

Table 1. Severity of airflow obstruction		
		NICE clinical guideline 101 (2010)
Post-bronchodilator FEV ₁ /FVC	FEV ₁ % predicted	Post-bronchodilator
< 0.7	≥ 80%	Stage 1 – Mild*
< 0.7	50-79%	Stage 2 – Moderate
< 0.7	30-49%	Stage 3 – Severe
< 0.7	< 30%	Stage 4 – Very severe
* Symptoms should be present to diagnose COPD in people with mild airflow obstruction		