

How can you use disease specific indicators to refine your patient population?

The General Practitioner (GP) Database, included in the PHARMO Database Network, contains diagnoses, symptoms and other clinical parameters. These parameters help to characterize disease specific indicators, which allow for distinction between types of diseases (e.g. type I and II diabetes mellitus, COPD and asthma, etc.) or within one type of disease (e.g. between severities). Learn more about the Pharmo [GP Database](#).

For example, FEV₁-measurement/GOLD stage determines severity of COPD. These disease specific indicators can be extracted from the PHARMO GP Database. Instead of only calculating the exacerbation (recurrence) rate among all patients using respiratory medication, a distinction can now be made between asthma and COPD patients, but also between different GOLD stages among COPD patients (see Figure 1).

Want to know more? Check the soon to be published article: Overbeek et al., Burden of exacerbations in patients with moderate to very severe COPD in the Netherlands: a real-life study, COPD, accepted.

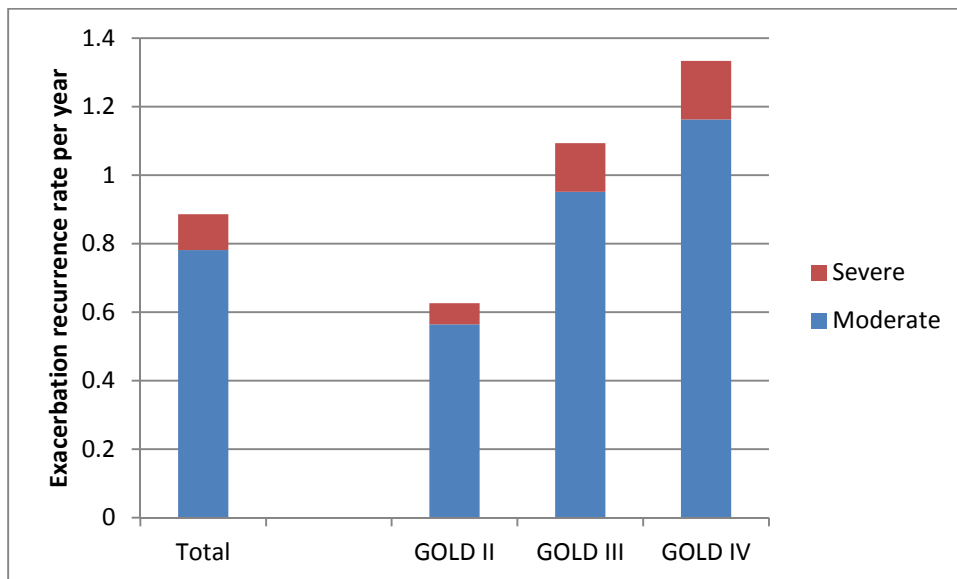


Figure 1: Exacerbation recurrence rates among COPD patients, total and stratified by GOLD.

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