



- Both terms are categorized under the term COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Both have limited airflow: difficulty getting air out
- Both patients have the inability to fully exhale
- Irreversible....no cure...managed with medications/lifestyle changes
- Cases vary from mild to severe and some patients can develop both chronic bronchitis and emphysema
- Both experience respiratory acidosis
- Main cause of both is inhalation of some type of irritant: **SMOKING**
- Medications Treatment:
  - Bronchodilators
  - Inhaled and/or po corticosteroids
  - Antibiotics
- Both require spirometry to definitely diagnose