

# Factors to Consider when Initiating ICS Treatment

## Factors to consider when adding ICS to long-acting bronchodilators:

(note the scenario is different when considering ICS withdrawal)

### STRONGLY FAVORS USE

History of hospitalization(s) for exacerbations of COPD<sup>#</sup>

≥ 2 moderate exacerbations of COPD per year<sup>#</sup>

Blood eosinophils ≥ 300 cells/μL

History of, or concomitant asthma

### FAVORS USE

1 moderate exacerbation of COPD per year<sup>#</sup>

Blood eosinophils 100 to < 300 cells/μL

### AGAINST USE

Repeated pneumonia events

Blood eosinophils < 100 cells/μL

History of mycobacterial infection