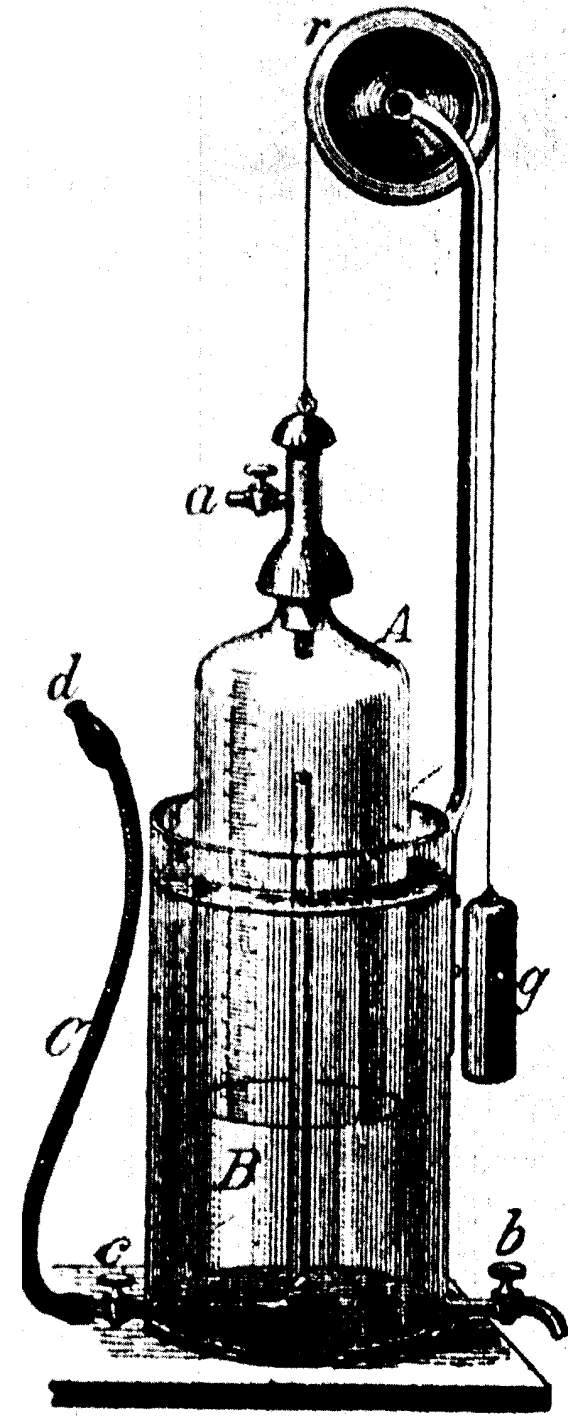


A REFRESHER ON PFT CONCEPTS & INTERPRETATION

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Learning Objectives

As a result of this course, participants will be able to:

- 1) **Interpret** a basic spirometry and complete PFT report
- 2) **Categorize patients** as having either an obstructive or restrictive (or mixed) condition
- 3) Conclude a generalized **clinical implication** based upon an interpretation of report

Disclaimer:

During the presentation, various drug names, pulmonary functions devices, and companies may be referenced or pictured. I am in no way affiliated with or compensated by any of the mentioned companies/corporations or their products.

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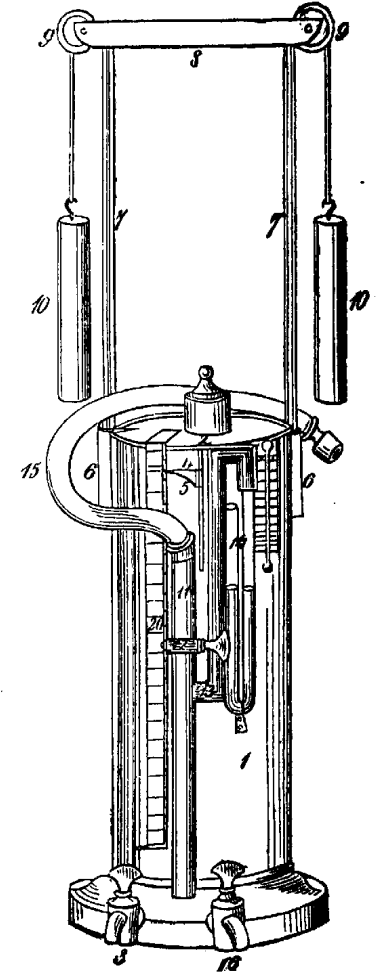
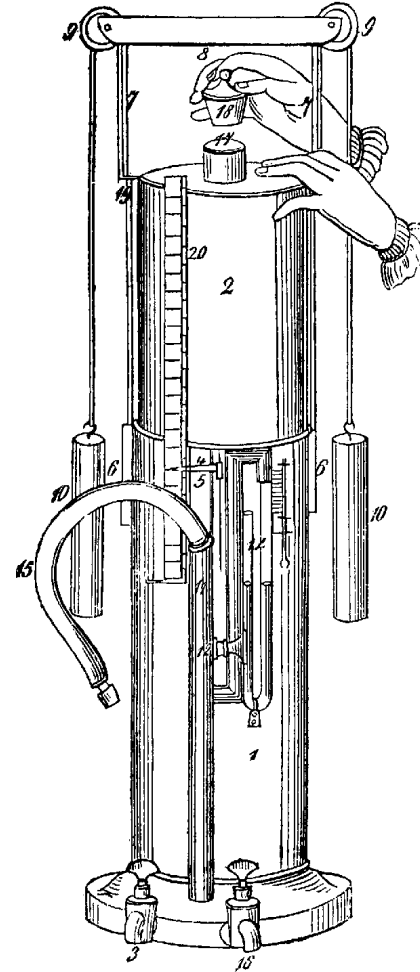
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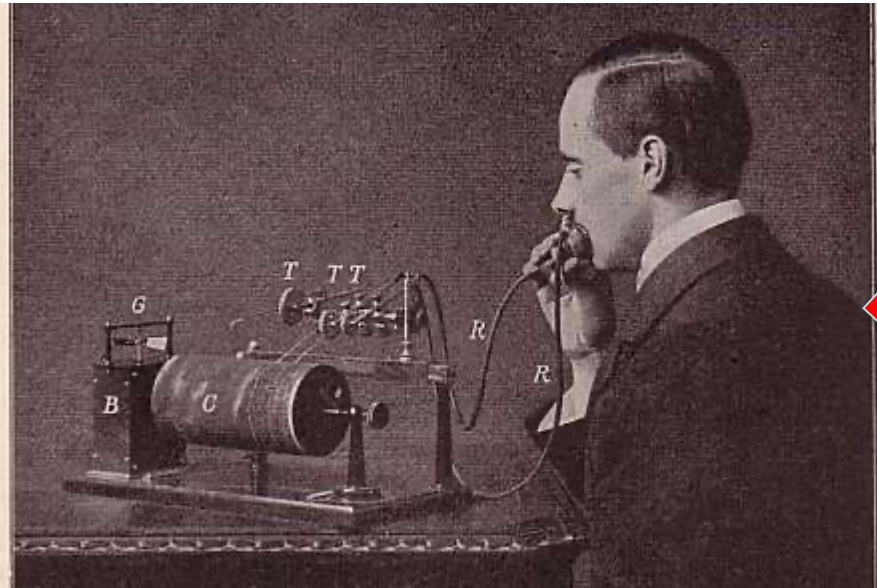
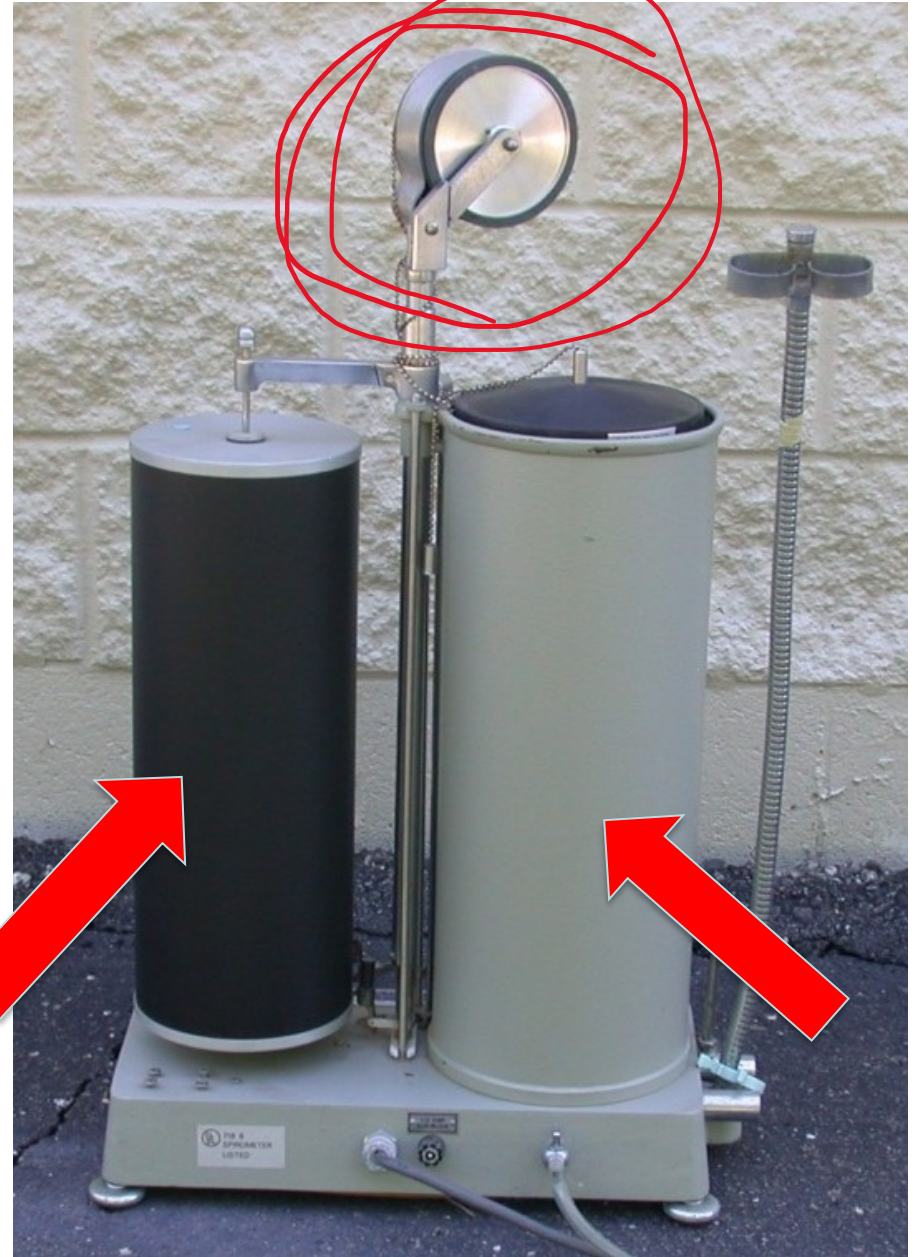
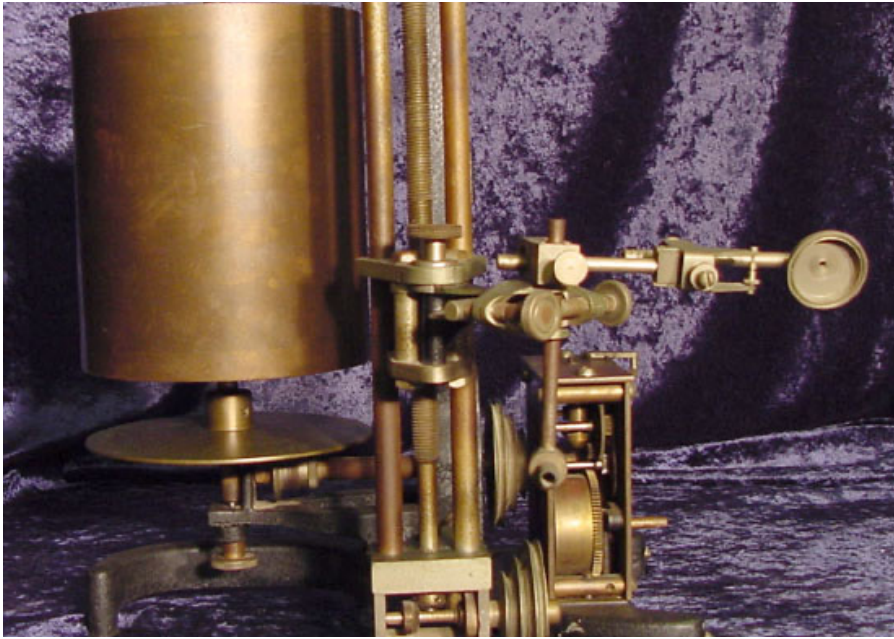
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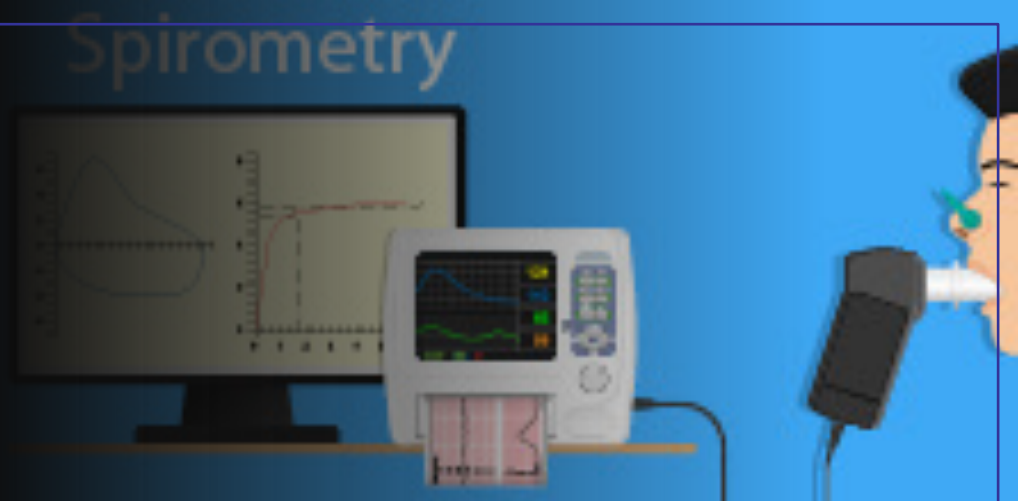




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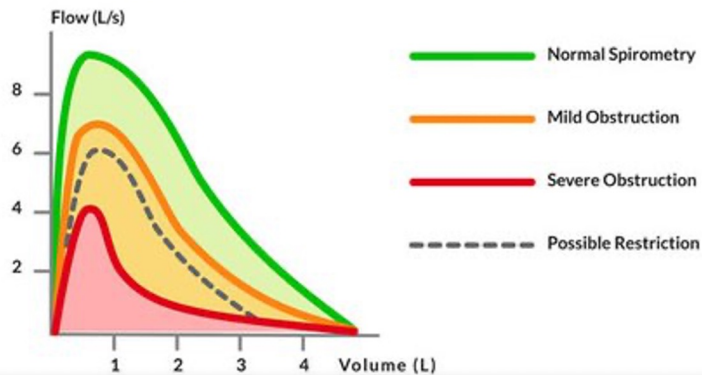


What is Spirometry?



$$\text{Flow (L/sec)} = \frac{\text{Volume (L)}}{\text{Time (sec)}}$$

Spirometry interpretation





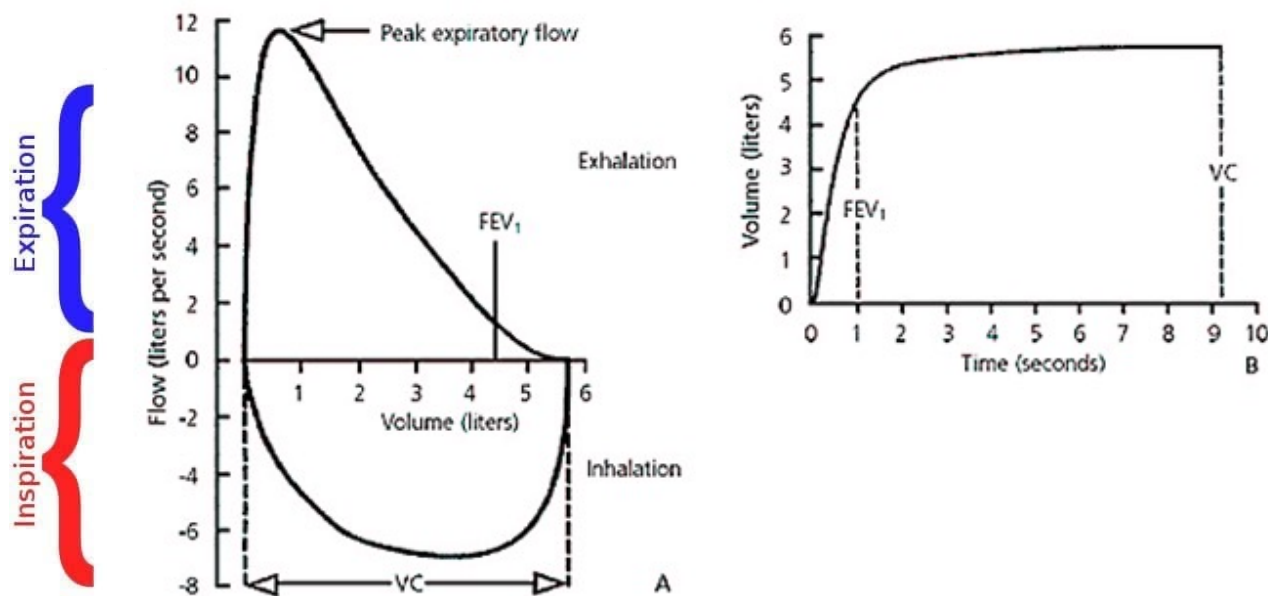
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Standard for Pulmonary Function Tests Gets an Update

NEW YORK, NY – March 02, 2022 – In the latest update to the [pulmonary function tests](#) technical standard series, the [American Thoracic Society](#) and European Respiratory Society address the uncertainty around the interpretation of the tests which are essential in determining the extent of respiratory dysfunction. The update was recently published in the European Respiratory Journal ahead of a planned webinar series by the ATS.



