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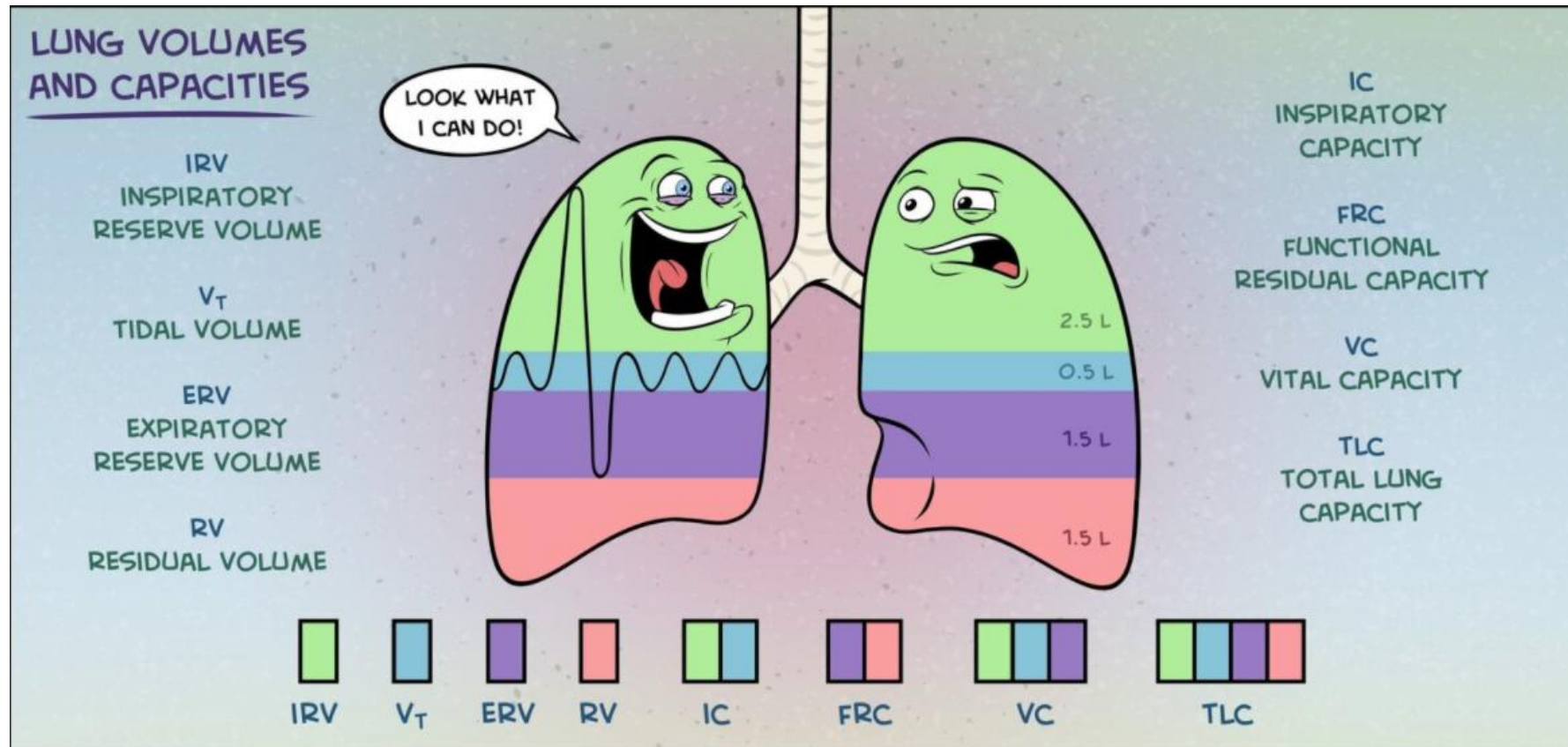
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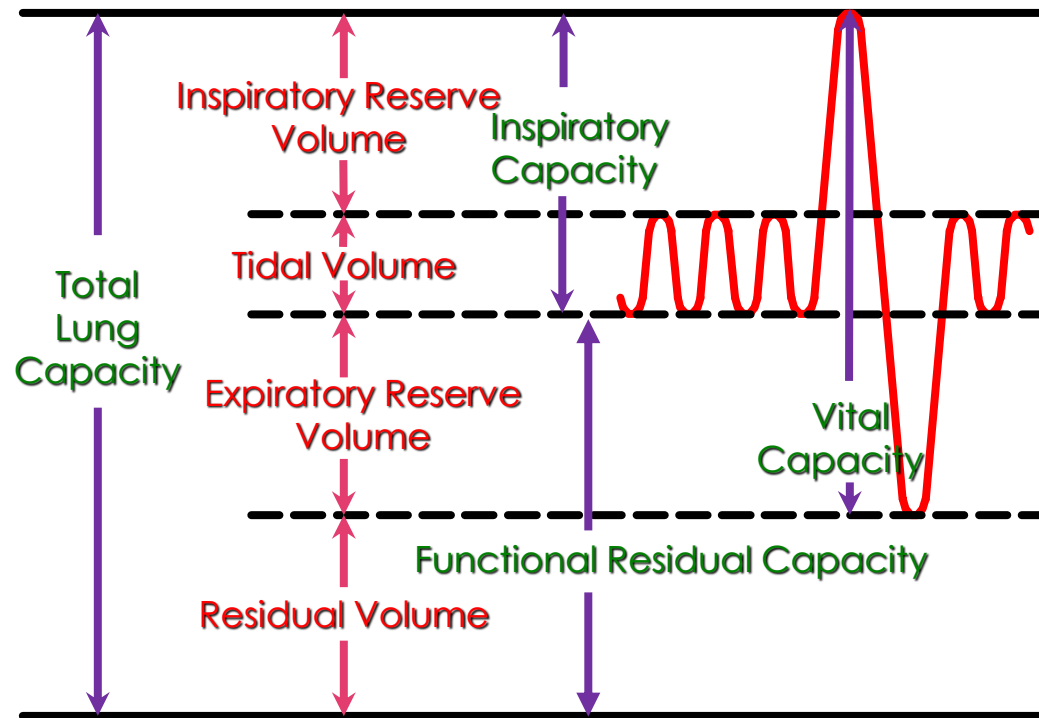
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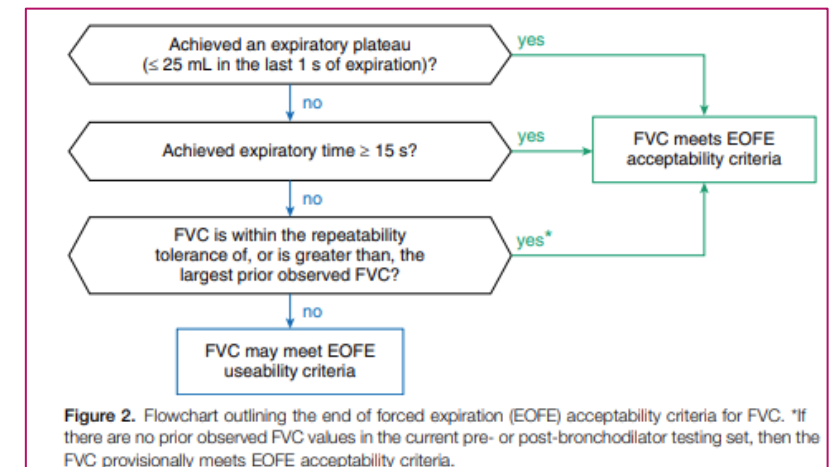
