



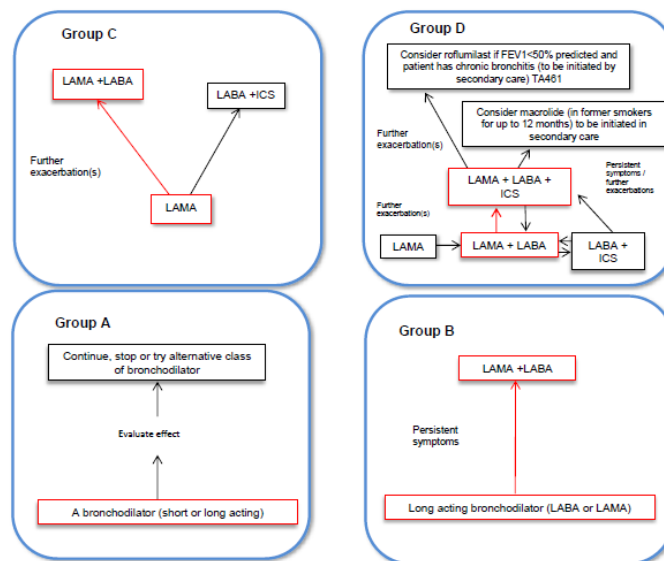
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Prescribing of combination LAMA/LABA inhalers in COPD



Current 2017 GOLD COPD Guidelines recommend prescribing a LAMA + LABA combination for COPD patients who fall into various categories of the pharmacological algorithm.

<http://goldcopd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/wms-GOLD-2017-Pocket-Guide.pdf>



Consider prescribing as a **LAMA/LABA combination inhaler** if both agents are necessary, rather than as a separate LAMA inhaler and LABA inhaler.

LAMA	LABA	LAMA/LABA	Savings per month as a combination inhaler
Tiotropium Spiriva Respimat ® £23.00	Olodaterol Striverdi Respimat ® £26.35	Tiotropium/olodaterol Spiolto Respimat ® £32.50	£16.85
Acclidinium Eklira Genuair ® £28.60	Formoterol Oxis 12 Turbohaler ® £24.80	Acclidinium/formoterol Duaklir Genuair ® £32.50	£20.90
Umeclidinium Incruse Ellipta ® £27.50	<i>Vilanterol not available as a sole agent</i>	Umeclidinium/vilanterol Anoro Ellipta ® £32.50	NA
Glycopyrronium Seebri Breezhaler ® £27.50	Indacaterol Onbrez Breezhaler ® £32.19	Glycopyrronium/indacaterol Ultibro Breezhaler ® £32.50	£27.19 - but NOT recommended by LMMG

Prices correct as of June 2018

Refer to the EMC for individual inhaler properties <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/>

Useful website for inhaler information <https://www.rightbreathe.com/>

Lancs Medicines Management COPD Guidelines <http://www.lancsmmg.nhs.uk/download/guidelines/COPD-guideline-Version-1.7.pdf>

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