Chest CT Scan

GOLD Stage 2 COPD - FEV<sub>1</sub> 60% Predicted



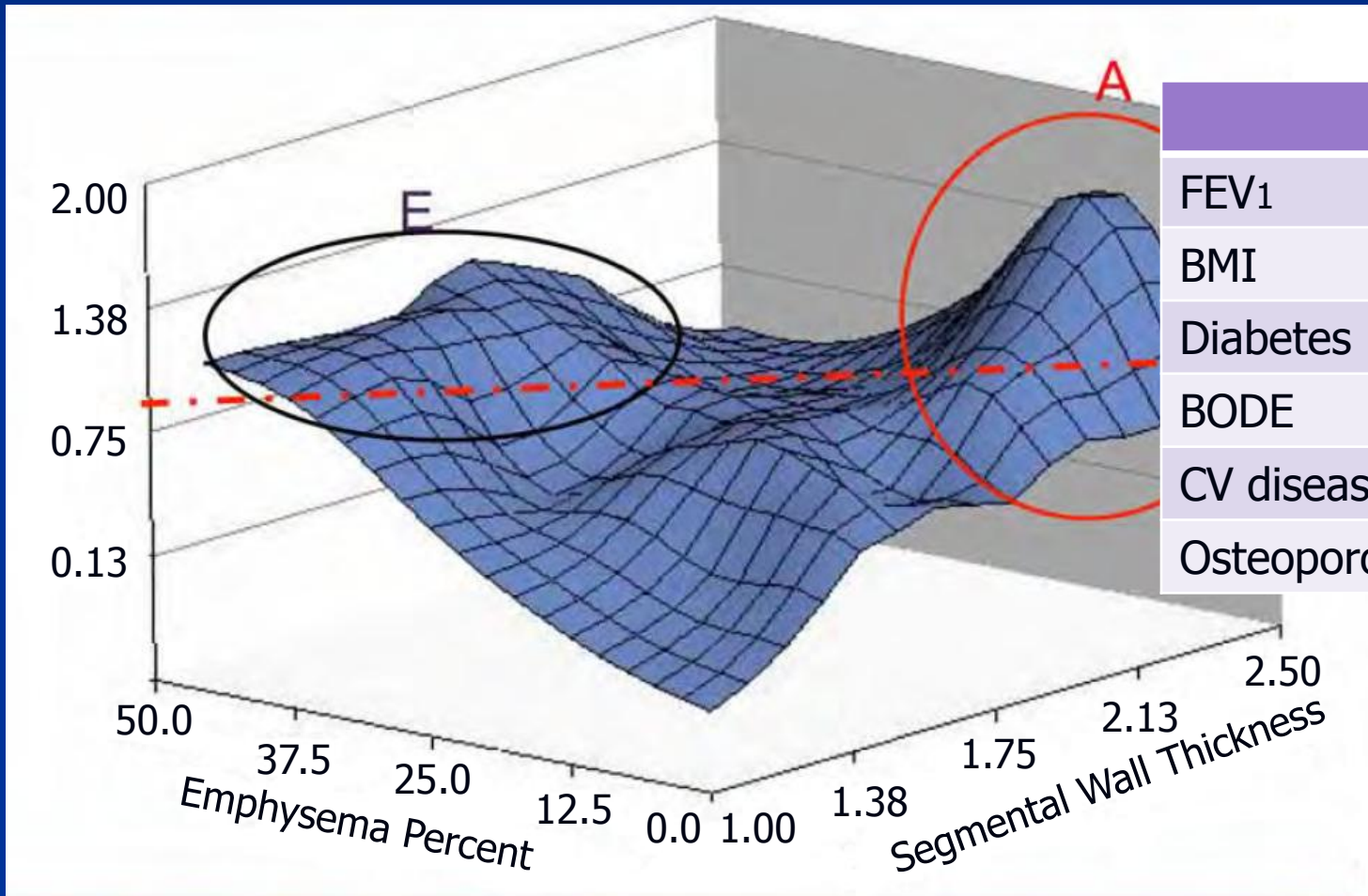
Patient 1:  
Marked Panlobular Emphysema

