Questioning the purpose of annual follow-up spirometry for all patients with COPD

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GOLD guidelines recommend yearly spirometry for all patients living with COPD. Is this recommendation too broad, and what actionable findings can serial spirometry provide?

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To the Editor:

COPD remains one of the leading respiratory causes of morbidity and mortality globally [1]. The Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) is the pre-eminent source of international consensus on COPD care and recently released their 2023 guidelines and recommendations for the assessment and management of COPD [2].