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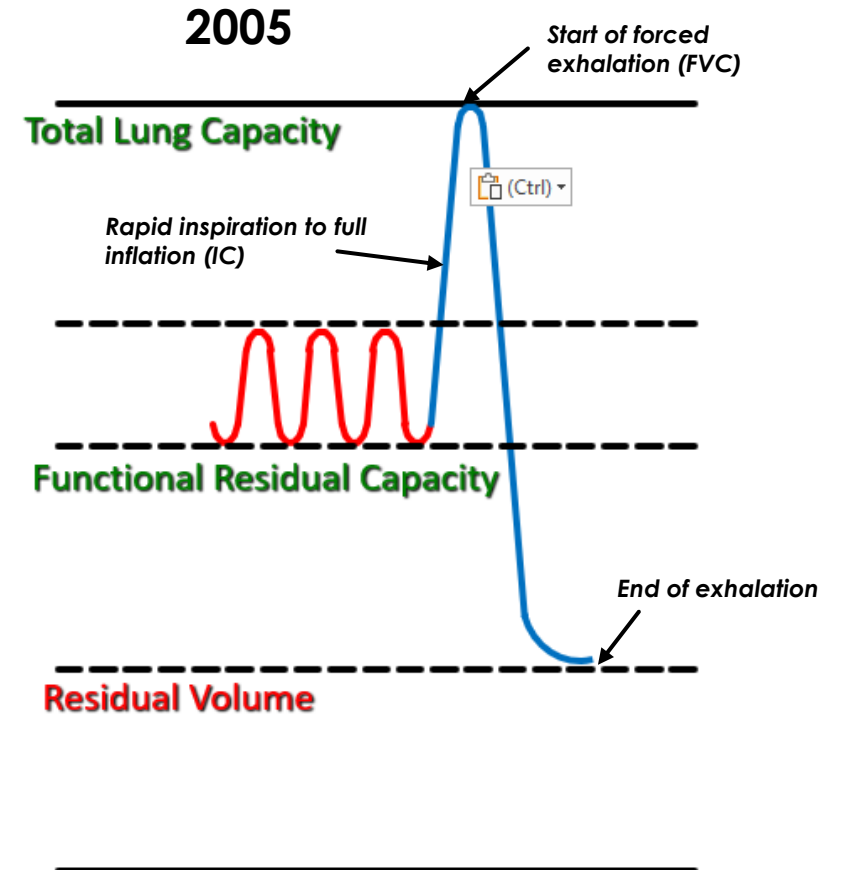
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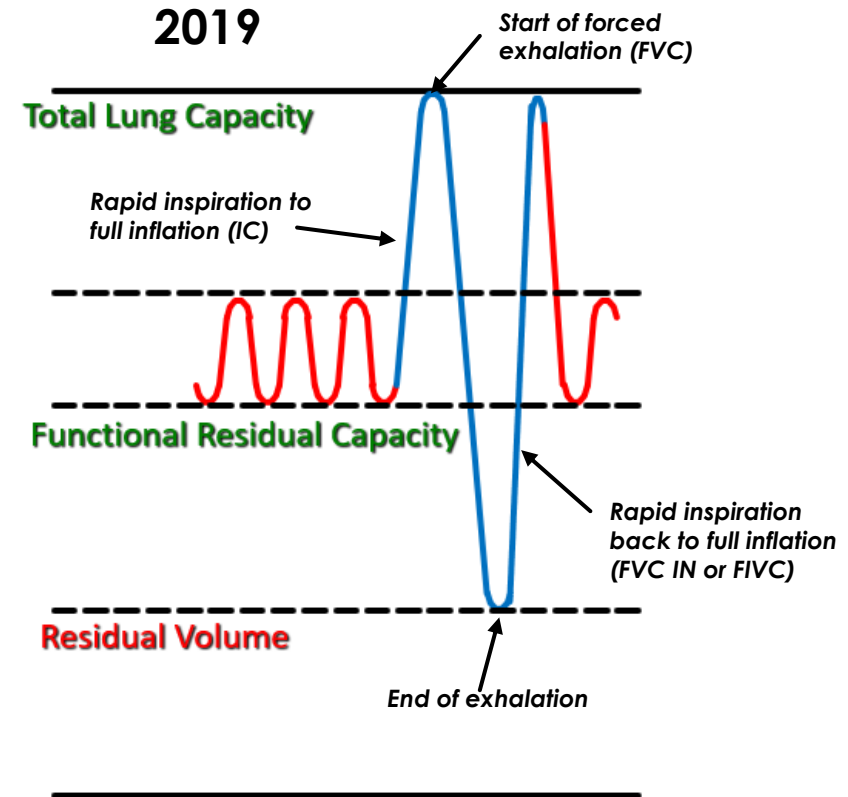
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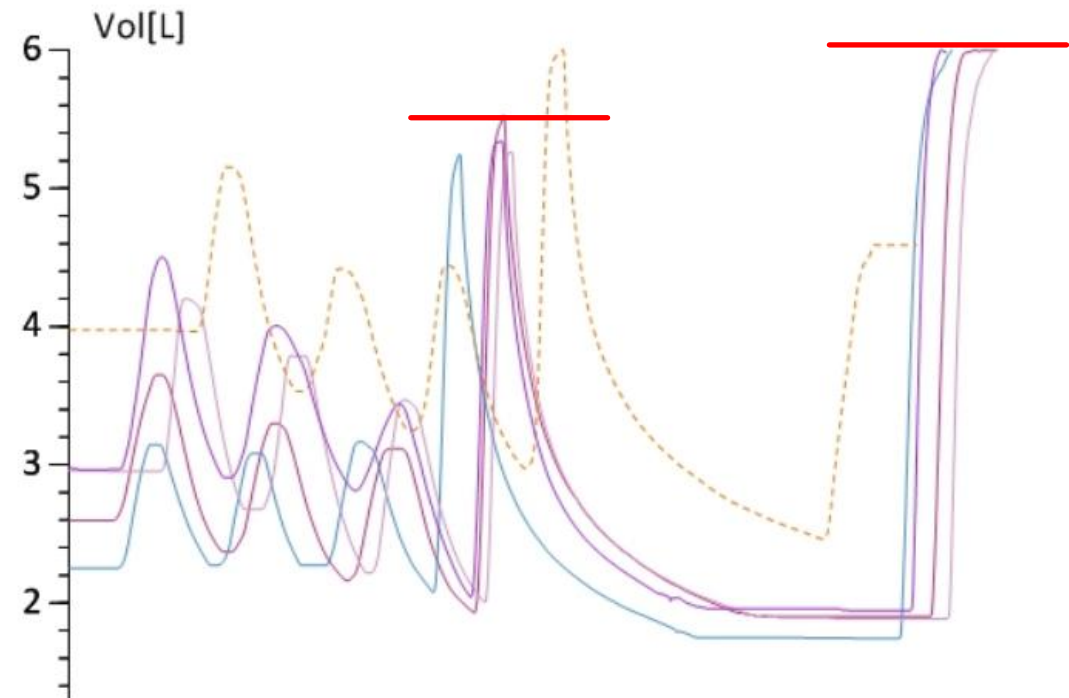