Patient 2:  
Minimal Emphysema



# Chest CT Scan : Emphysema

COPD Exacerbation in the COPDGene Study



	Emphy	Airway
FEV <sub>1</sub>	29%	51%
BMI	22.7	30.7
Diabetes	9.7%	19.5%
BODE	5.1	3.0
CV disease	9.5%	12.1%
Osteoporosis	28.0%	7.8%

# Chest CT Scan : Emphysema

## COPD Exacerbation in the COPDGene Study

- Bronchial wall thickness and emphysema percentage are associated with exacerbation frequency
- 1.84 fold AECOPD increase per 1 mm increase in bronchial wall thickness (not airway wall %)
- 1.18 fold AECOPD increase per 5% increase in patients with emphysema > 35%

Quantitative CT can help identify subgroups of patients with COPD who experience exacerbations for targeted research and therapy development for individual phenotypes

# Phenotype-specific COPD Treatment

COPD+bronchiectasis

Bronchitis phenotype

Frequent exacerbator

Mucoactive drugs  
Antibiotics  
Physiotherapy

PDEi  
Antibiotics

ICS/LABA  
ICS/LABA/LAMA

Tx of complications

Antileukotriene

COPD+asthma

LVRS/bullectomy  
AAT augmentation therapy  
BVR  
Theophylline

Emphysematic phenotype

Specific rehabilitation  
+ Nutritional support

Phenotype of pulmonary cachexia

# Phenotypes and Clinical relevance in COPD

Phenotypes	Symptoms or quality of life	Exacerbations	Rate of disease progression	Mortality	Targeted interventions
<b>Clinical</b>					
Female sex	Poor	Frequent		Low	Smoking cessation
Low BMI	Poor		Rapid	High	Nutrition, rehabilitation
Chronic bronchitis	Poor	Frequent	Rapid	High	PDE-4 inhibitor
Dyspnea	Poor	Frequent		High	BD, rehabilitation
Frequent exacerbator	Poor	Frequent	Rapid	High	Smoking cessation, vaccination, BD, ICS, PDE-4 inhibitor
Comorbidities					
Skeletal muscle wasting	Poor	Frequent		High	Rehabilitation
Cardiovascular		Frequent		High	Statin, ACEi or ARB
Osteoporosis	Poor			High	Specific therapy
Anxiety and depression	Poor	Frequent		High	Specific therapy
Overlap syndrome	Poor	Frequent	Rapid	High	BD, ICS

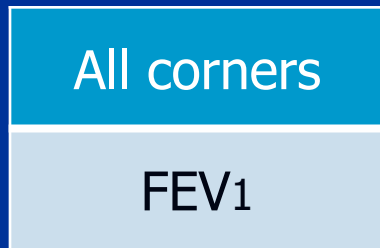
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<b>Physiologic</b>					
Degree of airflow limitation	Weak correlation	Frequent		High	BD, ICS, PDE-4 inhibitor
Rapid decliner			Rapid	High	Smoking cessation
AHR			Rapid		BD, ICS
Hyperinflation	Poor			High	BD
Low DLCO	Poor			High	Avoid LVRS
PAH	Poor			High	Endothelin receptor antagonist, PDE-4 inhibitor, statin
Hypoxemia	Poor			High	LTOT
<b>Radiologic</b>					
Emphysema	Poor	Frequent	Rapid	High	LVRS, AAT replacement
Airway disease	Poor	Frequent			BD

