

ABPA

Obligatory criteria

- Predisposing condition such as asthma or cystic fibrosis
- *Aspergillus*-specific IgE or immediate skin sensitivity to *Aspergillus* and elevated total IgE level >1,000

Minor criteria (two of three are required)

- Central bronchiectasis
- Peripheral blood eosinophilia
- Precipitating or IgG antibodies to *Aspergillus fumigatus*

Treatment of acute ABPA

- Systemic corticosteroids
 - Monitors therapy effectiveness by following the decrease in the peripheral IgE levels
- Itraconazole or voriconazole
 - Patients who relapse with taper of steroids
 - Relapse with exacerbations of symptoms
 - Some advocate the use of itraconazole as part of primary therapy in an effort to minimize the duration of treatment with steroids