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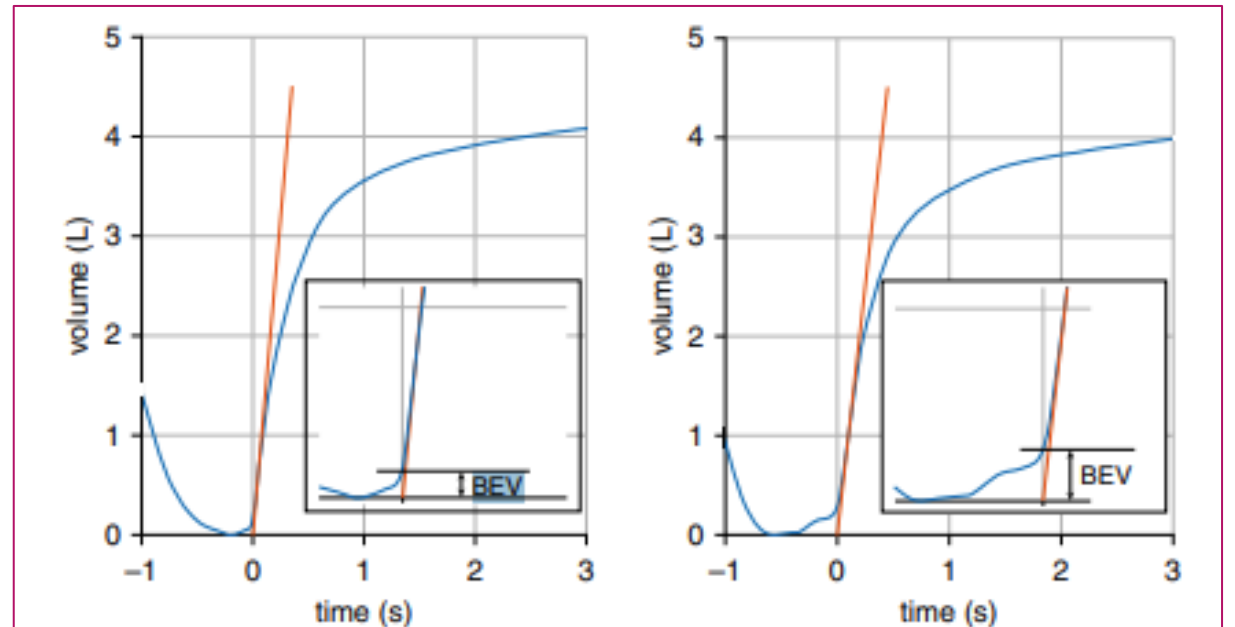
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**Table 10.** Grading System for FEV<sub>1</sub> and FVC (Graded Separately)

