



The diagram illustrates a management strategy for COPD. On the left, a large black arrow points downwards, labeled 'Increasing Severity'. To its right, four colored boxes are stacked vertically, representing treatment steps: a blue box for 'Increase in Dose / Frequency of Inhaled Bronchodilators', a red box for 'Systemic Corticosteroids', a green box for 'Antibiotics (if change in sputum)', and a purple box for 'Other Interventions, e.g. theophylline'. To the right of these boxes is a tall orange box labeled 'Oxygen +/- Ventilatory Support'. Below the purple box, a horizontal line is followed by a blue arrow pointing down to the text 'AND: consideration and management of co-morbidities'. A second horizontal line is followed by another blue arrow pointing down to the text 'THEN: consider appropriate exacerbation prevention strategies'. A final horizontal line is at the bottom of the diagram.

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