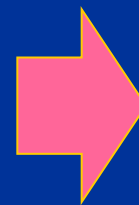
# COPD Future: Personalized Medicine

**Future**

**Past**



**Present**

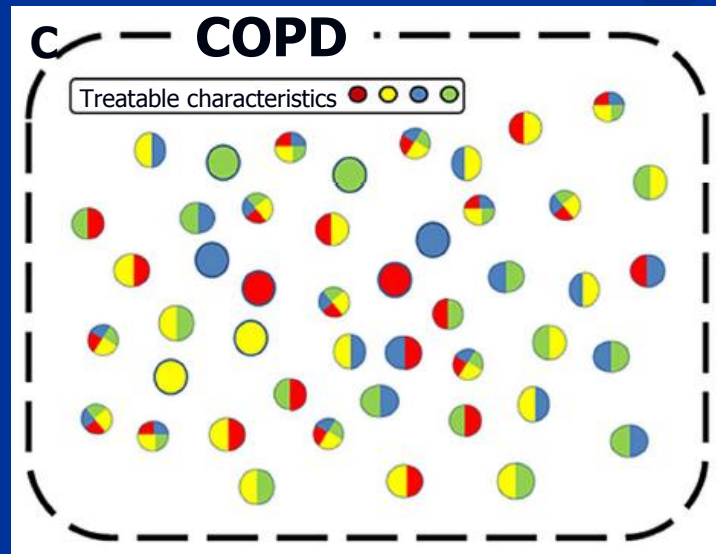
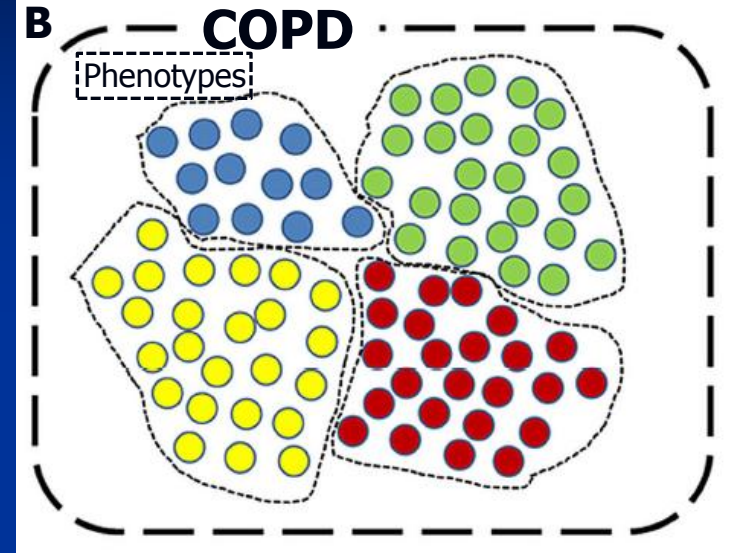
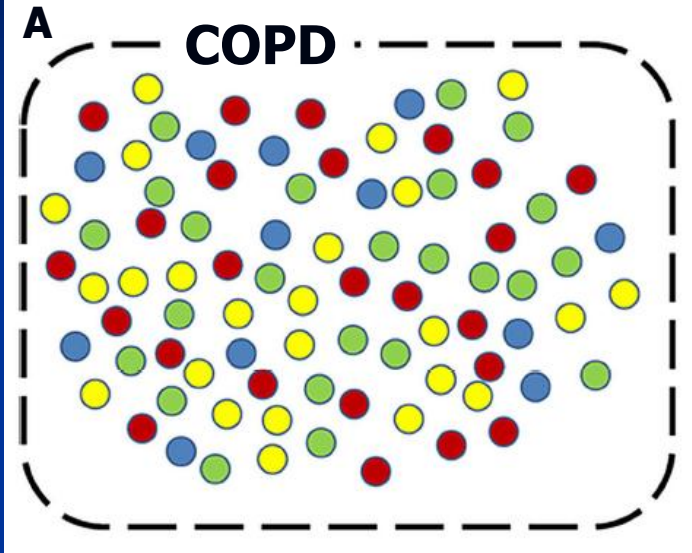