Grade	Number of Measurements	Repeatability: Age >6 yr	Repeatability: Age ≤6 yr*
A	≥3 acceptable	Within 0.150 L	Within 0.100 L*
B	2 acceptable	Within 0.150 L	Within 0.100 L*
C	≥2 acceptable	Within 0.200 L	Within 0.150 L*
D	≥2 acceptable	Within 0.250 L	Within 0.200 L*
E	≥2 acceptable	>0.250 L	>0.200 L*
U	OR 1 acceptable	N/A	N/A
F	0 acceptable AND ≥1 usable	N/A	N/A
F	0 acceptable and 0 usable	N/A	N/A

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**Table 7.** Summary of Acceptability, Usability, and Repeatability Criteria for FEV<sub>1</sub> and FVC

Acceptability and Usability Criterion	Required for Acceptability		Required for Usability	
	FEV <sub>1</sub>	FVC	FEV <sub>1</sub>	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 <sup>†</sup>				
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 FIVC – FVC must be ≤0.100 L or 5% of FVC, whichever is greater <sup>‡</sup>	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Repeatability criteria</b> (applied to acceptable FVC and FEV <sub>1</sub> values)				
Age >6 yr: The difference between the two largest FVC values must be ≤0.150 L, and the difference between the two largest FEV <sub>1</sub> 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 FEV <sub>1</sub> values must be ≤0.100 L or 10% of the highest value, whichever is greater				

