Addressing Unmet Medical Needs in COPD Management

In this book, advances in drug therapy for COPD have been highlighted and, after a review of current management, the new developments in long-acting bronchodilators and combinations are reviewed.

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Although patients with COPD do not respond as well to therapy as most patients with asthma, there have been important advances in management over the last decade. It is now recognized that COPD is a complex disease that is often associated with several comorbid diseases, including cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, which worsen prognosis and raise issues about how to manage the lung disease and its associated systemic effects and comorbidities.

It is now recognized that there is a marked heterogeneity among COPD patients and that different patients will benefit from different therapies. This will become increasingly relevant in the future as it will be important to personalize treatment according to the phenotype of the patients and this may require the development of biomarkers to predict and monitor response. This book therefore brings together some of the new information about drug therapy of COPD and also looks towards future developments in this important area.

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