**Personalized  
medicine**

**Control panel**



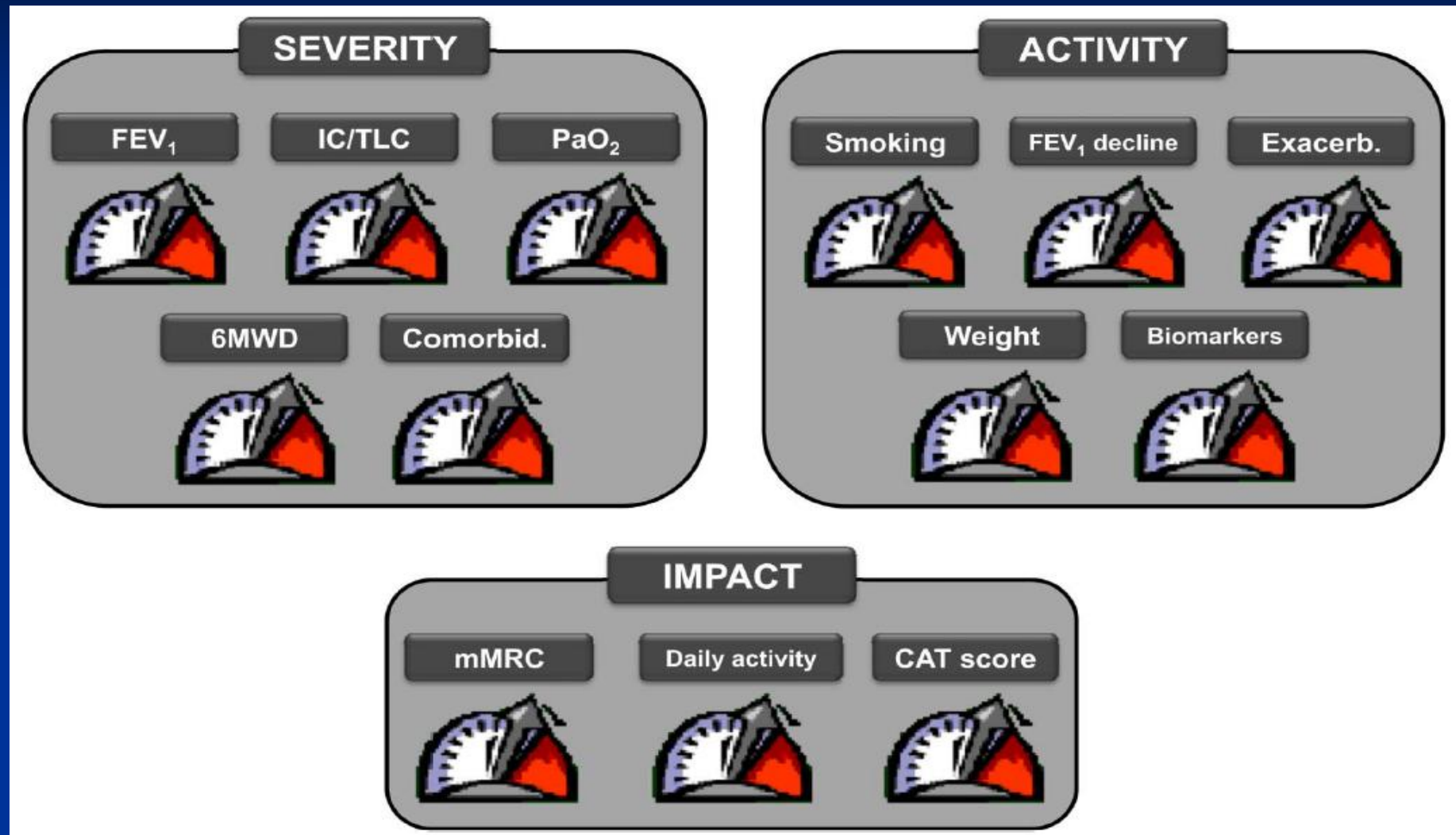
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# COPD Control Panel