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## Prior to BDR

(Post value – Pre value/Pre value)x100

(2.76 – 2.50)/2.50

0.26/2.50

10%

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(Post value – Pre value x 100/pred value)

$2.76 - 2.50 \times 100 / 2.34$

$0.26 \times 100 / 2.4$

$26 / 2.34$

11%

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(Post value – Pre value/Pre value)x100

$(2.76 - 2.50)/2.50$

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10%

**(not significant)**

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**Table 2. Relative Contraindications for Spirometry**

Due to increases in myocardial demand or changes in blood pressure  
Acute myocardial infarction within 1 wk  
Systemic hypotension or severe hypertension  
Significant atrial/ventricular arrhythmia  
Noncompensated heart failure  
Uncontrolled pulmonary hypertension  
Acute cor pulmonale  
Clinically unstable pulmonary embolism  
History of syncope related to forced expiration/cough

Due to increases in intracranial/intraocular pressure  
Cerebral aneurysm  
Brain surgery within 4 wk  
Recent concussion with continuing symptoms  
Eye surgery within 1 wk

Due to increases in sinus and middle ear pressures  
Sinus surgery or middle ear surgery or infection within 1 wk

Due to increases in intrathoracic and intraabdominal pressure  
Presence of pneumothorax  
Thoracic surgery within 4 wk  
Abdominal surgery within 4 wk  
Late-term pregnancy

**Infection control issues**

Active or suspected transmissible respiratory or systemic infection, including tuberculosis  
Physical conditions predisposing to transmission of infections, such as hemoptysis, significant secretions, or oral lesions or oral bleeding

Spirometry should be discontinued if the patient experiences pain during the maneuver. Relative contraindications do not preclude spirometry but should be considered when ordering spirometry. The decision to conduct spirometry is determined by the ordering healthcare professional on the basis of their evaluation of the risks and benefits of spirometry for the particular patient. Potential contraindications should be included in the request form for spirometry.