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Early View

Task force report

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Abstract

Background Appropriate interpretation of pulmonary function tests (PFTs) involves the classification of observed values as within/outside the normal range based on a reference population of healthy individuals, integrating knowledge of physiological determinants of test results into functional classifications and integrating patterns with other clinical data to estimate prognosis. In 2005, the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and European Respiratory Society (ERS) jointly adopted technical standards for the interpretation of PFTs. We aimed to update the 2005 recommendations and incorporate evidence from recent literature to establish new standards for PFT interpretation.

Methods This technical standards document was developed by an international joint Task Force, appointed by the ERS/ATS with multidisciplinary expertise in conducting and interpreting PFTs and developing international standards. A comprehensive literature review was conducted and published evidence was reviewed.

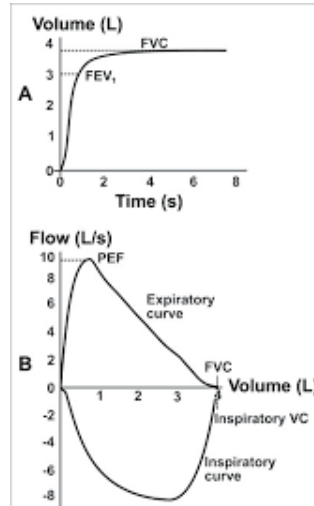
Results Recommendations for the choice of reference equations and limits of normal of the healthy population to identify individuals with unusually low or high results are discussed. Interpretation strategies for bronchodilator responsiveness testing, limits of natural changes over time and severity are also updated. Interpretation of measurements made by spirometry, lung volumes and gas transfer are described as they relate to underlying pathophysiology with updated classification protocols of common impairments.

Conclusions Interpretation of PFTs must be complemented with clinical expertise and consideration of the inherent biological variability of the test and the uncertainty of the test result to ensure appropriate interpretation of an individual's lung function measurements.

Flows, Volumes, and Waveforms... oh my!

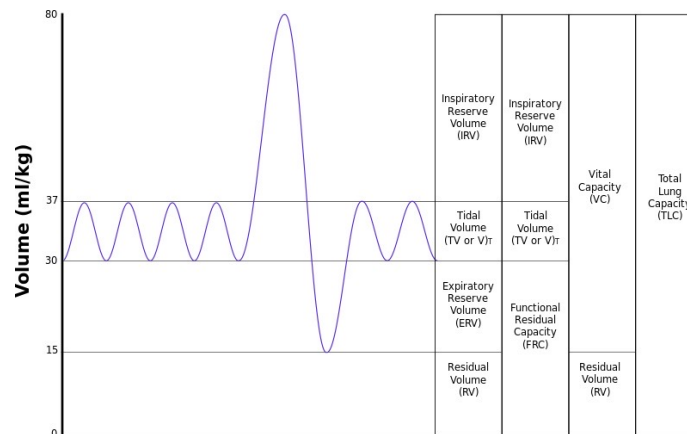
Spirometry

- Main Value:
 - FEV₁
 - FVC
 - FEV1/FVC ratio (aka. FEV₁%)
- PEFR



Complete PFT

- Main Value:
 - TLC
 - FRC
 - RV
 - DLCO?



Why Spirometry?

- Simple, cost effective
 - **Baseline** lung function
 - Evaluate SOB
 - **Detect** pulmonary disease
 - **Monitor** therapeutics
 - **Evaluate** degree of impairment
 - Pre-op
 - **Surveillance** of occupational lung disease

Spirometry Values

- Forced Expiratory Volume, 1 sec (**FEV₁**)
- Forced Vital Capacity (**FVC**)
- **FEV₁/FVC**
- Forced Expiratory Flows
 - 25%
 - 75%
 - 25-75%
 - Max
 - Inspiratory & Expiratory

Again...

- **FEV₁ (L)**
- **FVC (L)**
- **FEV₁/FVC (%)**
- **FEF 25% (L/sec)**
- **FEF 75% (L/sec)**
- **FEF 25-75% (L/sec)**
- **FEF Max (L/sec)**
- **FIVC (L)**
- **FIF Max (L/sec)**

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Table 7. Summary of Acceptability, Usability, and Repeatability Criteria for FEV₁ and FVC

Acceptability and Usability Criterion	Required for Acceptability		Required for Usability	
	FEV ₁	FVC	FEV ₁	FVC
Must have BEV ≤5% of FVC or 0.100 L, whichever is greater	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Must have no evidence of a faulty zero-flow setting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Must have no cough in the first second of expiration*	Yes	No	Yes	No
Must have no glottic closure in the first second of expiration*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Must have no glottic closure after 1 s of expiration	No	Yes	No	No
Must achieve one of these three EOFE indicators:	No	Yes	No	No
1. Expiratory plateau (≤0.025 L in the last 1 s of expiration)				
2. Expiratory time ≥15 s				
3. FVC is within the repeatability tolerance of or is greater than the largest prior observed FVC [†]				
Must have no evidence of obstructed mouthpiece or spirometer	Yes	Yes	No	No
Must have no evidence of a leak	Yes	Yes	No	No
If the maximal inspiration after EOFE is greater than FVC, then FVC – FVC must be ≤0.100 L or 5% of FVC, whichever is greater [‡]	Yes	Yes	No	No

Repeatability criteria (applied to acceptable FVC and FEV₁ values)

Age >6 yr: The difference between the two largest FVC values must be ≤0.150 L, and the difference between the two largest FEV₁ values must be ≤0.150 L

Age ≤6 yr: The difference between the two largest FVC values must be ≤0.100 L or 10% of the highest value, whichever is greater, and the difference between the two largest FEV₁ values must be ≤0.100 L or 10% of the highest value, whichever is greater

Definition of abbreviations: BEV = back-extrapolated volume; EOFE = end of forced expiration; FEV_{0.75} = forced expiratory volume in the first 0.75 seconds; FVC = forced inspiratory VC.

The grading system (Table 10) will inform the interpreter if values are reported from usable maneuvers not meeting all acceptability criteria.

*For children aged 6 years or younger, must have at least 0.75 seconds of expiration without glottic closure or cough for acceptable or usable measurement of FEV_{0.75}.

[†]Occurs when the patient cannot expire long enough to achieve a plateau (e.g., children with high elastic recoil or patients with restrictive lung disease) or when the patient inspires or comes off the mouthpiece before a plateau. For within-maneuver acceptability, the FVC must be greater than or within the repeatability tolerance of the largest FVC observed before this maneuver within the current prebronchodilator or the current post-bronchodilator testing set.

[‡]Although the performance of a maximal forced inspiration is strongly recommended, its absence does not preclude a maneuver from being judged acceptable, unless extrathoracic obstruction is specifically being investigated.

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Key Updates

- A new list of relative contraindications was added.
- Spirometers are now required to meet International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 26782 standards, but with a maximum permissible accuracy error of $\pm 2.5\%$.
- Device quality assurance procedures were updated.
- Operator training as well as attainment and maintenance of competency were addressed.
- The list of activities that patients should avoid before testing was updated.
- There is a focus on the use of devices that measure both expiration and inspiration.
- Maneuver acceptability and repeatability criteria were updated. The end of forced expiration (EOFE) was redefined.
- Requirements for spirometry systems to provide uniform cues and feedback to the operator were added.
- New withholding times for bronchodilators before bronchodilator responsiveness testing were developed.
- A new grading system for assessment of spirometry quality was developed.
- Standardized operator feedback options that promote synoptic reporting were developed.
- Preliminary findings derived from an international patient survey were presented.



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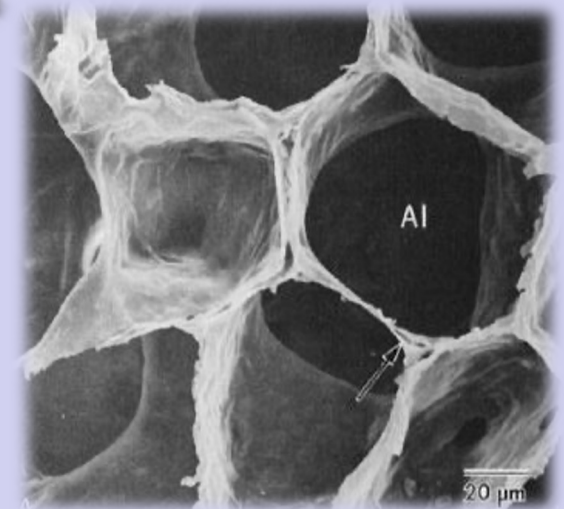
- Clinical practice guidelines make recommendations for patient care. The recommendations are based upon a systematic review or pragmatic evidence synthesis, and then formulated and graded using the GRADE approach.
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What is Normal?

- Predicteds
- 80-120%

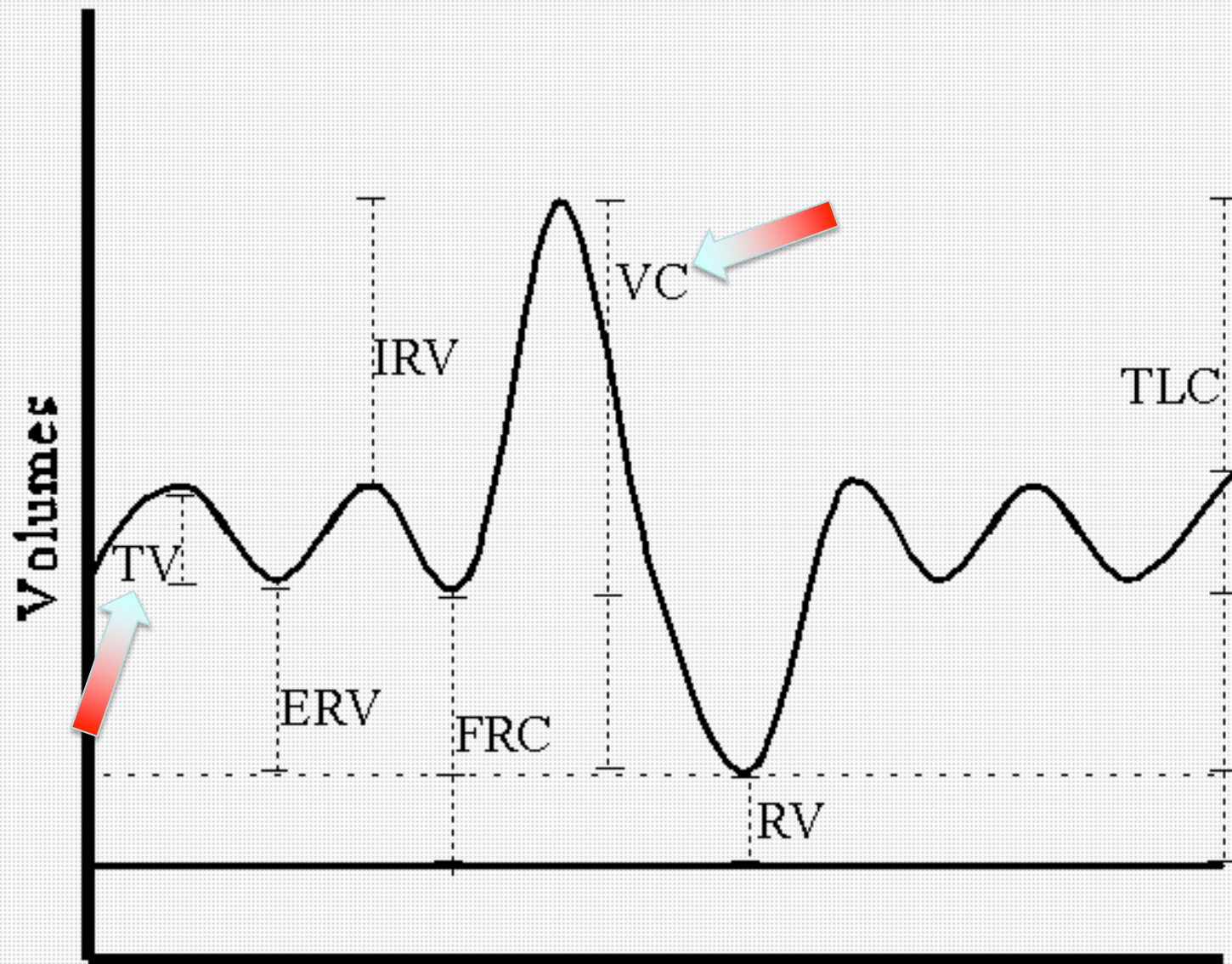


Predicteds



- NHANES III
 - Age
 - Sex
 - Height
 - Race
 - (Weight)

LUNG VOLUMES



Tech: Adger, Sandra

Height: 63.50

Age: 45

Room:

Doctor:

Weight: 185.60

Sex: Male

Race: Caucasian

Diagnosis:

Dyspnea:

Cough:

Wheeze:

Tbco Prod:

Yrs Smk:

Pks/Day:

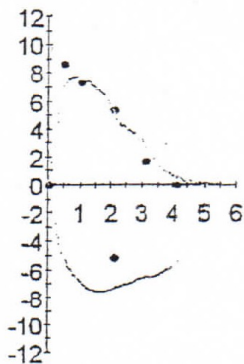
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Medications:

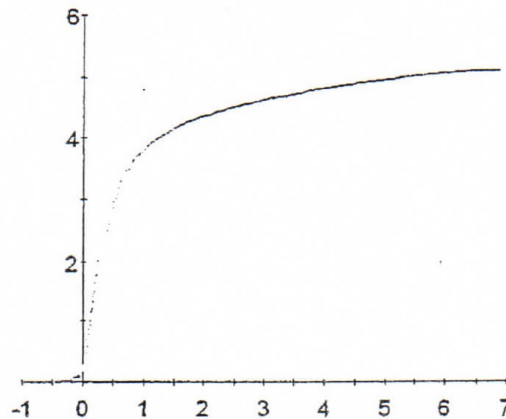
Pre Test Comments:

Post Test Comments: Patient meets ATS standards for acceptability and were reproducible.

	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pred</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>%Chng</u>
---- SPIROMETRY ----						
FVC (L)	5.10	4.14	123			
FEV1 (L)	3.82	3.29	116			
FEV1/FVC (%)	75	79	95			
FEF 25% (L/sec)	7.38	7.40	100			
FEF 75% (L/sec)	0.99	1.68	59			
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	3.04	3.14	97			
FEF Max (L/sec)	8.76	8.63	102			
FIVC (L)	5.02					
FIF Max (L/sec)	7.56					