Severity: extent of functional loss of the target organ

Activity: level of activation of the biological process that drive disease progression

# COPD Future: Personalized Medicine

## Severity (Mild)

- GOLD grade II
- no hyperinflation
- normal PaO<sub>2</sub>
- normal exercise tolerance
- no comorbidities

## Impact (Low)

- normal mMRC
- normal CAT scores
- normal daily activity

## Activity (High)

- current smoker
- increased FEV<sub>1</sub> decline with two exacerbations over the past 6 months
- raised levels of biomarker of disease activity



Therapeutic intervention (anti-inflammatory therapy?) prevents future progression of the disease

# COPD Future: Personalized Medicine

## Severity (Severe)

- FEV1 < 50% predicted
- hyperinflation
- low exercise capacity
- comorbidities  
(cardiovascular, obesity)

## Impact (High)

- high mMRC
- low CAT scores
- house bound

## Activity (Low)

- ex- smoker
- constant FEV1
- no exacerbations
- stable BMI
- normal biomarker  
of disease activity



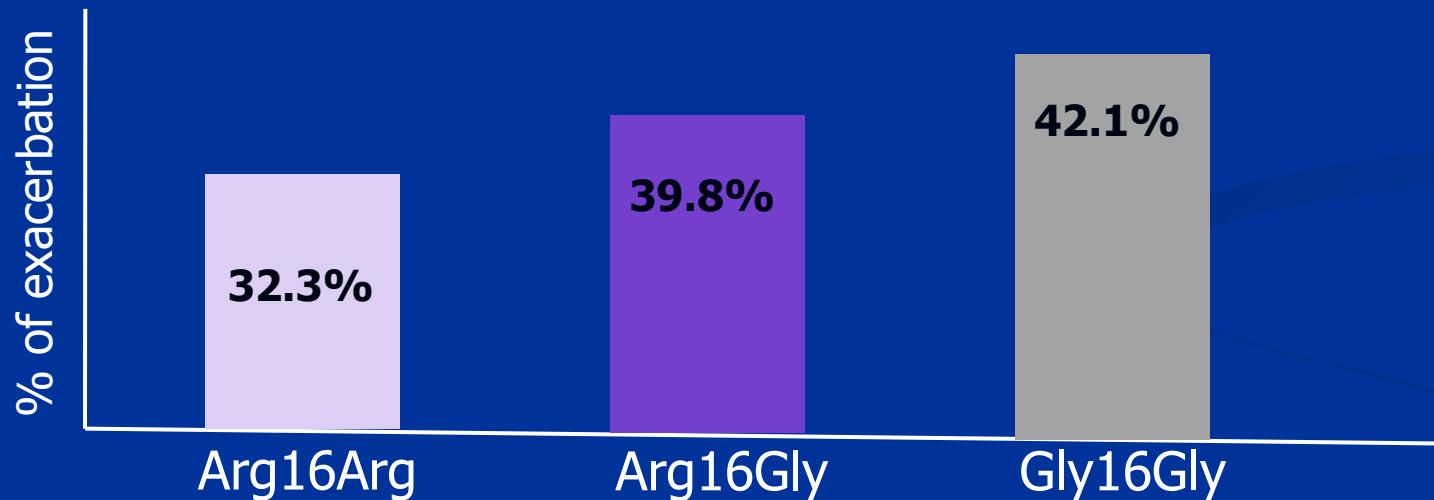
Bronchodilator treatment, treat comorbidities, rehabilitation  
but may question the need for anti-inflammatory therapy

