This document has been prepared by the Respiratory Health Implementation Group, and has subsequently been endorsed by the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG).

Please direct any queries to AWTTTC:

All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre
University Hospital Llandough
Penlan Road
Llandough
Vale of Glamorgan
CF64 2XX

awttc@wales.nhs.uk
029 2071 6900

This document should be cited as:
Clinical Pathway

**COPD**

All Wales COPD Management And Prescribing Guide

**STEP 1: ASSESSMENT**

Symptoms checked?

**STEP 2: DIAGNOSIS**

Evidence of airflow obstruction that is not fully reversible

Post-bronchodilator spirometry FEV1/FVC ratio <0.7

Normal post-bronchodilator spirometry

Reconsider pathway

**STEP 3: REFER**

Any red flags symptoms

Secondary care-referral perform CXR

Referral for smoking cessation therapy

Flu vaccination

Exercise, education & Pulmonary rehabilitation

Referral for oxygen assessment if SpO2 is <93%

**STEP 4: PRESCRIBE**

Prescribe a SABA

If using SABA daily [2 puff 2-4 times per day]

Check inhaler technique and adherence

**STEP 4 INFORMATION: PRESCRIBE**

Salbutamol 100mcg MDI + spacer PRN

Gentle and deep via spacer

Salbutamol 100mcg Easyhaler PRN

Forceful and deep

Salbutamol 100mcg reliever PRN

Gentle and deep

Ensure patient can use device. All MDIs must be used with a spacer

**STEP 5: REVIEW**

**SYMPTOMS WORSENING? YES**

SIBI poorly controlled? Review:

Inhaler technique

Non-pharmacological interventions

Smoking status

Consider referral

**SYMPTOMS WORSENING? NO**

Review annually if stable

**Endorsed by All Wales Medicines Strategy Group**

**Also available in digital format**