• Pred — Pre



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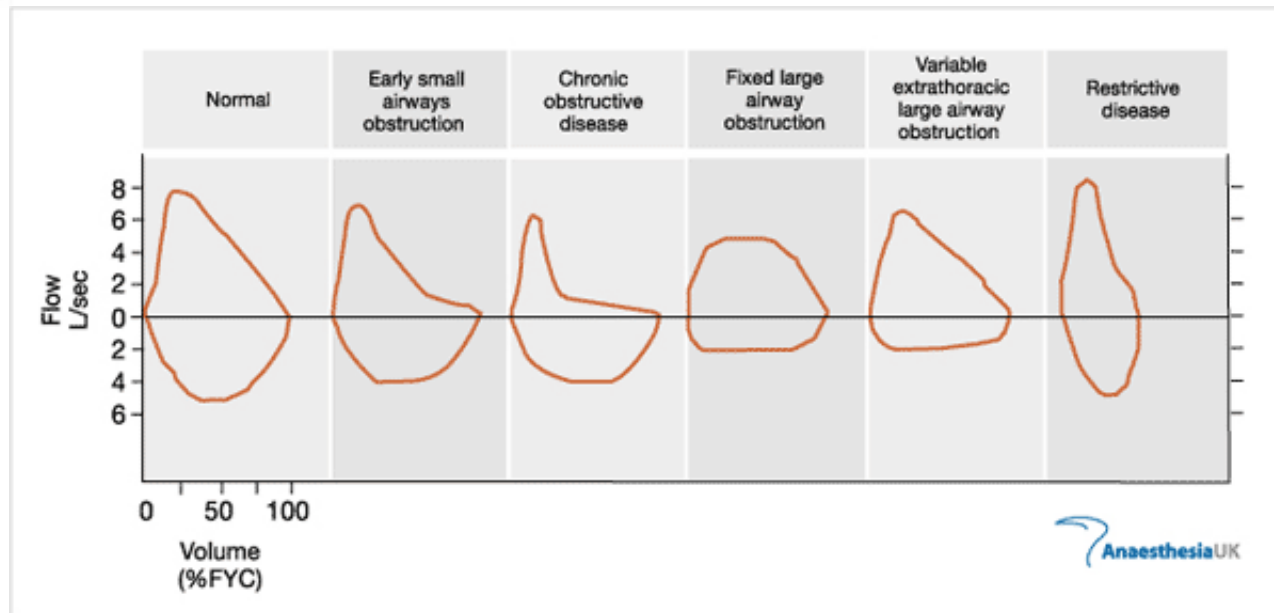
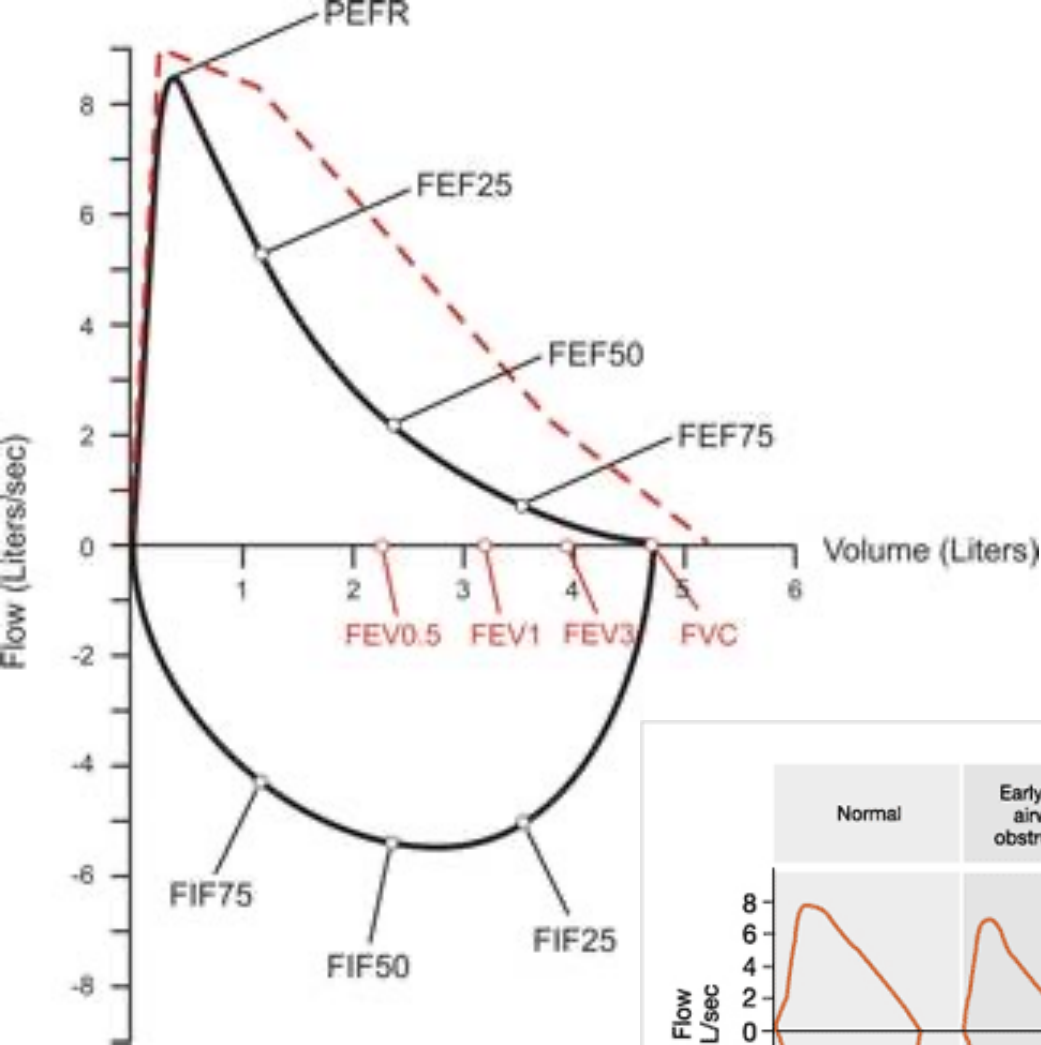


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Flow Volume Loop



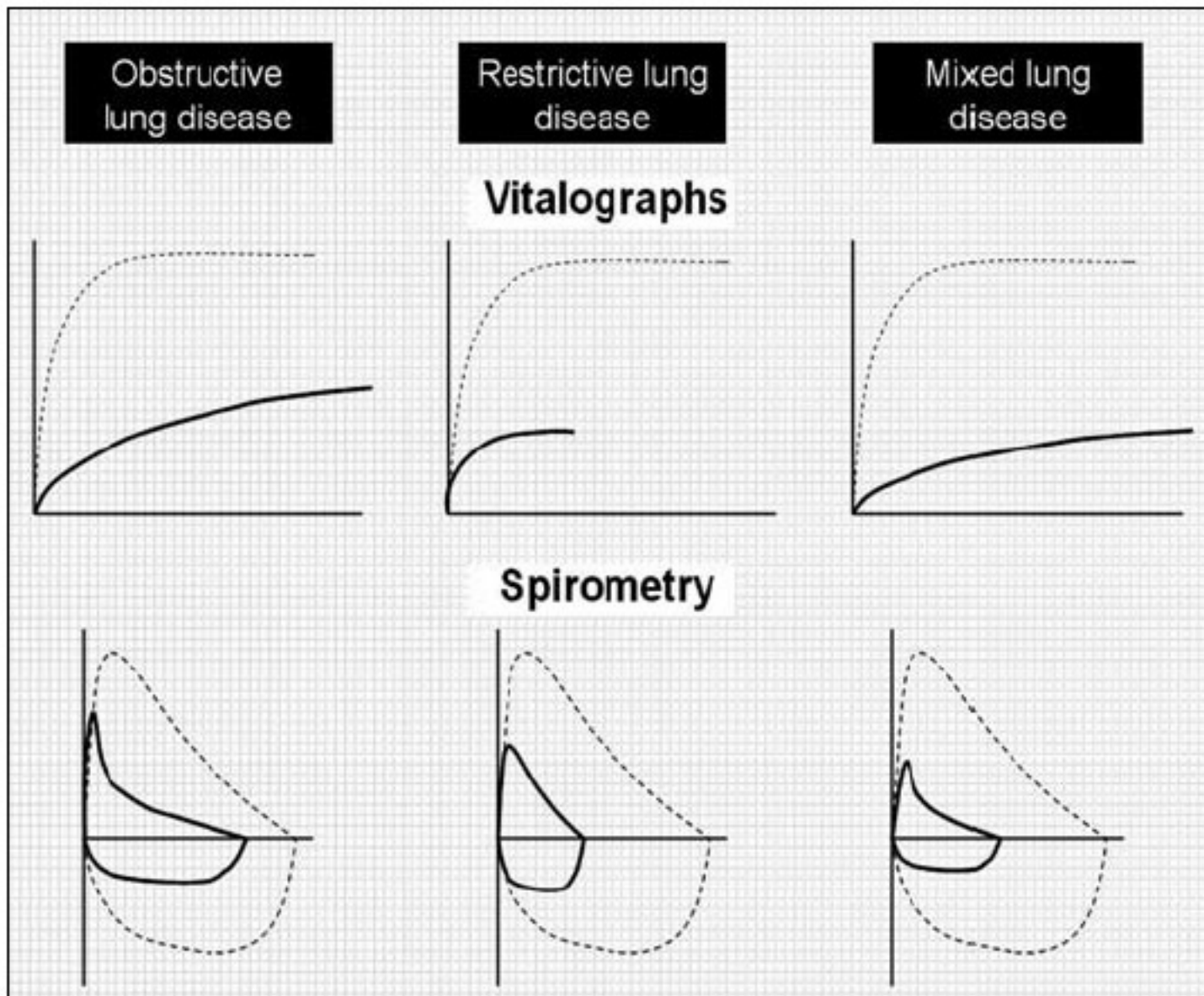
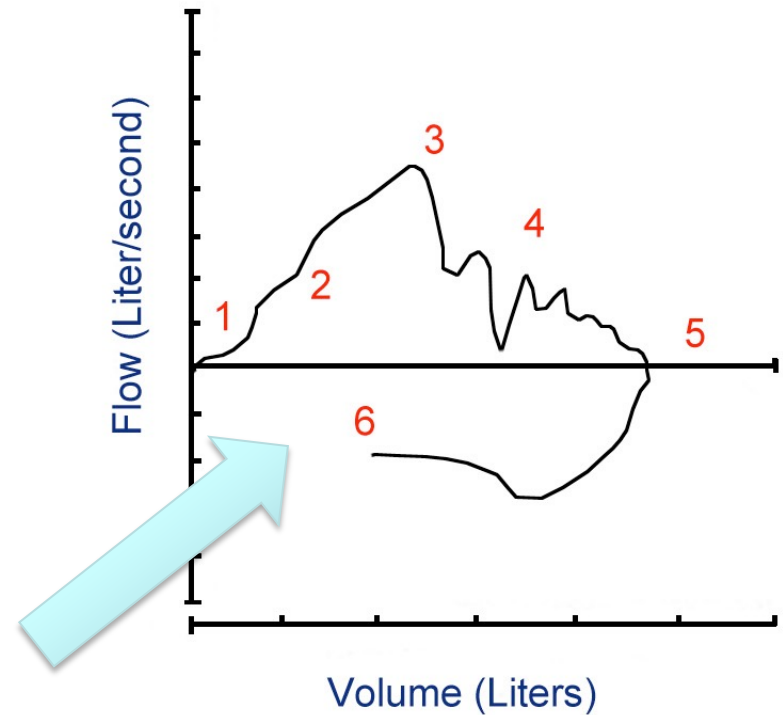
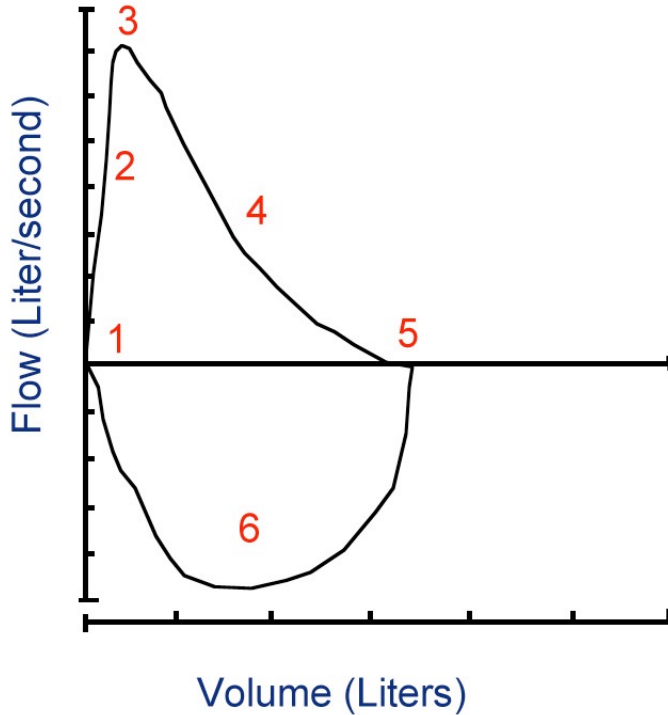


Figure 9. *Examples of typical spirometry loops seen with obstructive, restrictive and mixed (obstructive and restrictive) lung disease*

Flow-volume Characteristics of Acceptable and Unacceptable Spirometry

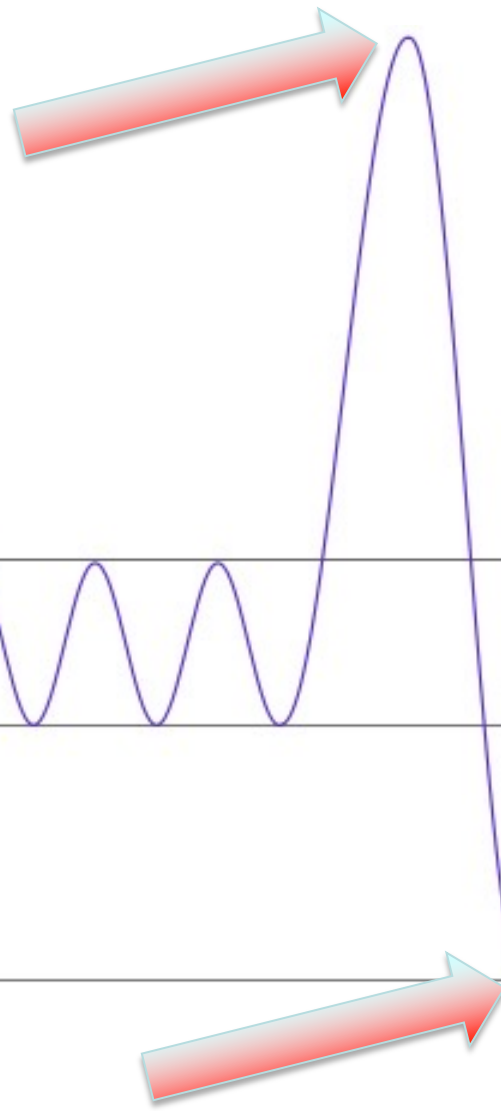


1. Instantaneous start of exhalation
2. Rapid rise in flow to peak flow
3. Sharp peak occurring early in exhalation
4. Smooth continuous fall in flow without interruptions
5. Gradual fall in low flow to IV
6. Smooth continuous inhalation to TLC
7. Reproducible shape

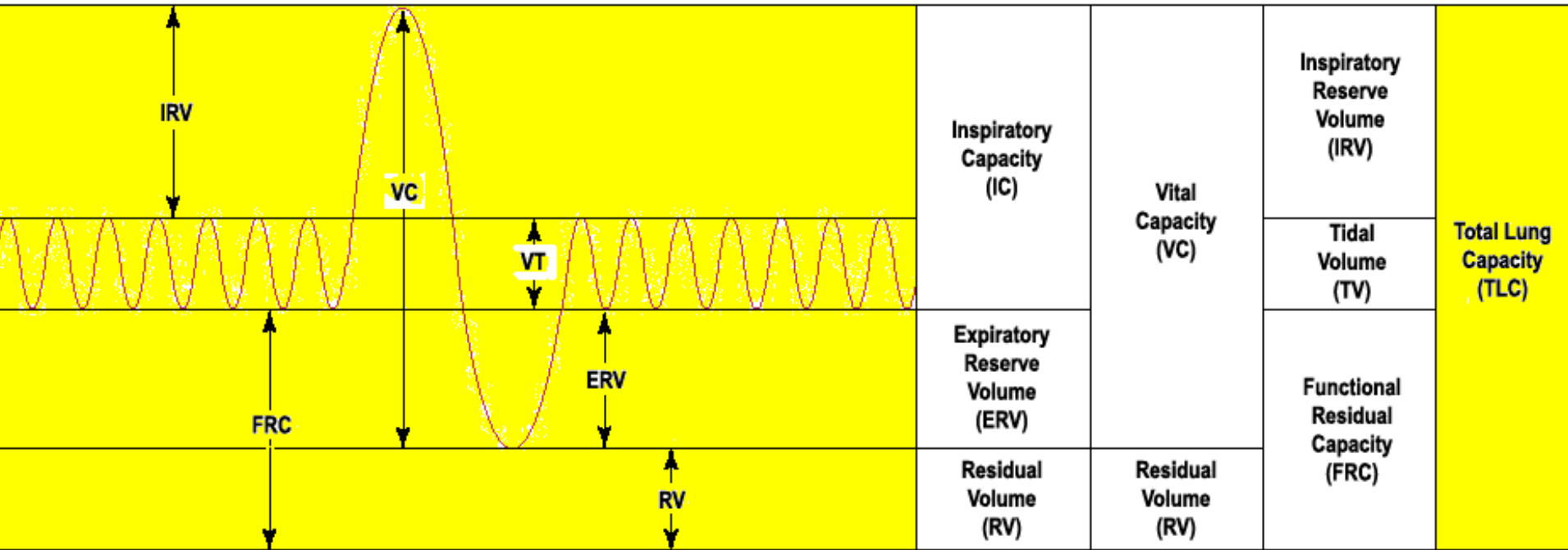
1. Slow start
2. Slow rise in flow
3. Broad late peak
4. Erratic flow (cough or vocal cord) dysfunction
5. Abrupt return to zero flow
6. Incomplete inhalation
7. Non-reproducible

Volume (ml/kg)

80
37
30
15
0



Inspiratory Reserve Volume (IRV)	Inspiratory Reserve Volume (IRV)	Vital Capacity (VC)	Total Lung Capacity (TLC)
Tidal Volume (TV or V _T)	Tidal Volume (TV or V _T)		
Expiratory Reserve Volume (ERV)	Functional Residual Capacity (FRC)	Residual Volume (RV)	
Residual Volume (RV)			