# COPD Future: Personalized Medicine

## $\beta_2$ -adrenergic receptor (ADRB2) polymorphisms

- Salmeterol group

Proportion of patients with at least one exacerbation



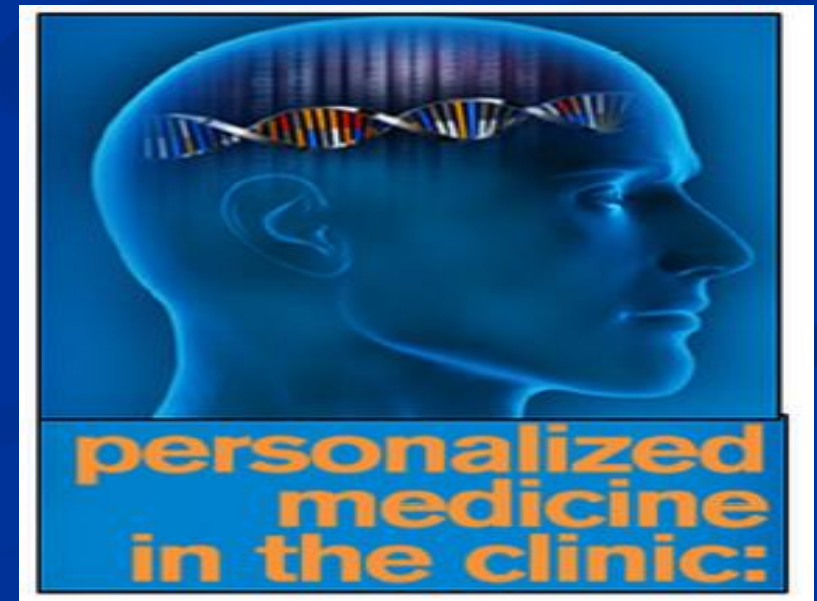
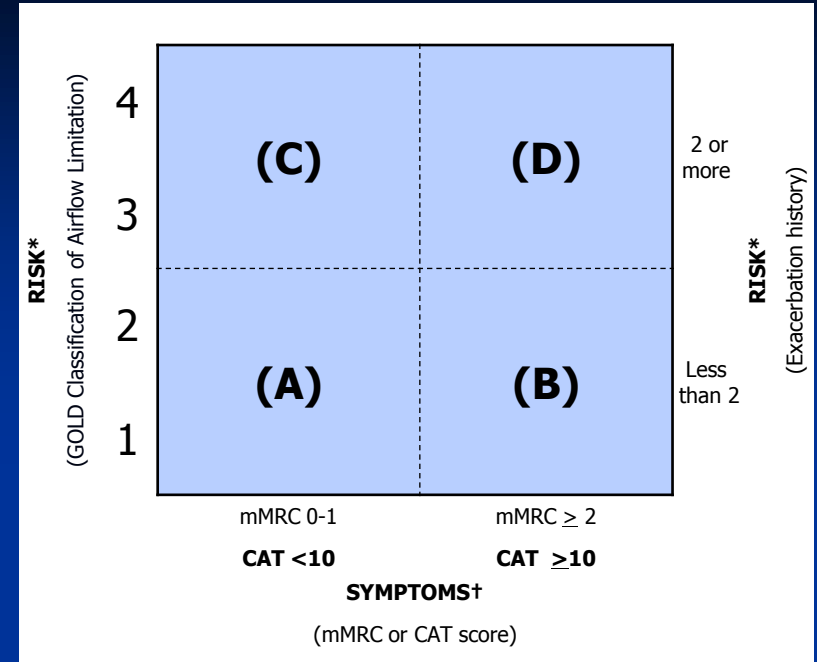
- Tiotropium group
  - Exacerbation risk was not modified by polymorphisms

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# 2011



# Conclusion

- Understanding of COPD has changed dramatically over the past two decades
  - Airflow limitation centric view (FEV<sub>1</sub>)
  - complex and heterogenous disease
- COPD phenotypes are the basis of personalized treatment in clinical practice
- Clinical, inflammatory, genomic and epigenomic biomarkers for COPD could be used to personalize treatment

**Control Panel Fulfilling Goal of 'Personalized' Medicine in COPD**

# Personalized Treatment in COPD