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**Table 5. Activities That Should Be Avoided before Lung Function Testing**

- Smoking and/or vaping and/or water pipe use within 1 h before testing (to avoid acute bronchoconstriction due to smoke inhalation)
- Consuming intoxicants within 8 h before testing (to avoid problems in coordination, comprehension, and physical ability)
- Performing vigorous exercise within 1 h before testing (to avoid potential exercise-induced bronchoconstriction)
- Wearing clothing that substantially restricts full chest and abdominal expansion (to avoid external restrictions on lung function)

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Parameter	Male	Female	Difference
FVC	5.71	4.99	12.6%
FEV1	4.51	3.96	12.2%
FEV1/FVC	0.79	0.79	-

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**Table 3. Quality Grading for DLCO Maneuvers**

Grade	V <sub>I</sub> /V <sub>C</sub>	Breathhold Time	Sample Collection
A	≥90%*	8–12 s	≤4 s
B	≥85%	8–12 s	≤4 s
C	≥80%	8–12 s	≤5 s
D	≥80%	<8 or >12 s	≤5 s
F	Any test not meeting Grade A, B, C, or D.		

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Trial	DLCO	Vi/Vc	VA	2 grade A within 2 ml/min/mmHg
1	15.2	91%	6.71	😊
2	14.4	93%	6.59	
1	15.2	91%	6.71	😊
2	14.4	88%	6.59	
1	15.2	91%	6.71	<i>Perform another</i>
2	14.4	88%	6.35	
1	15.2	88%	6.71	<i>Perform another</i>
2	14.4	87%	6.59	
1	15.2	91%	6.71	<i>Perform another</i>
2	17.4	93%	6.89	

