

Drugs Commonly Used to Treat COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) refers to a group of diseases that cause lung damage and make it difficult to breathe. Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are two examples. The physical damage caused by COPD cannot be undone, but there are medications available to help you manage its symptoms so you can breathe more easily.

The chart below lists some of the most commonly prescribed medications used to treat COPD. This chart only provides a sample list of drug options (not all drugs available) and may change.

Generic Drugs	Brand-name Drugs
albuterol	Advair Diskus/Advair HFA
beclomethasone	Aerobid/Aerobid-M*
budesonide	Alvesco
flunisolide	Asmanex
ipratropium	Atrovent HFA
ipratropium-albuterol	Azmacort*
metaproterenol	Brovana
terbutaline	Combivent
	Flovent HFA/Flovent Diskus
	Foradil
	Maxair
	Perforomist
	Proair HFA
	Proventil HFA
	Pulmicort
	Qvar
	Serevent/Serevent Diskus
	Spiriva
	Symbicort
	Ventolin HFA
	Ventolin Rotacaps
	Xopenex/Xopenex HFA



* Indicates a non-preferred brand

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