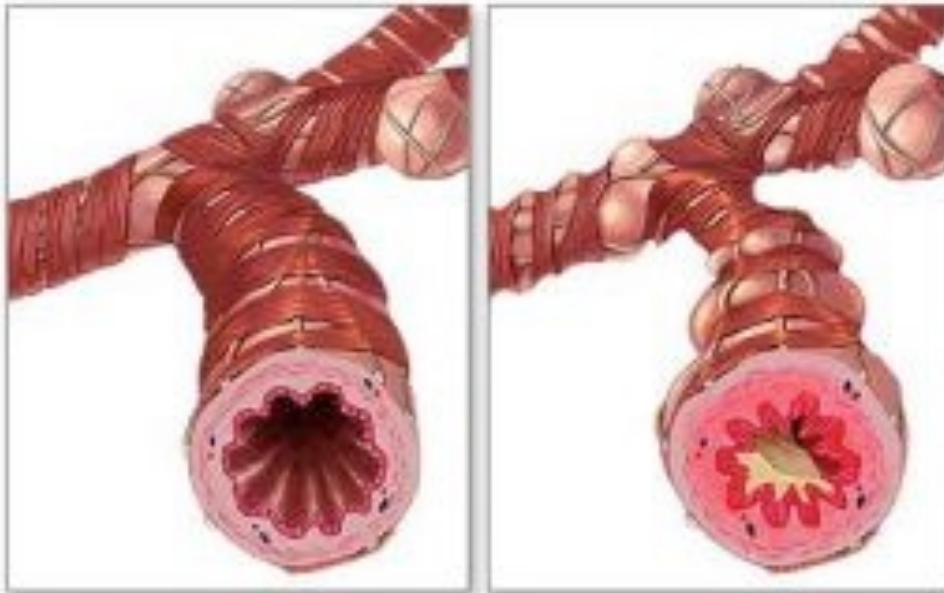


Pre & Post Bronchodilator

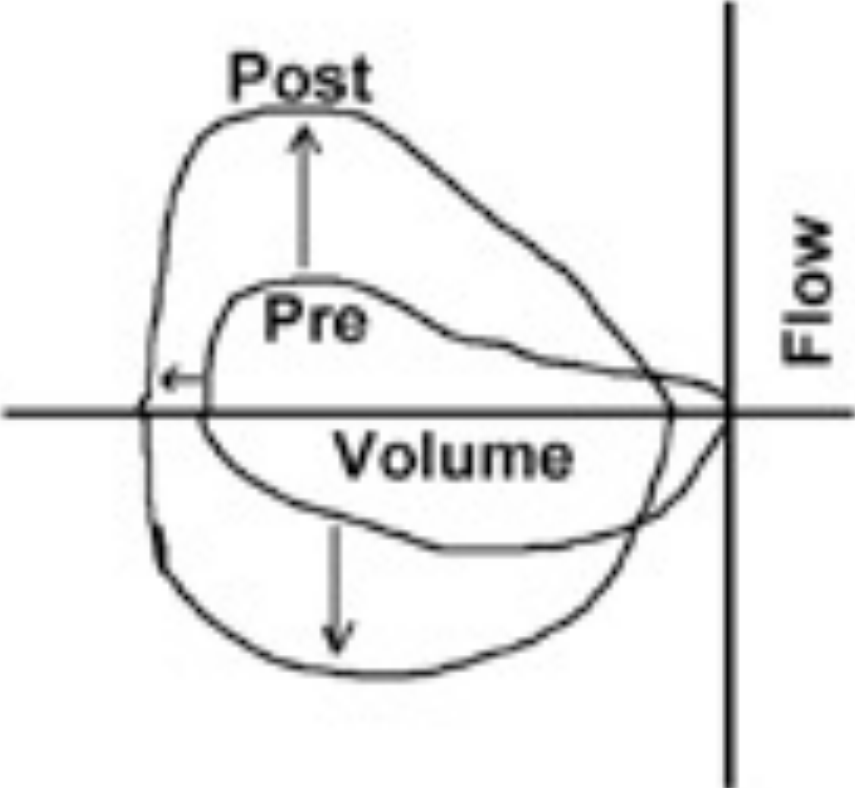
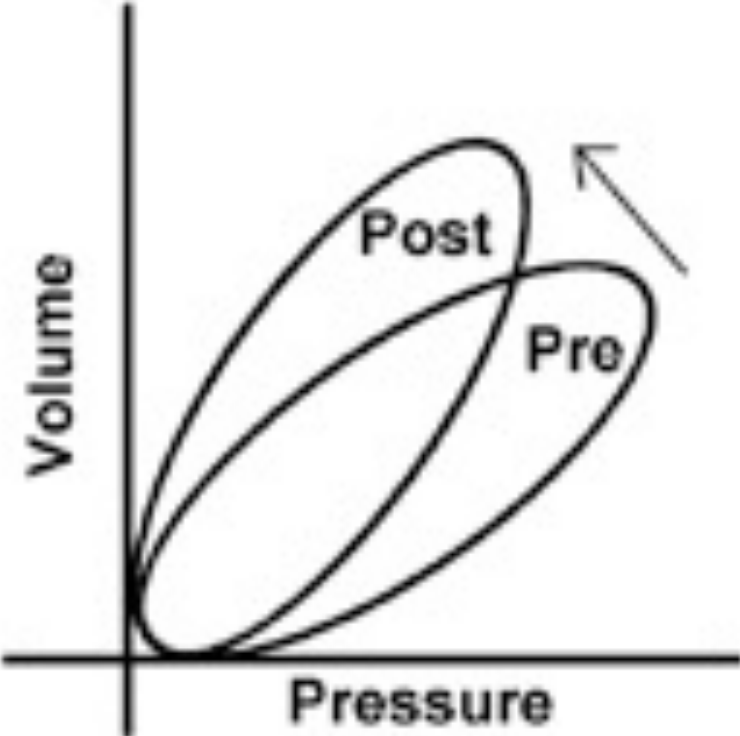


Normal bronchiole

Asthmatic bronchiole



Pre & Post Bronchodilator



Tech: GILMORE, TIM
Doctor:

Height: 65.00
Weight: 99.00

Age: 55
Sex: Female

Room:
Race: Black

Diagnosis:

Dyspnea: After any exertion
Tbc Prod: Cigarette

Cough: Productive
Yrs Smk: 38.0

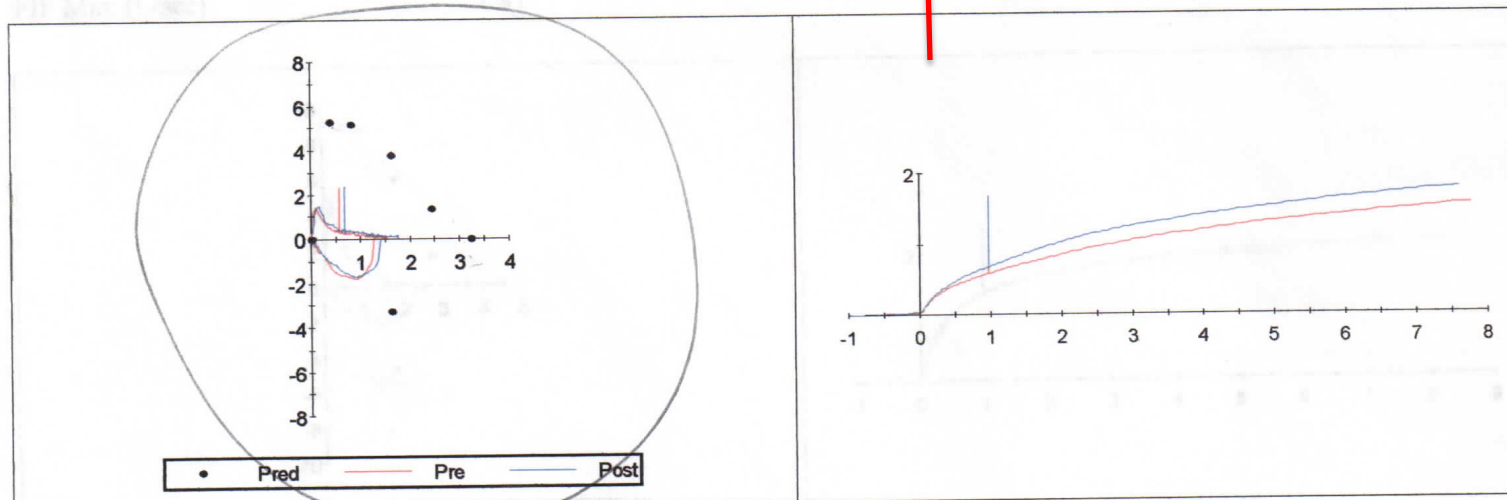
Wheeze:
Pks/Day: 1.0 Yrs Quit:

Medications:

Pre Test Comments:

Post Test Comments: PT. WITH GOOD EFFORT. SHE STATED 2P ALBUTEROL TAKEN WITH SPACER THIS A.M. (8:00). T. GILMORE, RRT, AE-C.

---- SPIROMETRY ----	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pred</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>%Chng</u>
FVC (L)	1.54	3.21	48	1.78	55	15
FEV1 (L)	0.59	2.62	23	0.69	26	16
FEV1/FVC (%)	39	82	47	39	47	1
FEF 25% (L/sec)	0.50	5.21	10	0.65	13	31
FEF 75% (L/sec)	0.12	1.33	9	0.21	16	67
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	0.23	2.85	8	0.36	13	53
FEF Max (L/sec)	1.39	5.27	26	1.46	28	5
FIVC (L)	1.28	4.02	46	1.41	51	10
FIF Max (L/sec)	1.82	4.41	41	1.68	47	-8



Tech: GILMORE, TIM

Height: 66.00

Age: 61

Room:

Doctor:

Weight: 342.00

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Diagnosis:

Dyspnea: No Dyspnea

Cough: Non-Productive

Wheeze: Rare

Tbco Prod: Cigarette

Yrs Smk: 44.0

Pks/Day: 1.0

Yrs Quit:

Medications:

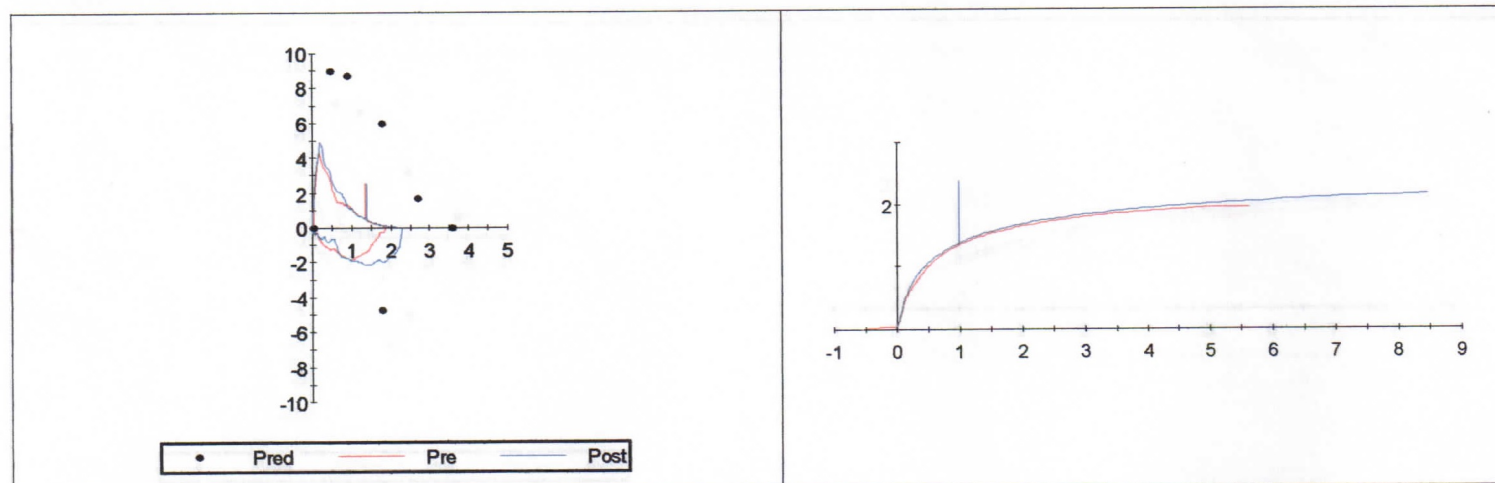
Pre Test Comments:

PT. DENIES SOB AND COUGH. HE STATES ALL HIS PROBLEMS BEGAN LAST NIGHT. HE STATED HE HAS WEANED HIMSELF DOWN TO 2 CIGARETTES/DAY.

Post Test Comments:

GOOD PT. EFFORT. T. GILMORE, RRT, AE-C

	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pred</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>%Chng</u>
---- SPIROMETRY ----						
FVC (L)	2.00	3.55	56	2.16	61	8
FEV1 (L)	1.36	2.85	48	1.40	49	3
FEV1/FVC (%)	68	80	85	65	81	-5
FEF 25% (L/sec)	2.43	8.72	28	2.77	32	14
FEF 75% (L/sec)	0.33	1.68	20	0.35	21	6
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	0.85	2.97	29	0.86	29	1
FEF Max (L/sec)	4.13	9.02	46	4.62	51	12
FIVC (L)	1.87			2.30		23
FIF Max (L/sec)	1.81			2.13		17



Considerations of **Bronchodilator Responsiveness Study**

*Be aware of last medication: broncho-active
medication taken?

**A bronchodilator may be effective when
administered properly

***A bronchodilator may not be effective for
all patients

Bronchoprovocation Testing

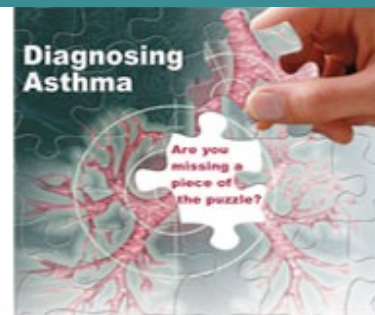
- The goal = induce bronchospasm
- Irritant administered via nebulization



Bronchoprovocation Testing

- Irritant is inhaled via specific dosing
- Look for ‘conversion’
- 20%

Provocholine®
(methacholine chloride powder for inhalation)



Other AW Irritants

- Mannitol
- Histamine
- Hypertonic Saline (4.5%)
- Eucapnic Voluntary Ventilation
- Exercise Challenge



Mannitol



Tech: Doctor: Height: 67.50 in Weight: 179.00 lbs Age: 69 Sex: Male Room: Pulm. Clinic Race: Black

Diagnosis: Dyspnea

Dyspnea:

Cough:

Wheeze:

Yrs Quit

Pks/Dav:

Yrs Sm

Tbco Prod:

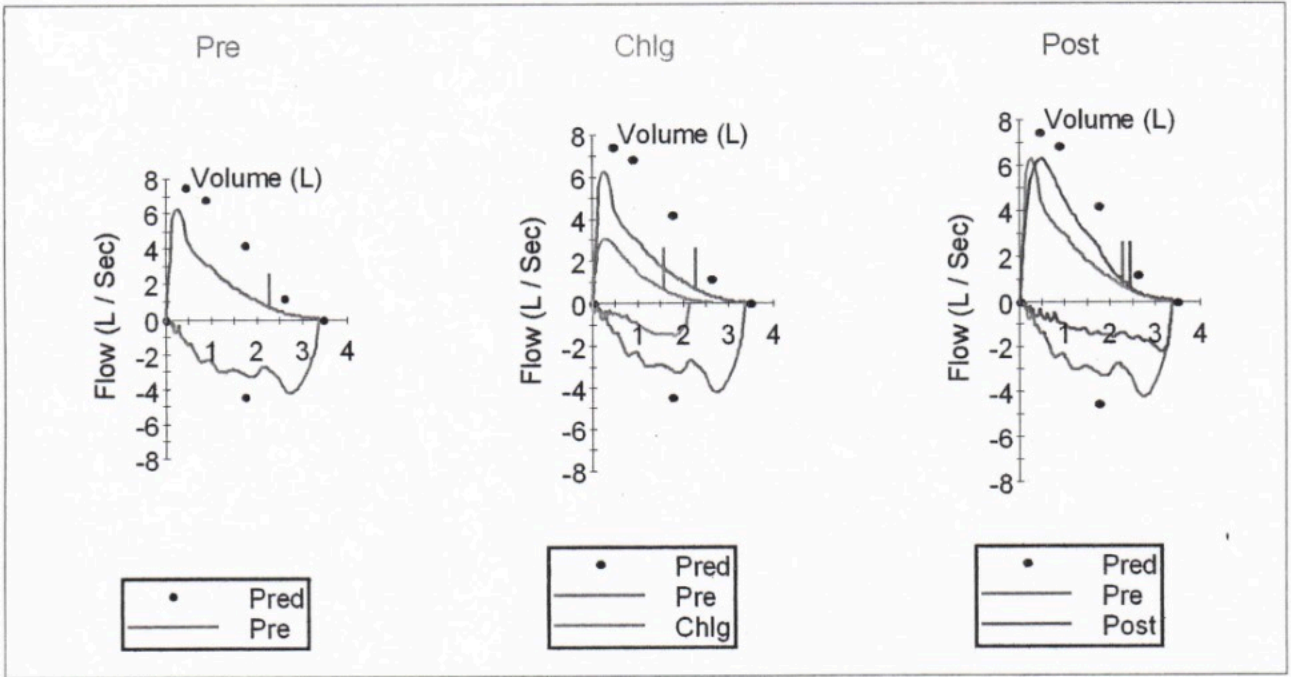
Medications:

Pre Test Comments

Post-Test Comments

Spirometry met ATS standards for acceptability, but were not reproducible for both pre/post efforts. MDI Albuterol x 4 puffs given via aerochamber. Patient tolerated well with nad noted. HR 80/80; BS Bilateral CTA p/p.