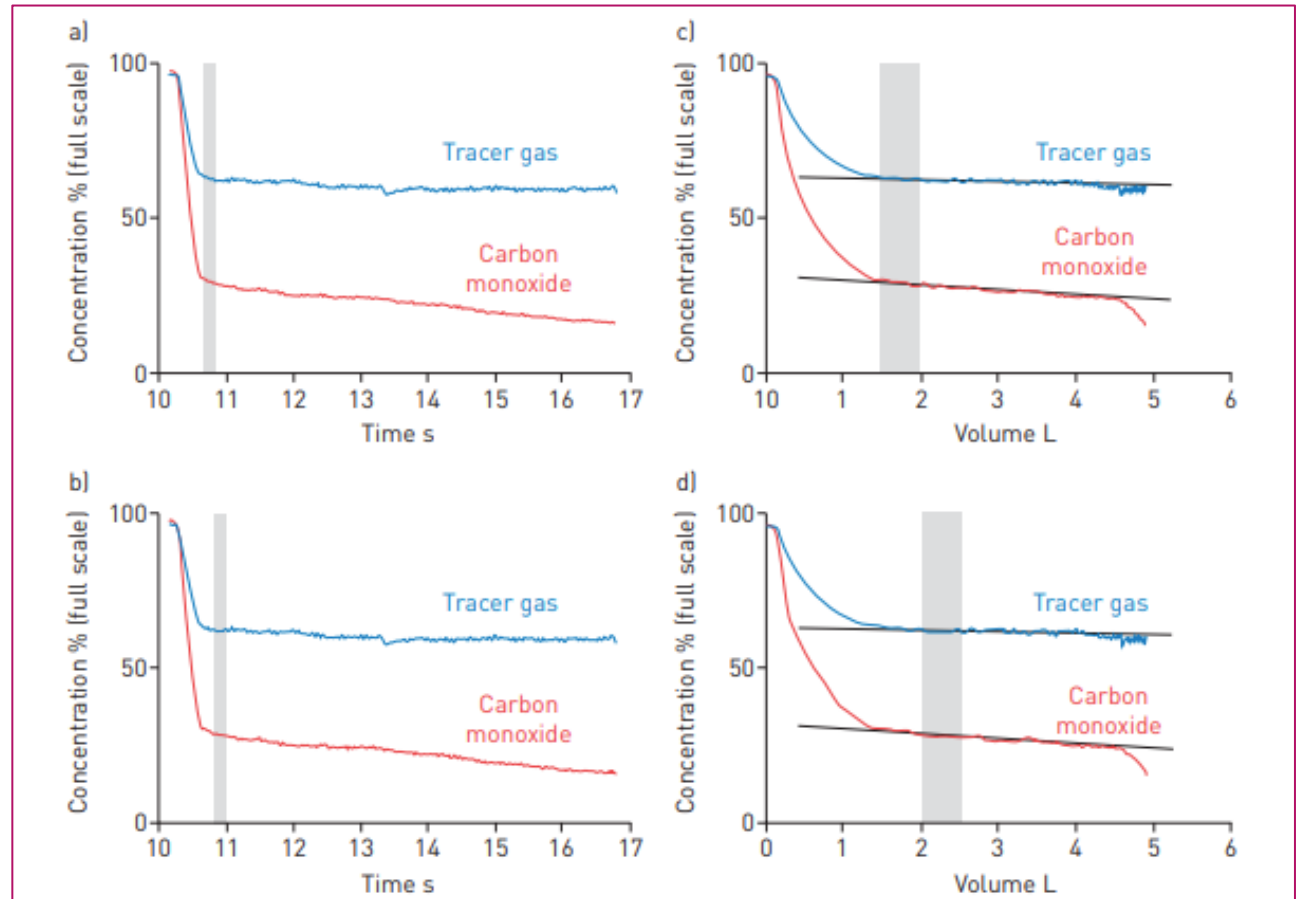
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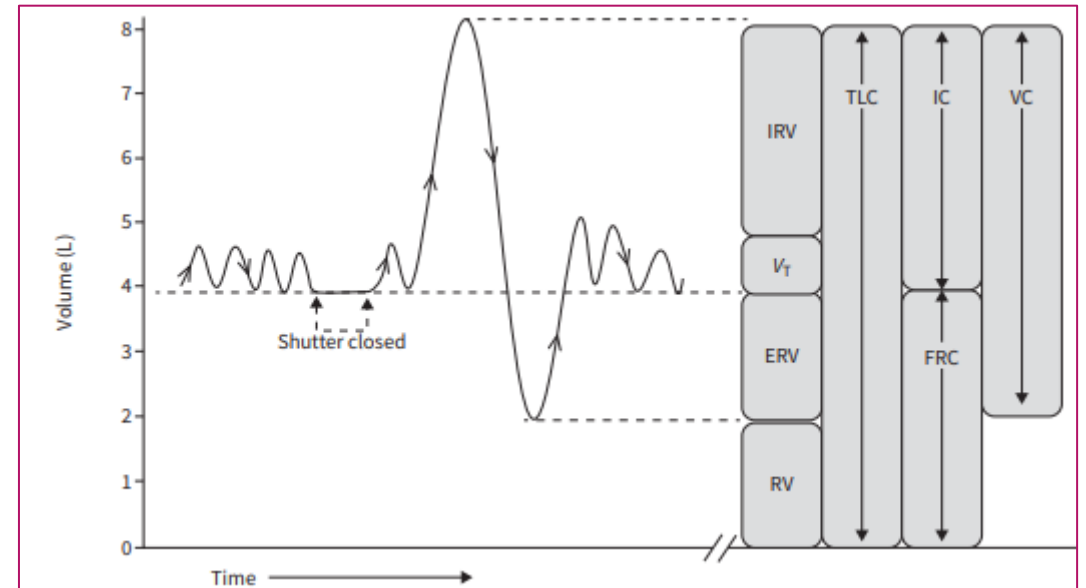
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