

Guest Editors

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Professor Wedzicha has a major interest in the causes, mechanisms, impact and prevention of COPD exacerbations, and in the role of bacterial and viral infection in COPD exacerbations. She directs an active research group specialising in COPD exacerbations, and has published extensively on this topic. She also directs the British Lung Foundation Early COPD Cohort.

Professor Wedzicha was Editor-in-Chief of *Thorax* from 2002 to 2010, and until March 2022 she was Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. She was the *Lancet* Ombudsman until 2014, Publications Director for the ERS and has also previously been ERS Guidelines Director. She is a member of the GOLD Scientific Committee.

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Dr Allinson graduated from the University of Oxford (Oxford, UK) in 2005. He trained in respiratory and general medicine in London and was awarded a PhD from Imperial College London in 2018.



Dr Allinson leads research exploring how COPD and lung health develop across the life course, aiming to find ways to improve the

treatment of those with established disease. Clinically, he subspecialises in the fields of advanced COPD and respiratory failure.

Peter M.A. Calverley



Peter M.A. Calverley is Emeritus Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Liverpool (Liverpool, UK) and continues to work in the Institute of Life Courses and Medical Science (University of Liverpool). His research interests focus on the pathophysiology and management of COPD, and he has published over 500 papers and several textbooks, as well as lecturing widely on these topics.

Professor Calverley has been an Associate Editor of the *European Respiratory Journal*, *Thorax* and the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. He is currently Chief Editor of the *ERS Monograph*. Professor Calverley has chaired the scientific committee of the British Lung Foundation, the British Sleep Society and the Clinical Physiology Assembly of the European Respiratory Society (ERS) and was a member of the ERS Executive Committee. He was a founder member of the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) and chaired its Dissemination Committee and Scientific Committee. He was President of the British Thoracic Society (BTS) in 2006, co-chaired the External Reference Group advising Ministers on the content of the COPD Clinical Service Strategy, and chaired the Respiratory Specialty groups of the UK Comprehensive Clinical Research Network until 2015. He currently Chairs the UK BEACON study (British Early COPD Network), researching the origins of COPD in young adults.

Professor Calverley is a Fellow of both the London and Edinburgh Colleges of Physicians and of the Academy of Medical Sciences, ERS and the American Thoracic Society. In 2023, he received the BTS medal for outstanding contributions to respiratory medicine.