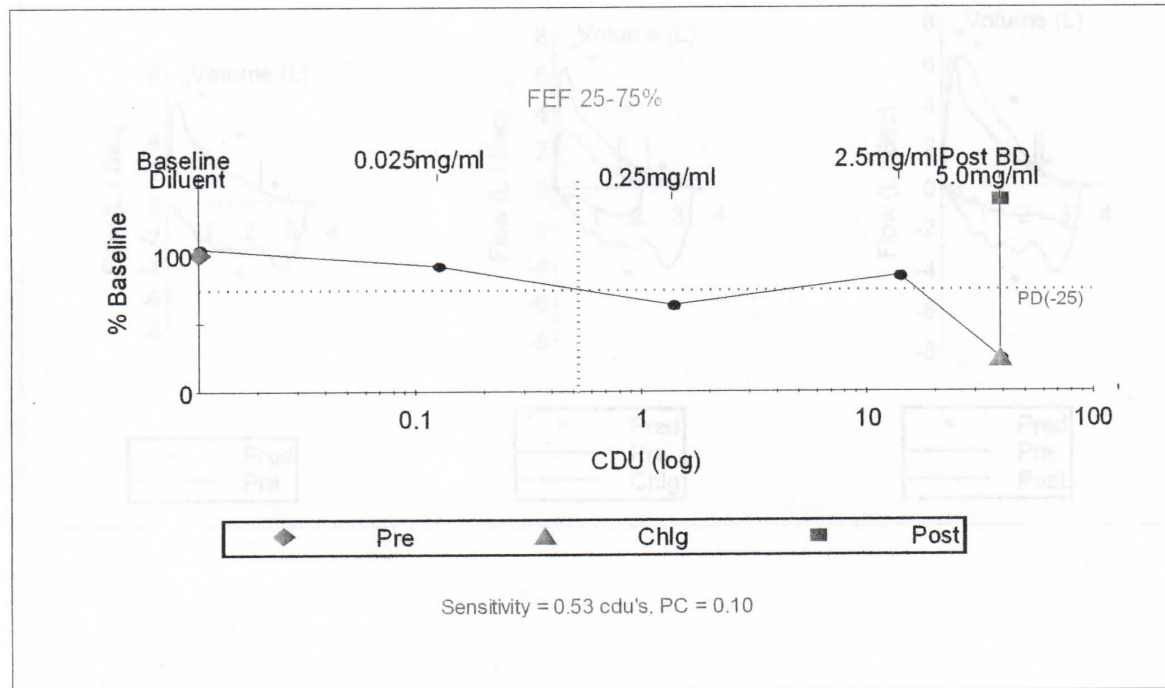
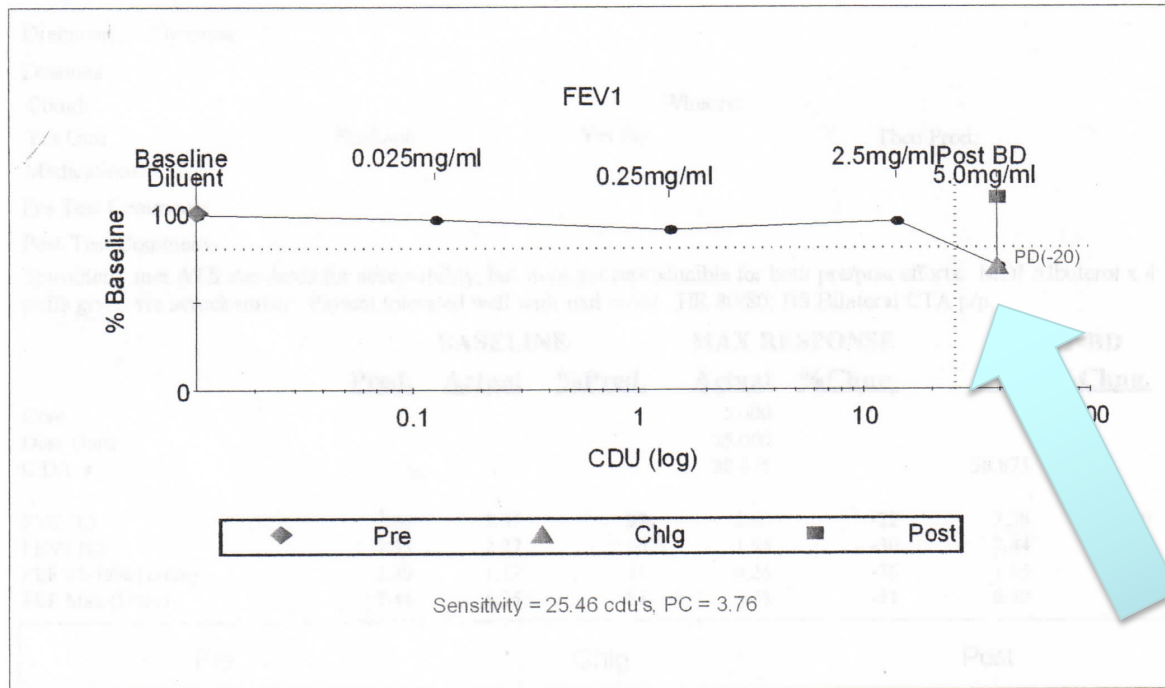
	BASELINE			MAX RESPONSE		POST-BD	
	<u>Pred.</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%Pred.</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%Chng.</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>%Chng.</u>
Dose				5.000			
Dose Units				25.000			
C.D.U.s				38.875		38.875	
FVC (L)	3.48	3.37	97	2.63	-22	3.38	0
FEV1 (L)	2.63	2.27	86	1.58	-30	2.44	8
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	2.30	1.17	51	0.28	-76	1.65	40
FEF Max (L/sec)	7.44	6.25	84	3.05	-51	6.30	1



Name :	ID:	BSA: 1.94	Date: 2/5/2009
Tech:	Height: 67.50 in	Age: 69	Room: Pulm. Clinic
Doctor:	Weight: 179.00 lbs	Sex: Male	Race: Black

Spirometry Tabular Report

Stage	Baseline	Diluent	0.025mg/ml	0.25mg/ml	2.5mg/ml	5.0mg/ml	Post BD
Dose	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.250	2.500	5.000	0.000
Dose Units	0.000	0.000	0.125	1.250	12.500	25.000	0.000
C.D.U.s	0.000	0.000	0.125	1.375	13.875	38.875	38.875
FVC (L)	3.37	3.16	3.12	2.90	3.10	2.63	3.38
%Change (L)	0	-6	-7	-14	-8	-22	0
FEV1 (L)	2.27	2.24	2.18	2.05	2.16	1.58	2.44
%Change (L)	0	-2	-4	-10	-5	-30	8
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	1.17	1.23	1.08	0.75	1.00	0.28	1.65
%Change (L/sec)	0	5	-8	-36	-15	-76	40
FEF Max (L/sec)	6.25	4.59	5.34	4.37	5.20	3.05	6.30
%Change (L/sec)	0	-27	-15	-30	-17	-51	1



Quick Review

- Simple Spirometry
 - FEV_1
 - FVC
 - FEV_1/FVC
- Bronchodilator Responsiveness Testing
 - $\geq 10\% \Delta FEV_1$
- Bronchoprovocation Testing
 - PC 20

Complete PFT

The 'Full PFT'

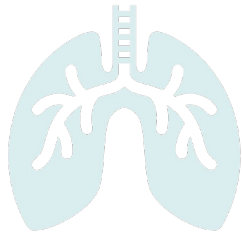
- Indicated to measure volumes/capacities
 - Includes diffusion studies

- SVC
- RV
- TLC
- DLCO

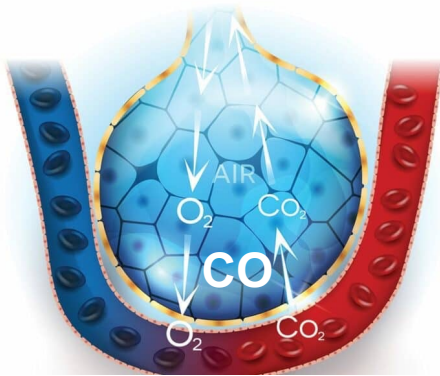


TLC (6L)	IRV (3L; 50% of TLC)	IC (3.6L; 60% of TLC)	VC (4.8L; 80% of TLC)
	Vt (.500L; ≈ 10% of TLC)		
	ERV (1.2L; 20% of TLC)	FRC (2.4L; 40% of TLC)	
	RV (1.2L; 20% of TLC)		RV (1.2L; 20% of TLC)

DLCO



**Lung diffusion (capacity) for
Carbon Monoxide (CO)**



Main indications

Rule out or confirm
diffusion impairment

Monitor disease
progression

Obstruction vs. Restriction

Obstruction

- Decreased flows
- Increased RV & TLC(?)

Restriction

- Decreased volumes

Obstructive and restrictive patterns

MEASUREMENT	OBSTRUCTIVE PATTERN	RESTRICTIVE PATTERN
Forced vital capacity (FVC)	Decreased or normal	Decreased
Forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV ₁)	Decreased	Decreased or normal
FEV ₁ /FVC ratio	Decreased	Normal
Total lung capacity (TLC)	Normal or increased	Decreased

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Obstructive Flow Volume Loop

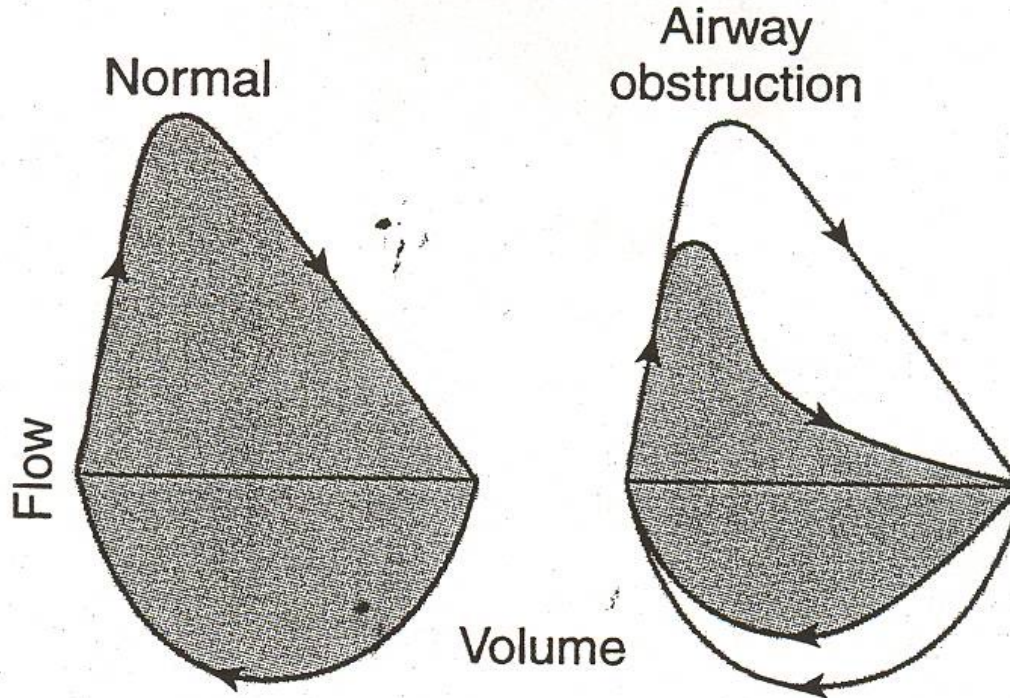


Fig. 3-9 Flow-volume loop demonstrating the shape change that results from an obstructive lung disorder. The curve on the right represents intrathoracic airway obstruction.

Restrictive Flow Volume Loop

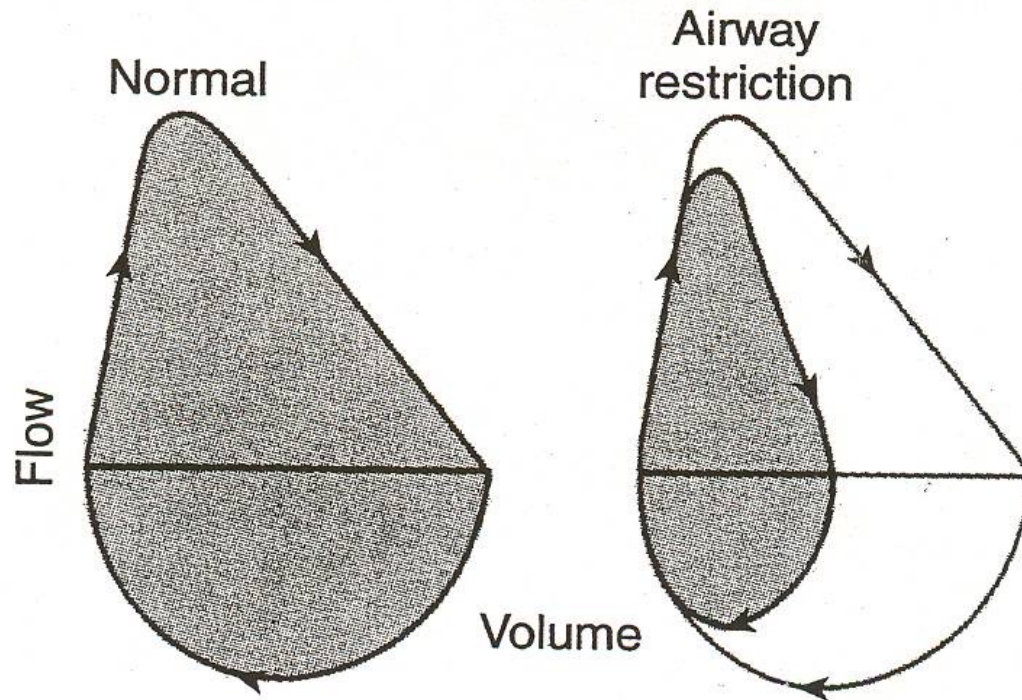


Fig. 3-10 Flow-volume loop demonstrating the shape change that results from a restrictive lung disorder. Note the symmetric loss of flow and volume.

Obstructive PFT #1

75 y/o female caucasian
Height 65 in
Weight 97 lbs

Spirometry

	pred	pre-tx best	% pred	post-tx best	% pred	% chg
FVC	2.76	1.52	55	2.01	73	32
FEV1	2.04	.66	32	.89	44	35
FEV1/FVC	81	43		44		
FEF 25 - 75	1.76	.22	13	.32	18	45
PEF	5.48	1.97	36	2.24	41	14

Interpretation

1. Spirometry indicates a severe obstructive ventilatory defect.
2. There is significant post-bronchodilator improvement

Obstructive PFT

#2

73 y/o male caucasian

Height 70 in

Weight 270 lbs

Spirometry

	pred	pre-tx best	% pred	post-tx best	% pred	% chg
FVC	3.97	2.7	68	2.87	72	6
FEV1	3.07	1.32	42	1.52	50	15
FEV1/FVC	78	49		58		
FEF 25 - 75	3.12	.35	11	.46	14	29
PEF	8.16	2.92	36	3.22	41	14

Interpretation

1. Spirometry indicates a severe obstructive ventilatory defect.
2. There is significant post-bronchodilator improvement

Obstructive PFT #3

29 y/o female caucasian
Height 62 in
Weight 100 lbs

Spirometry

	pred	pre-tx best	% pred	post-tx best	% pred	% chg
FVC	3.31	1.31	40	1.39	42	6
FEV1	2.86	.64	22	.72	25	15
FEV1/FVC	87	49		52		
FEF 25 - 75	3.42	.17	5	.21	6	24
PEF	6.25	1.93	31	3.22	41	52

Interpretation

Severe obstruction with mild post bronchodilator improvement.

Reduced vital capacity may be secondary to obstruction but cannot rule out restriction as well worse since 6/87

FVC 2.17----1.39

FEV1 1.32---.72

FEF 25-75 .61-----.21

Restrictive PFT

#4

73 y/o female caucasian
Height 60 in
Weight 146 lbs

Spirometry

	pred	pre-tx best	% pred	post-tx best	% pred	% chg
FVC	2.26	1.47	65	1.44	64	-2
FEV1	1.61	1.17	65	1.01	56	-14
FEV1/FVC	82	80		70		
FEF 25 - 75	1.88	1.09	58	.61	22	-44
PEF	4.9	3.21	66	2.51	51	-22

Lung Volumes

	pred	pre-tx avg	%pred
VC	2.25	1.47	65
TLC	3.99	1.65	41
RV	1.52	.18	11
RV/TLC	41	11	
FRC N2	2.23	.65	29

Diffusion

	pred	avg	%pred
DLCO	17.3	4.2	24

Interpretation

1. Spirometry indicates a moderate ventilatory restrictive defect. No significant improvement post bronchodilator
2. Lung volumes indicate a restrictive physiology
3. DLCO indicates a severe diffusion defect

Restrictive PFT

#5

78 y/o female caucasian
Height 68 in
Weight 166 lbs

Spirometry

	pred	pre-tx best	% pred	post-tx best	% pred	% chg
FVC	2.43	1.61	66	1.66	68	3
FEV1	1.92	1.29	67	1.48	77	15
FEV1/FVC	81	80		89		
FEF 25 - 75	1.67	2.19	139	2.99	190	27
PEF	5.15	4.16	81	4.32	84	4

Lung Volumes

	pred	pre-tx avg	%pred
VC	2.48	1.73	71
TLC	4.56	1.96	48
RV	1.92	.22	12
RV/TLC	42	12	
FRC N2	2.67	.97	34

Diffusion

	pred	avg	%pred
DLCO	18.8	9.0	49

Interpretation

1. Spirometry indicates a restrictive process with significant improvement post bronchodilator
2. Lung volumes are reduced confirming a restrictive physiology
3. DLCO indicates a moderate reduction in diffusion capacity

