

Clinical features differentiating COPD and asthma		
	COPD	Asthma
Smoker or ex-smoker	Nearly all	Possibly
Symptoms under age 35 years	Rare	Often
Chronic productive cough	Common	Uncommon
Breathlessness	Persistent and progressive	Variable
Night time waking with breathlessness and/or wheeze	Uncommon	Common
Significant diurnal or day to day variability of symptoms	Uncommon	Common