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ERS Scientific Working Group 09.04, “Psychologists and behavioural scientists”: the next step towards multidisciplinary respiratory care

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Impaired lung function is a cardinal feature in people with various chronic respiratory diseases, which is predominantly treated pharmacologically with additional smoking cessation if appropriate. Despite optimal medical treatment, many people with respiratory disease still experience daily physical, psychological and social limitations [1, 2]. As the degree of lung function impairment only partially explains these daily limitations, diagnostics and management must focus beyond biomedical and pharmacological approaches. Therefore, the role of allied respiratory professionals is essential within comprehensive disease management programmes, including adequate diagnostics, disease monitoring, and tailored non-pharmacological therapy options.