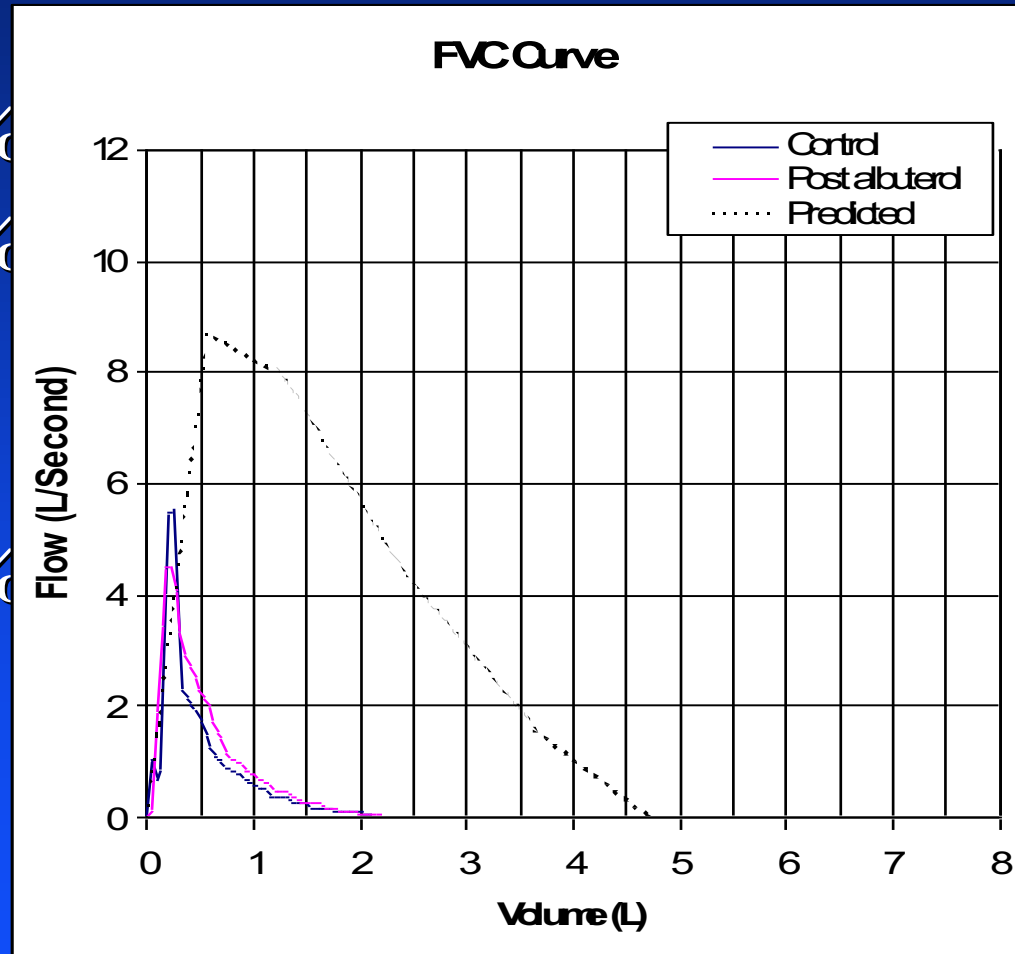
62 y.o. male

FVC 2.12 44%

FEV1 1.15 31%

Ratio 54%

*TLC 4.67 67%



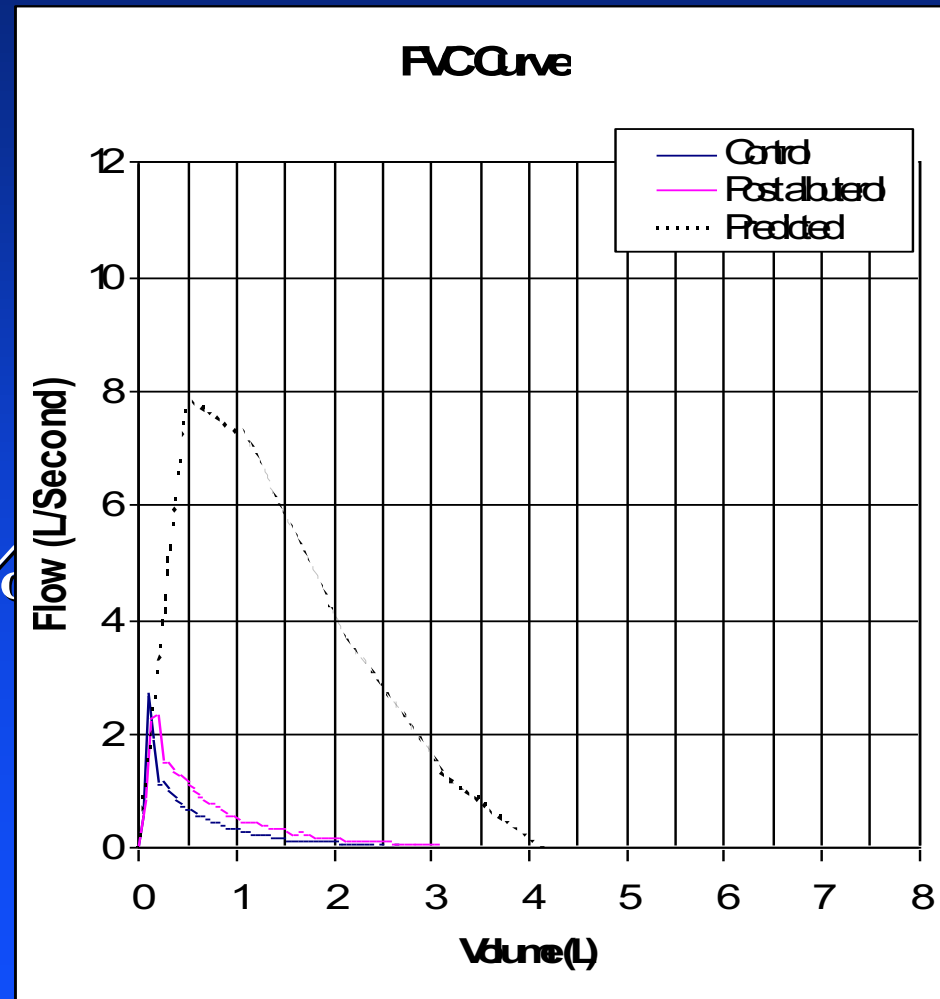
75 y.o. male

FVC 2.68 63%

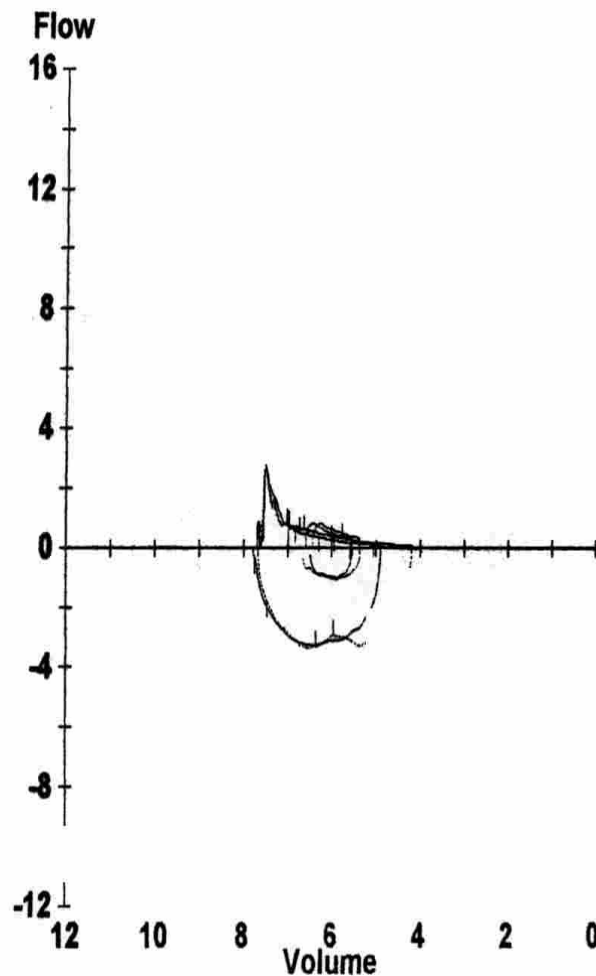
FEV1 0.78 24%

Ratio 29%

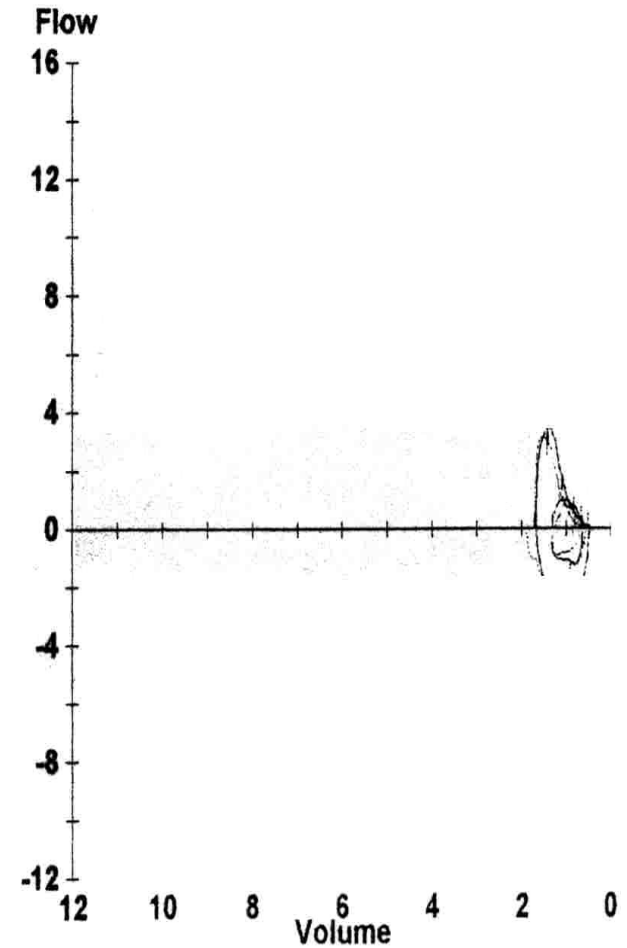
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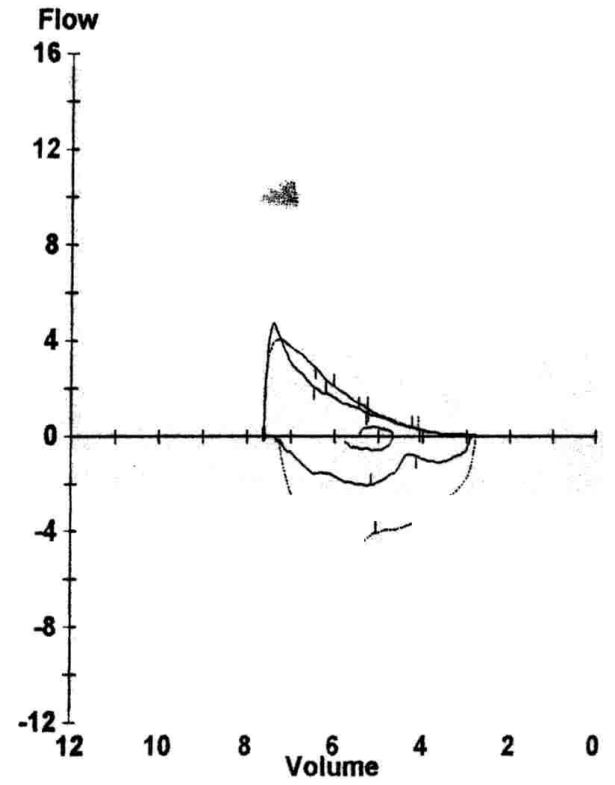
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Spirometry							
FVC	Liters	4.09	2.81	69	3.50	86	24
FEV1	Liters	3.30	1.00	30	1.08	33	8
FEV1/FVC	%	80	35		31		
FEF25-75%	L/sec	3.39	0.40	12	0.41	12	3
PEF	L/sec	8.21	2.62	32	2.74	33	5
Lung Volumes							
TLC	Liters	6.21	7.70	124			
VC	Liters	4.09	3.27	80			
FRC PL	Liters	3.17	5.42	171			
Vtg	Liters		7.01				
ERV	Liters		0.99				
RV	Liters	2.20	4.43	201			
RV/TLC	%	37	58				
Diffusing Capacity							
DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	25.2	12.9	51			
DL Adj	mL/min/mmHg	25.2	12.9	51			
DLCOVA	1/min/mmHg	3.82	2.72	71			
DLVA Adj	1/min/mmHg		2.72				
Resistance							
Raw	cmH2O/L/sec	1.46	4.87	333			
Gaw	L/sec/cmH2O	0.761	0.205	27			
sGaw	1/cmH2O sec	0.216	0.029	13			



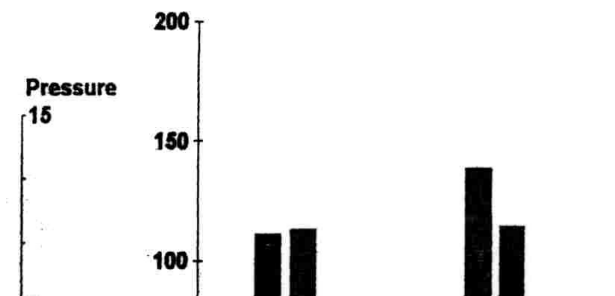
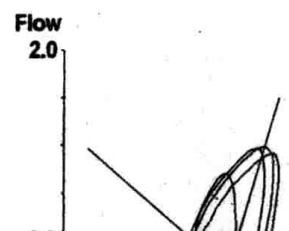
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Spirometry							
FVC	Liters	2.98	1.25	42	1.15	39	-7
FEV1	Liters	2.39	1.09	46	0.95	40	-13
FEV1/FVC	%	82	88		82		
FEF25-75%	L/sec	2.54	1.44	57	1.05	41	-27
PEF	L/sec	5.65	3.41	60	3.17	56	-7
Lung Volumes							
TLC	Liters	4.87	1.71	35			
VC	Liters	2.98	1.29	43			
FRC PL	Liters	2.27	0.60	26			
Vtg	Liters		1.98				
ERV	Liters		0.16				
RV	Liters	1.87	0.42	22			
RV/TLC	%	38	25				
Diffusing Capacity							
DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	24.3	11.3	47			
DL Adj	mL/min/mmHg	24.3	11.3	47			
DLCO/VA	1/min/mmHg	3.67	5.78	157			
DLVA Adj	1/min/mmHg		5.78				
Resistance							
Raw	cmH2O/L/sec	1.73	4.52	262			
Gaw	L/sec/cmH2O	0.544	0.221	41			



		Ref	Pre	% Ref	Post	% Ref	%Chg
Spirometry							
FVC	Liters	4.29	4.76	111	4.85	113	2
FEV1	Liters	3.46	2.19	63	2.42	70	10
FEV1/FVC	%	80	46		50		
FEF25-75%	L/sec	3.55	0.83	24	0.90	25	7
PEF	L/sec	8.48	5.12	60	4.48	53	-13
Lung Volumes							
TLC	Liters	6.47	7.65	118			
VC	Liters	4.29	4.76	111			
FRC PL	Liters	3.84	4.61	120			
Vtg	Liters		6.00				
ERV	Liters		1.66				
RV	Liters	2.25	2.89	128			
RV/TLC	%	36	38				
Diffusing Capacity							
DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	21.4	24.5	114			
DL Adj	mL/min/mmHg	21.4	24.5	114			
DLCO/VA	1/min/mmHg	3.80	3.51	93			
DLVA Adj	1/min/mmHg		3.51				
Resistance							
Raw	cmH2O/L/sec	1.15	2.46	215			
Gaw	L/sec/cmH2O	0.922	0.406	44			
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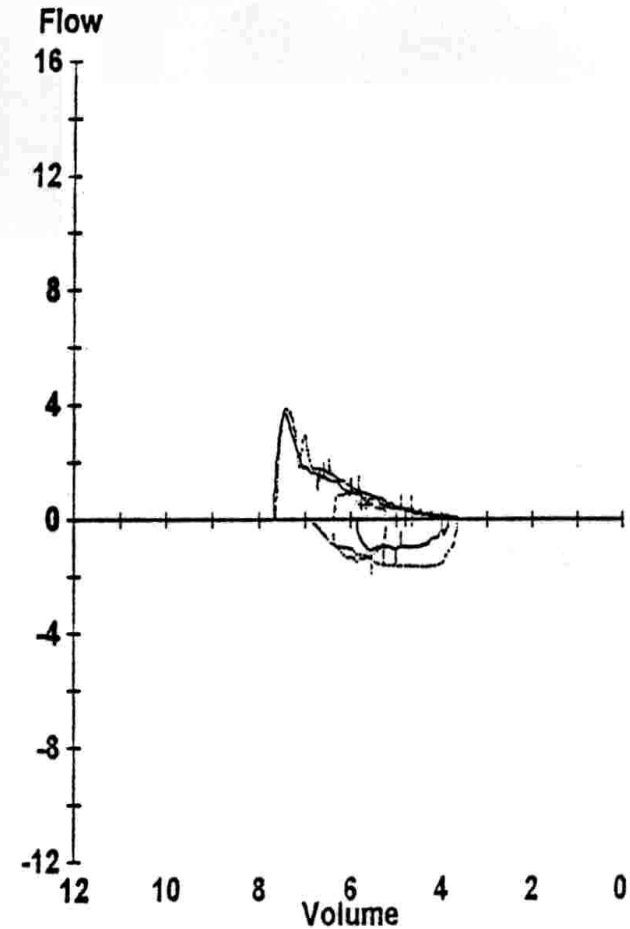


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Blood Gas			
FIO2	%		21.00
pH		7.35 - 7.45	7.44
PCO2	mmHg	35 - 45	40.0
PO2	mmHg		78.0
HCO3	meq/L	22 - 28	27.0



