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This thesis is concerned with identifying factors that can inform and improve medical management of patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Particular areas of focus relevant to this patient group are quality of life, disease exacerbations and mortality. The research forms part of the PRAXIS study, which has collected information from a variety of sources on a cohort of primary and secondary care patients with a COPD diagnosis in the Uppsala/Orebro region.