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Abstract

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Keywords: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Mechanical Ventilator, Nurses Performance, Weaning.

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List of Abbreviations

Abb.	Full term
<i>A/C</i>	<i>Assist/Control</i>
<i>AARC</i>	<i>American Association for Respiratory Care</i>
<i>AAT</i>	<i>Alpha-1-Antitrypsin</i>
<i>ABG</i>	<i>Arterial Blood Gases</i>
<i>ALI</i>	<i>Acute Lung Injury</i>
<i>ANCA</i>	<i>Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody</i>
<i>ARDS</i>	<i>Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome</i>
<i>ARF</i>	<i>Acute Respiratory Failure</i>
<i>CBC</i>	<i>Complete Blood Count</i>
<i>CNS</i>	<i>Central Nervous System</i>
<i>COPD</i>	<i>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</i>
<i>CPAP</i>	<i>Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Ventilation</i>
<i>CPT</i>	<i>Chest Physiotherapy</i>
<i>DKA</i>	<i>Diabetic Ketoacidosis</i>
<i>E ratio</i>	<i>Expiration Ratio</i>
<i>ECG</i>	<i>Electro-Cardiography</i>
<i>Echo</i>	<i>Echocardiography</i>
<i>ETT</i>	<i>Endo-Tracheal Tube</i>
<i>FEV1</i>	<i>Forced Expired Volume in One Second</i>
<i>FVC</i>	<i>Forced Vital Capacity</i>
<i>GOLD</i>	<i>Global Initiative for Lung Disease</i>
<i>Hb</i>	<i>Hemoglobin</i>
<i>I: E</i>	<i>Inspiration to expiration ratio</i>
<i>ICU</i>	<i>Intensive Care Unit</i>
<i>LLN</i>	<i>Lower Limit of Normal</i>
<i>LTOT</i>	<i>Long-Term O2 Therapy</i>

List of Abbreviations (cont...)

Abb.	Full term
<i>MV</i>	<i>Mechanical ventilation</i>
<i>NIV</i>	<i>Noninvasive Ventilation</i>
<i>NPPV</i>	<i>Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation</i>
<i>PaCO₂</i>	<i>Partial Pressure of Arterial Carbon Dioxide in Blood</i>
<i>PaO₂</i>	<i>Partial Pressure of Arterial Oxygen in Blood</i>
<i>PC</i>	<i>Pressure Control</i>
<i>PCV</i>	<i>Pressure Control Ventilation</i>
<i>PEEP</i>	<i>Positive end Expiratory Pressure</i>
<i>PEEPi</i>	<i>Intrinsic Positive end Expiratory Pressure</i>
<i>PLB</i>	<i>Pursed-Lip Breathing</i>
<i>PND</i>	<i>Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnea</i>
<i>PPE</i>	<i>Personal Protective Equipements</i>
<i>PS</i>	<i>Pressure Support</i>
<i>PSV</i>	<i>Pressure Support Ventilation</i>
<i>RR</i>	<i>Respiratory Rate</i>
<i>RSBI</i>	<i>Rapid Shallow Breathing Index</i>
<i>Sao₂</i>	<i>Saturation of O₂</i>
<i>SBT</i>	<i>Spontaneous Breathing Trial</i>
<i>SIMV</i>	<i>Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation</i>
<i>TNF</i>	<i>Tumor Necrosis Factor</i>
<i>URIs</i>	<i>Upper Respiratory Infections</i>
<i>V/Q</i>	<i>Ventilation-Perfusion</i>
<i>VAP</i>	<i>Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia</i>
<i>Vt</i>	<i>Tidal Volume</i>
<i>WHO</i>	<i>World Health Organization</i>

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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is characterized by chronic inflammation throughout the central and peripheral airways, lung parenchyma, and pulmonary vasculature. This inflammation is caused by exposure to inhaled noxious particles and gases. Smoking causes 85% to 90% of all cases, although genetic factors, passive smoking, occupational exposure and air pollution can also play a role. The main symptoms include shortness of breath and cough with sputum production (*Dennis et al., 2016*).

As of 2015, COPD affected about 174.5 million (2.4%) of the global population world wide. It typically occurs in people over the age of 40. Males and females are affected equally commonly. In 2015, it resulted in 3.2 million deaths. More than 90% of these deaths occur in the developing world. Which is expected to be third most common cause by 2020 (*Vos et al., 2016*). In Egypt, according to National Institute of Health, COPD was the 8th cause of death in 2016 in all ages, after ischemic heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, cirrhosis hepatitis C, road injuries, lower respiratory infections, diabetes and chronic kidney disease (*Egyptian National Institute of Health, 2016*).

Exacerbations (a sudden worsening of symptoms) are an important outcome measure in COPD due to their profound effect on the patient's quality of life and prognosis. It is commonly triggered by infection, environmental pollutants or cold winter. It has been estimated that patients with COPD