



**Clinical Guidelines
For the
Management of COPD**

Clinical Guideline for Management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Schaller Anderson of Arizona, L.L.C. has adopted the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) updated version of Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. It became available in 2007. Executive summary of the report of the guidelines can be found at:

<http://www.goldcopd.org/Guidelineitem.asp?l1=2&l2=1&intId=996>

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