Short-acting bronchodilators
relax tight muscles in airways and offer quick relief of symptoms such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath for 3-6 hours.

Long-acting bronchodilators
last for at least 12 hours.

Inhaled corticosteroids
reduce and prevent swelling of airway tissue; they do not relieve sudden symptoms of coughing, wheezing or shortness of breath.

Combination medications
contain both long-acting bronchodilator and inhaled corticosteroid.

Anticholinergics
relieve cough, sputum production, wheeze and chest tightness associated with chronic lung diseases.