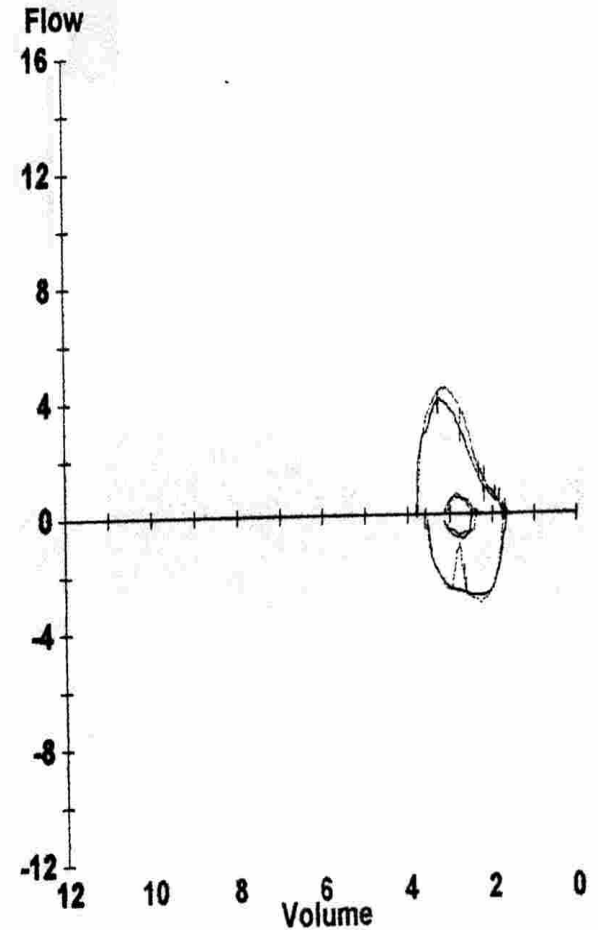
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		Ref	Pre	% Ref	Post	% Ref	%Chg	
Spirometry								
*	FVC	Liters	4.41	3.84	87	4.04	91	5
*	FEV1	Liters	3.50	1.70	49	1.87	53	10
*	FEV1/FVC	%	79	44		46		
*	FEF25-75%	L/sec	3.47	0.77	22	0.84	24	10
	PEF	L/sec	8.61	3.69	43	3.93	46	7
Lung Volumes								
*	TLC	Liters	6.79	7.68	113			
	VC	Liters	4.41	3.84	87			
	FRC PL	Liters	4.02	4.90	122			
	Vtg	Liters		6.71				
	ERV	Liters		0.71				
*	RV	Liters	2.56	3.84	150			
*	RV/TLC	%	40	50				
Diffusing Capacity								
	DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	21.1	13.8	65			
	DL Adj	mL/min/mmHg	21.1	13.8	65			
	DLCOVA	1/min/mmHg	3.69	2.50	68			
	DLVA Adj	1/min/mmHg		2.50				
Resistance								
	Raw	cmH2O/L/sec	1.08	6.27	578			
	Gaw	L/sec/cmH2O	0.965	0.159	17			
	sGaw	1/cmH2O sec	0.229	0.024	10			



#12

		Ref	Pre	% Ref	Post	% Ref	%Chg
Spirometry							
FVC	Liters	3.23	2.15	66	2.12	66	-1
FEV1	Liters	2.68	1.90	71	1.99	74	5
FEV1/FVC	%	84	88		94		
FEF25-75%	L/sec	3.00	2.38	79	3.01	100	27
PEF	L/sec	6.03	4.12	68	4.43	74	8
Lung Volumes							
TLC	Liters	4.99	3.80	76			
VC	Liters	3.23	2.22	69			
FRC PL	Liters	2.78	2.48	89			
Vtg	Liters		3.19				
ERV	Liters		0.73				
RV	Liters	1.74	1.58	91			
RV/TLC	%	34	42				
Diffusing Capacity							
DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	21.4	15.8	74			
DL Adj	mL/min/mmHg	21.4	15.8	74			
DLCO/VA	1/min/mmHg	4.03	4.87	121			
DLVA Adj	1/min/mmHg		4.87				
Resistance							
Raw	cmH2O/L/sec	1.37	1.13	82			
Gaw	L/sec/cmH2O	0.668	0.886	133			
sGaw	1/cmH2O sec	0.262	0.278	106			



Cardio-Pulmonary Investigation

Admit: 85

Room: OP

Name: [REDACTED]

ID: *****

Date Tested: 18-May-15

Age: 67

Race: W

Height: 59 in

Weight: 203 lb

Sex: F

Smoker: S

Consulting Physician:

Referring Physician:

Clinical Technician:

Temp: 20°C

Pack Years: 98.00

Pressure: 766mmHg

BTPS: 1.045

Diagnosis: 1. 496 COPD

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3.

Spirometry

Parameter	Units	Predicted Value	Observed		Observed		Percent Change
			Pre	% Pred	Post	% Pred	
FVC	L	2.34	1.58	68	1.57	67	-1
FEV.5	L	1.51	0.94	62	0.94	62	0
FEV ₁	L	1.88	1.17	62	1.23	65	5
FEV ₁ / FVC	%	79	74	94	78	99	5
FEF ₂₅₋₇₅	L/s	1.96	0.85	43	1.15	59	35
PEFR	L/s	4.94	2.81	57	2.35	48	-16
FET	sec	---	6.90	---	6.73	---	-2
FIVC	L	2.34	1.38	59	1.44	62	4
PIFR	L/s	3.29	1.83	56	1.96	60	7
MVV	L/m	77.4	35.5	46	---	---	--

Lung Volumes

Parameter	Units	Predicted Value	Observed		Observed		Percent Change
			Pre	% Pred	Post	% Pred	
VC	L	2.34	1.59	68	---	---	--
IC	L	1.79	1.22	68	---	---	--
ERV	L	0.55	0.37	67	---	---	--
FRC	L	2.43	2.80	115	---	---	--
RV	L	1.88	2.43	129	---	---	--
TLC	L	4.22	4.02	95	---	---	--
RV/TLC	%	42	60	143	---	---	--

Diffusion

Parameter	Units	Predicted Value	Observed		Observed		Percent Change
			Pre	% Pred	Post	% Pred	
DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	18.54	10.33	56	---	---	--
DLCO [Hb]	mL/min/mmHg	18.54	10.33	56	---	---	--
Hb	g/dl	13.4	---	---	---	---	--
VA [BTPS]	L	4.22	3.16	75	---	---	--
DLCO/VA	mL/min/mmHg/L	4.40	3.27	74	---	---	--

What's the interpretation?

Name: [REDACTED] ID: [REDACTED] Visit date/time: 11/20/2009
 Tech: [REDACTED] Height: 61.00 Age: 45 Room: Pulm. Cl.
 Doctor: [REDACTED] Weight: 124.00 Sex: Female Race: Caucasian

Diagnosis: COPD

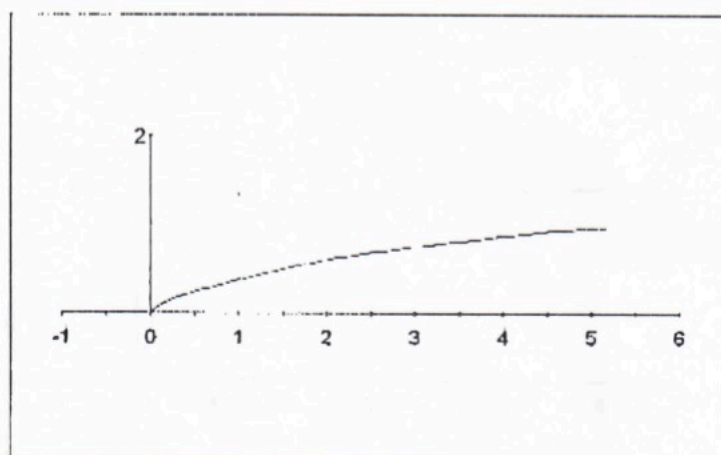
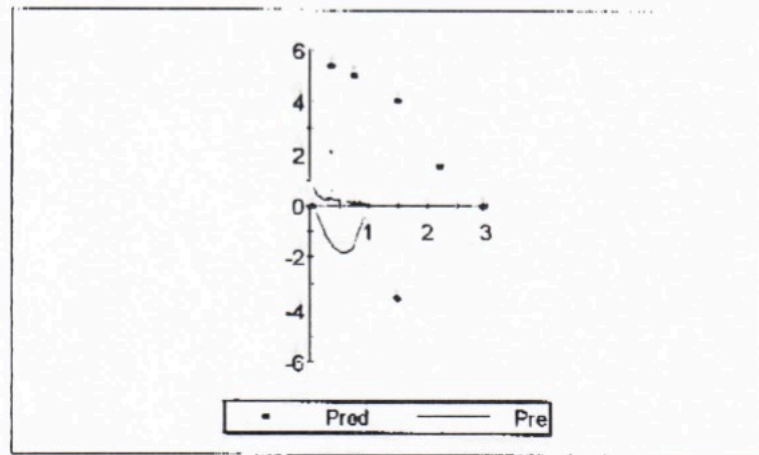
Dyspnea: Cough: Wheeze:
 Tbc Prod: Yrs Smk: Pks/Day: Yrs Quit:

Medications:

Pre Test Comments: Patient stated that she just used her own albuterol inhaler.

Post Test Comments: Good effort.

	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	Actual	Pred	%Pred	Actual	%Pred	%Chng
---- SPIROMETRY ----						
FVC (L)	0.96	2.92	33			
FEV1 (L)	0.38	2.47	15			
FEV1/FVC (%)	40	85	47			
FEF 25% (L/scc)	0.28	5.02	6			
FEF 75% (L/scc)	0.12	1.56	8			
FEF 25-75% (L/scc)	0.20	2.85	7			
FEF Max (L/sec)	1.08	5.40	20			
FIVC (L)	0.88					
FIF Max (L/scc)	1.84					



Name: [REDACTED] ID: [REDACTED] Visit date/time: 03/14/2014
 Tech: [REDACTED] Height: 57.50 Age: 54 Room: Pulm. Clinic
 Doctor: [REDACTED] Weight: 143.00 Sex: Female Race: Caucasian

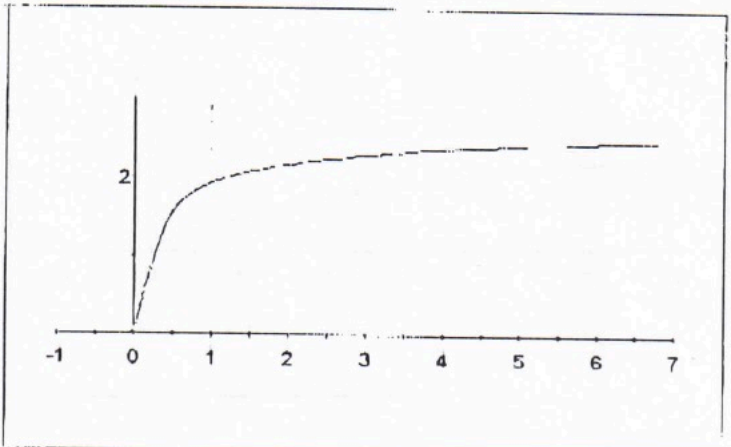
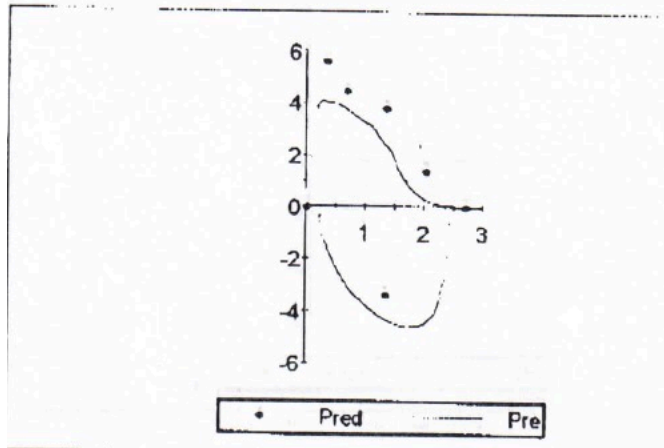
Diagnosis: Chronic Airway Obstruction

Dyspnea: Cough: Wheeze:
 Tbc Prod: Yrs Smk: Pks/Day: Yrs Quit:
 Medications:

Pre Test Comments:

Post Test Comments: Spirometry meets ATS standards for both acceptability & reproducibility.

---- SPIROMETRY ----	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pred</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>%Chng</u>
FVC (L)	2.50	2.70	93			
FEV1 (L)	1.94	2.12	92			
FEV1/FVC (%)	78	79	98			
FEF 25% (L/scc)	3.86	4.44	87			
FEF 75% (L/scc)	0.54	1.35	40			
FEF 25-75% (L/scc)	1.79	2.24	80			
FEF Max (L/sec)	4.04	5.63	72			
FIVC (L)	2.25					
FIF Max (L/scc)	4.61					

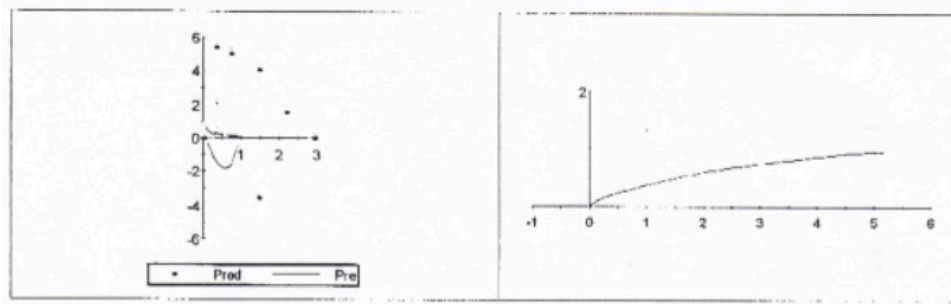


Post LUNG TRANSPLANT

Name: [REDACTED] ID: [REDACTED] Visit date/time: 11/20/2003
 Tech: [REDACTED] Height: 61.00 Age: 45 Room: Pulm. CL
 Doctor: [REDACTED] Weight: 124.00 Sex: Female Race: Caucasian

Diagnosis: COPD
 Dyspnea: Cough: Wheeze:
 Tbc Prod: Yrs Smk: Pks/Day: Yrs Quit:
 Medications:
 Pre Test Comments: Patient stated that she just used her own albuterol inhaler.
 Post Test Comments: Good effort.

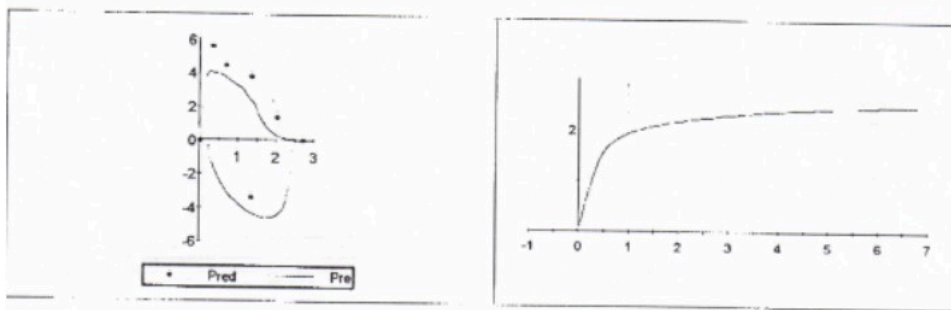
--- SPIROMETRY ---	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	Actual	Pred	%Pred	Actual	%Pred	%Chng
FVC (L)	0.96	2.92	33			
FEV1 (L)	0.38	2.47	15			
FEV1/FVC (%)	40	85	47			
FEF 25% (L/sec)	0.28	5.02	6			
FEF 75% (L/sec)	0.12	1.56	8			
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	0.20	2.85	7			
FEF Max (L/sec)	1.08	5.40	20			
FIVC (L)	0.88					
FIF Max (L/sec)	1.84					



Name: [REDACTED] ID: [REDACTED] Visit date/time: 03/14/2013
 Tech: [REDACTED] Height: 57.50 Age: 54 Room: Pulm. Clinic
 Doctor: [REDACTED] Weight: 143.00 Sex: Female Race: Caucasian

Diagnosis: Chronic Airway Obstruction
 Dyspnea: Cough: Wheeze:
 Tbc Prod: Yrs Smk: Pks/Day: Yrs Quit:
 Medications:
 Pre Test Comments:
 Post Test Comments: Spirometry meets ATS standards for both acceptability & reproducibility.

