



Best Practice Teams

*evidence based practices
for world-class patient care*

Kaweah Health's new Best Practice Teams lead by Dr. Michael Tedalidi are making sure
It's easy to get current best practices to patients that will affect their outcomes!

Power Plan Changes Available Now!

Treatment of CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

Standardized approach with updated treatment recommendations

FOUND IN POWER PLAN:

MED CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD) ACUTE EXACERBATION ADMISSION

- Short-acting inhaled Beta2-agonist, with or without anticholinergics as initial treatment
- Separated short acting and maintenance bronchodilators
- Antibiotics only when indicated (Indications noted on power plan)
- Systemic corticosteroids for severe exacerbations
- Reduction in duration of corticosteroids
- Use of oxygen to maintain SpO2 88-92%
- Use of Bipap/Cpap is standard care as the initial mode of ventilation
- New labs- Respiratory Culture with Gram Stain, Biofire Respiratory Panel, Procalcitonin
- Bedside pulmonary function screen post bronchodilator therapy when off O2 or on home level of O2
- Complete pulmonary function test once off O2 or on home level of O2; prior to discharge or outpatient

These changes are based on the GOLD Guidelines. Access these guidelines through the QR code

