

COPD (Mild)  
Emergency Department – Observation Unit

<i>Attach Patient Label Here</i>	Date of Admission	
	ED Care Provider Name	
	Signature	

Observation Unit Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mild exacerbation of COPD</li> <li>Speaking in complete sentences</li> <li>Required investigations ordered</li> <li>Likely length of stay &lt;12 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEWS2 &gt; 4</li> <li>O2 requirement &gt; 28% / 4L nasal</li> </ul>

Baseline Investigations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bloods – FBC, U&amp;Es, LFTs, CRP</li> <li>CXR requested &amp; completed</li> </ul>

Prescribing Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salbutamol            5mg Neb</li> <li>Ipratropium        500mcg Neb</li> <li>Prednisolone        40mg Oral</li> </ul> <p><i>The above recommendations may not be appropriate for all patients and should be checked before prescribing.</i></p>

Observation Frequency <i>Circle as indicated</i>			
30 Minutes	1 Hourly	2 Hourly	4 Hourly

Requires trolley? <i>Circle as indicated</i>	
Yes	No – suitable for chair

Additional Instructions

Observation Unit Discharge Criteria	Hospital Admission Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptoms improved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing symptoms</li> <li>Alternate diagnosis requiring admission</li> </ul>

Observation Unit Discharge Checklist		
Discharge Letter completed on TRAK		
Prednisolone 40mg OD prescribed for discharge		
Patient has supply of normal inhalers		
Patient information leaflet provided		
Discharged By	Name	Signature