--- SPIROMETRY ---	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	Actual	Pred	%Pred	Actual	%Pred	%Chng
FVC (L)	2.50	2.70	93			
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FEV1/FVC (%)	78	79	98			
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Figure 1. GOLD SPIROMETRIC CRITERIA FOR COPD SEVERITY¹

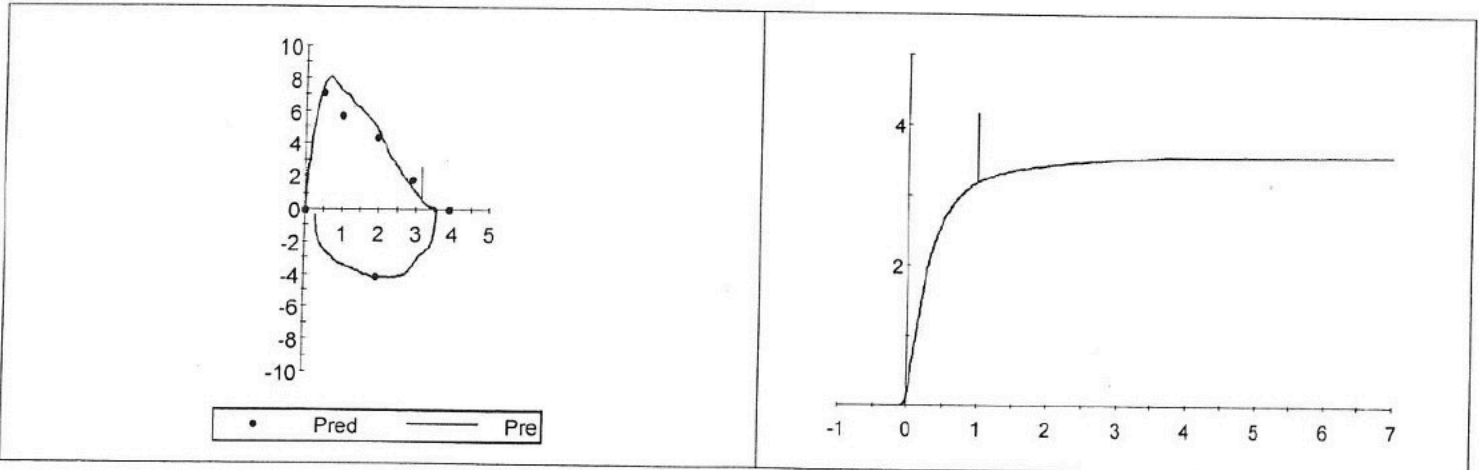
I: Mild COPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $FEV_1/FVC < 0.7$• $FEV_1 \geq 80\%$ predicted	At this stage, the patient may not be aware that their lung function is abnormal.
II: Moderate COPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $FEV_1/FVC < 0.7$• $50\% \leq FEV_1 < 80\%$ predicted	Symptoms usually progress at this stage, with shortness of breath typically developing on exertion.
III: Severe COPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $FEV_1/FVC < 0.7$• $30\% \leq FEV_1 < 50\%$ predicted	Shortness of breath typically worsens at this stage and often limits patients' daily activities. Exacerbations are especially seen beginning at this stage.
IV: Very Severe COPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $FEV_1/FVC < 0.7$• $FEV_1 < 30\%$ predicted <i>or</i> $FEV_1 < 50\%$ predicted plus chronic respiratory failure	At this stage, quality of life is very appreciably impaired and exacerbations may be life-threatening.



ID: [REDACTED] Visit date/time 09/03/2007
 Tech: [REDACTED] Height: 65.00 Age: 34 Room: Pulm. Clinic
 Doctor: [REDACTED] Weight: 177.60 Sex: Female Race: Caucasian

Diagnosis: Asthma
 Dyspnea: Cough: Wheeze:
 Tbc Prod: Never Smoked Yrs Smk: Pks/Day: Yrs Quit:
 Medications:
 Pre Test Comments:
 Post Test Comments: Spirometry meets ATS standards for both acceptability & reproducibility.

---- SPIROMETRY ----	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	Actual	Pred	%Pred	Actual	%Pred	%Chng
FVC (L)	3.55	3.88	92			
FEV1 (L)	3.18	3.22	99			
FEV1/FVC (%)	90	83	108			
FEF 25% (L/sec)	7.51	5.71	131			
FEF 75% (L/sec)	1.98	1.81	109			
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	4.37	3.39	129			
FEF Max (L/sec)	8.02	7.17	112			
FIVC (L)	3.29					
FIF Max (L/sec)	4.22					



Name: [REDACTED] ID: [REDACTED] Visit date/time: 11/20/2008
 Tech: [REDACTED] Height: 61.00 Age: 45 Room: Pulm. Cl.
 Doctor: [REDACTED] Weight: 124.00 Sex: Female Race: Caucasian

Diagnosis: COPD

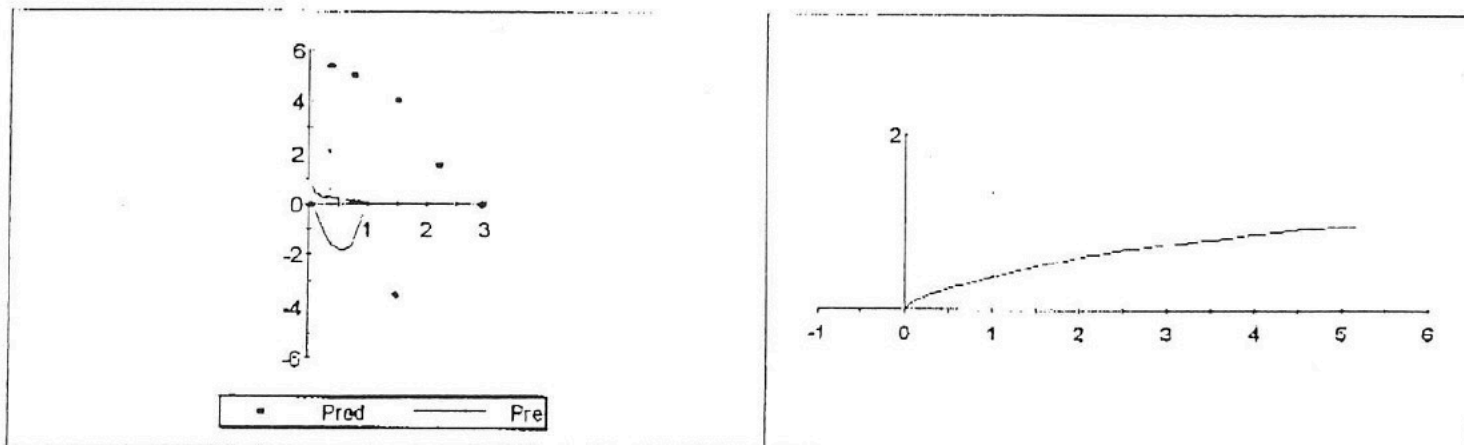
Dyspnea: Cough: Wheeze:
 Tbc Prod: Yrs Smk: Pks/Day: Yrs Quit:

Medications:

Pre Test Comments: Patient stated that she just used her own albuterol inhaler.

Post Test Comments: Good effort.

	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	Actual	Pred	%Pred	Actual	%Pred	%Chng
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FIF Max (L/sec)	1.84					



Tech:
Doctor:

ID:
Height: 61.00
Weight: 193.00

Visit date/time 09/07/2011 08:25:35 AM
Age: 56 Room:
Sex: Female Race: Black

Diagnosis:

Dyspnea: After any exertion

Cough: Productive

Wheeze: No Wheeze

Tbco Prod:

Yrs Smk:

Pks/Day:

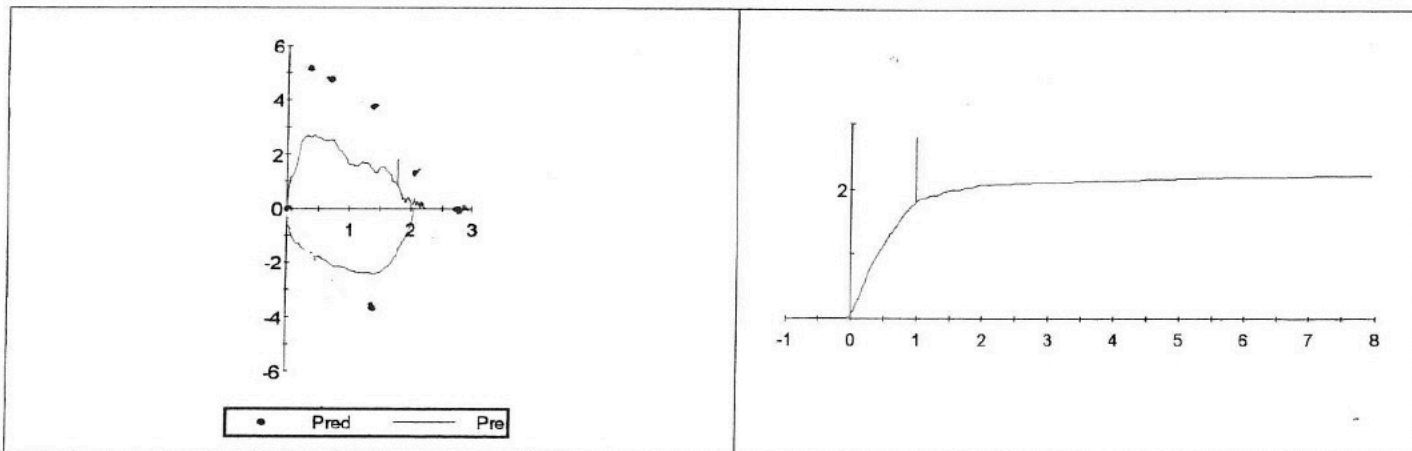
Yrs Quit:

Medications:

Pre Test Comments: PT. C/O MID-STERNAL PAIN WITH OCCASIONAL MID-SCAPULAR PAIN POSTERIOR. PT OCCASIONALLY TAKES IBUPROFEN PRN AND PAIN RESOLVES.

Post Test Comments: GOOD PT EFFORT. T. GILMORE, RRT, AE-C.

	Pre-Ex			Post-Ex		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Pred</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>%Pred</u>	<u>%Chng</u>
---- SPIROMETRY ----						
FVC (L)	2.29	2.74	84			
FEV1 (L)	1.81	2.26	80			
<u>FEV1/FVC (%)</u>	79	82	-96			
FEF 25% (L/sec)	2.57	4.76	54			
FEF 75% (L/sec)	1.25	1.30	96			
FEF 25-75% (L/sec)	1.73	2.51	69			
FEF Max (L/sec)	2.69	5.18	52			
FIVC (L)	2.05					
FIF Max (L/sec)	2.39					



Name: **Anonymous Doe** ID: ***** Date Tested: **17-Mar-17**
 Age: 59 Race: W Height: 68.9 in Weight: 230 lb Sex: M Smoker: ?

Consulting Physician: Pack Years: N/A
 Referring Physician: Temp: 20°C Pressure: 751mmHg
 Clinical Technician: Mike Stockton, RRT, RPFT BTPS: 1.045
 Diagnosis: 1.
 2.
 3.

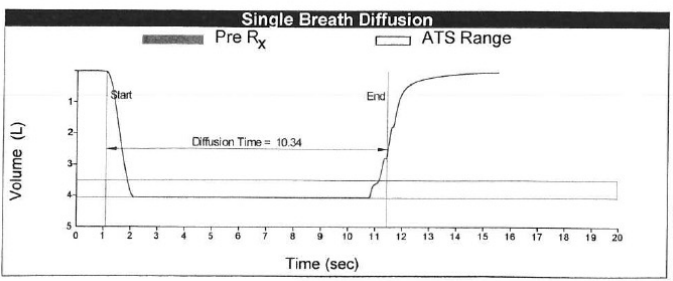
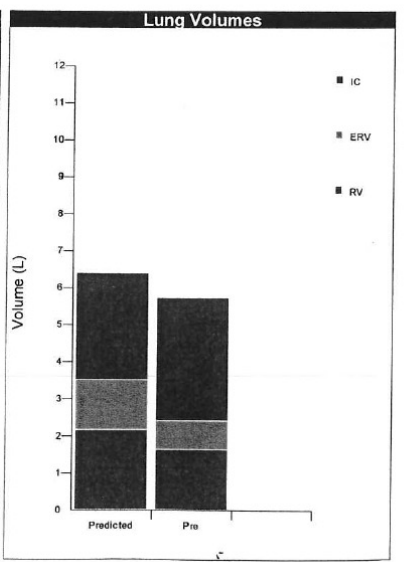
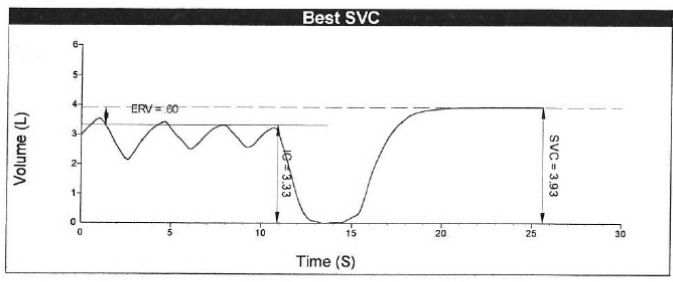
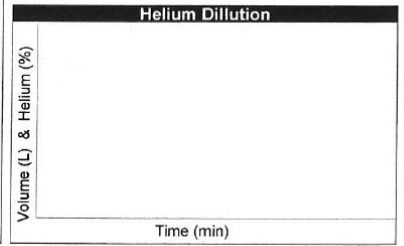
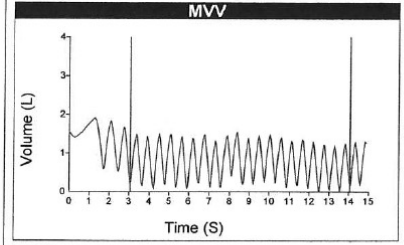
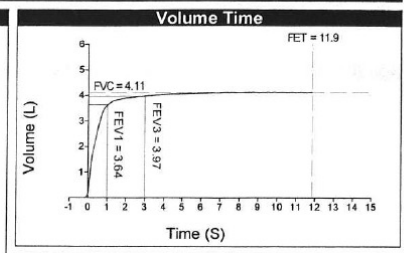
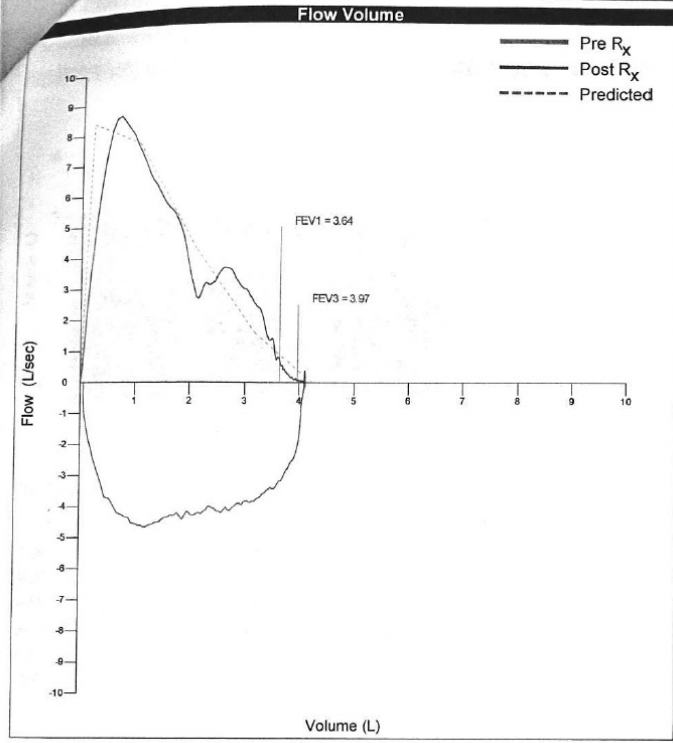
Spirometry at		Predicted		Observed		Observed		Percent Change
Parameter	Units	Value	Pre	% Pred	Post	% Pred		
FVC	L	4.23	4.11	97	----	----	--	
FEV.5	L	2.73	2.81	103	----	----	--	
FEV.5 / FVC	%	---	68	---	----	----	--	
FEV ₁	L	3.40	3.64	107	----	----	--	
FEV ₁ / FVC	%	80	89	111	----	----	--	
FEF ₂₅₋₇₅ [ISO]	L/s	3.47	4.09	118	----	----	--	
PEFR	L/s	8.39	9.00	107	----	----	--	
FET	sec	---	11.85	---	----	----	--	
FIVC	L	4.23	4.06	96	----	----	--	
PIFR	L/s	5.59	4.87	87	----	----	--	
MVV	L/m	138.8	136.4	98	----	----	--	

Lung Volumes		Predicted		Observed		Observed		Percent Change
Parameter	Units	Value	Pre	% Pred	Post	% Pred		
VC	L	4.23	4.11	97	----	----	--	
IC	L	2.89	3.33	115	----	----	--	
ERV	L	1.34	0.78	58	----	----	--	
FRC	L	3.50	2.40	69	----	----	--	
RV	L	2.16	1.62	75	----	----	--	
TLC	L	6.39	5.73	90	----	----	--	
RV/TLC	%	32	28	88	----	----	--	

Diffusion		Predicted		Observed		Observed		Percent Change
Parameter	Units	Value	Pre	% Pred	Post	% Pred		
DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	28.46	26.17	92	----	----	--	
DLCO [Hb]	mL/min/mmHg	28.46	26.17	92	----	----	--	
Hb	g/dl	14.6	----	----	----	----	--	
VA [BTPS]	L	6.39	5.45	85	----	----	--	
DLCO/VA	mL/min/mmHg/L	4.46	4.80	108	----	----	--	

Name Anonymous Doe
 ID *****

Date 17-Mar-17
 Pulmonary Function



Name Anonymous Doe

Date 17-Mar-17

ID *****

Pulmonary Function*Past Pulmonary Function Results for this Patient*

Parameter	Units	Today	Previous Test Results - Most Recent to Past				
			17-Mar-17	30-Sep-16	% Diff	30-Dec-99	% Diff
FVC	L	4.11	4.23	2	----	----	
FEV ₁	L	3.64	3.48	-5	----	----	
FEV ₁ / FVC	%	89	82	-8	----	----	
PEFR	L/s	9.00	8.97	-1	----	----	
FEF ₂₅₋₇₅	L/s	4.09	4.03	-2	----	----	
SVC	L	3.93	4.31	9	----	----	
TLC	L	5.73	5.88	2	----	----	
RV	L	1.62	1.57	-4	----	----	
RV/TLC	%	28	27	-4	----	----	
DLCO	mL/min/mmHg	26.17	26.40	<1	----	----	
DLCO [Hb]	mL/min/mmHg	26.17	24.86	-6	----	----	
VA [BTPS]	L	5.45	5.38	-2	----	----	
DLCO/VA	mL/min/mmHg/L	4.80	4.62	-4	----	----	
MIP	cmH ₂ O	----	----	----	----	----	
MEP	cmH ₂ O	----	----	----	----	----	



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