

Respiratory professionals come together to address one of England's top 5 killers – COPD

COPD 2014, 20th & 21st October 2014, Holiday Inn Regents Park, London UK

LONDON, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, September 26, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Respiratory professionals are set to gather this October in London to discuss the fifth most common cause of death in England and Wales, [COPD](#).*

SMI's 6th annual COPD event will spotlight on key areas such as regulation, exacerbations, patient care, challenges in drug development, market access and depression in COPD.

The panel of speakers includes respiratory specialists from the MHRA, AstraZeneca, Chiesi, Bayer, Novartis and Teva.

The conference, set to take place across 2 days on 20th and 21st October, will be opened by a keynote address from the MHRA entitled: Regulatory perspective in clinical development of medicines for COPD, hosted by Nithyanandan Nagercoil.

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The senior medical assessor will speak on regulatory expectations, providing an overview into EU versus US requirements and giving updates on recent advances, providing both legal guidance and a clinical perspective to the event.

When asked about the current challenges facing the industry he commented:

“This years' conference appears to address some recent developments and newer techniques that can be used to deliver management of COPD and gather clinical data to inform on treatment effects.”

“Lack of a good understanding of the mediators involved in the progressive pathophysiology in



COPD and the difficulties in demonstrating a clinically relevant long-term beneficial effect of a treatment in a progressive condition are the biggest challenges for the pharmaceutical industry in tackling COPD.”

The full interview with Dr Nagercoil is available to [download](#) at www.copd-conference.co.uk along with a current list of confirmed participants.

6th annual conference on COPD

20-21 October 2014

Holiday Inn Regents Park Hotel, London, UK

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