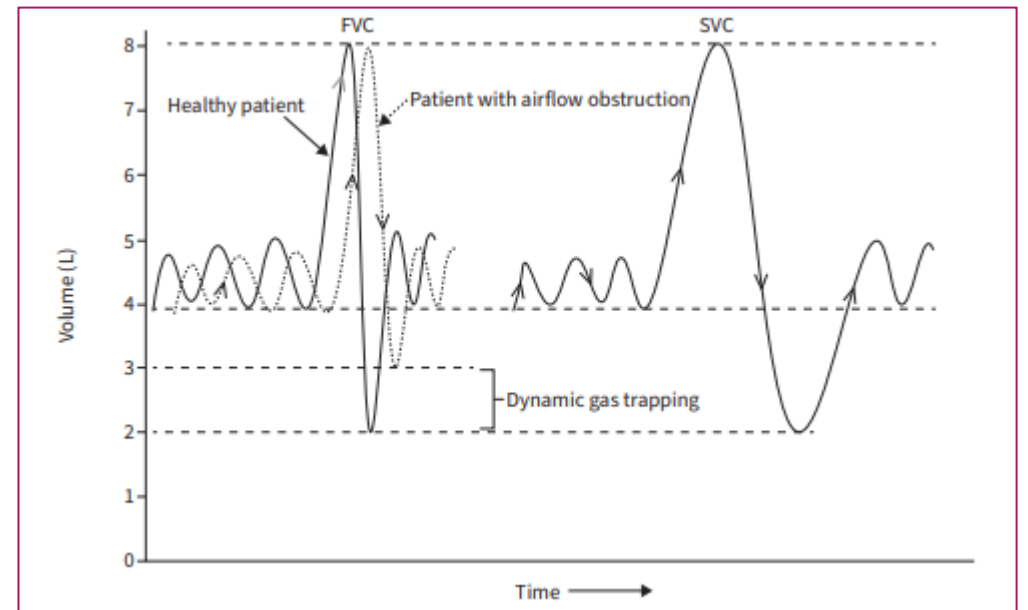
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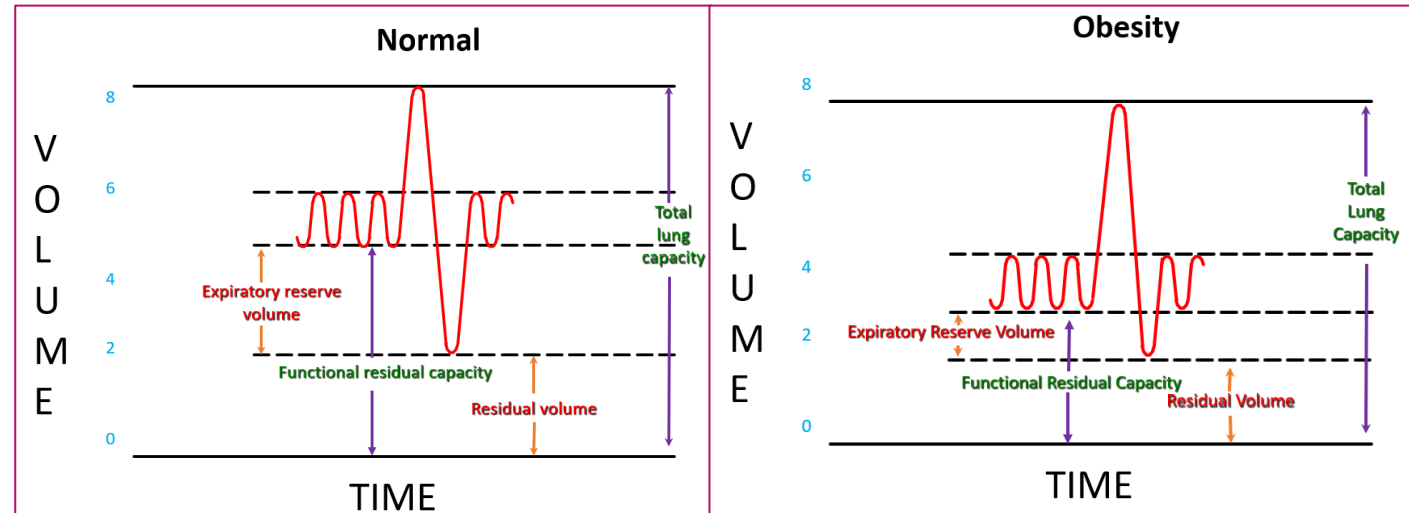
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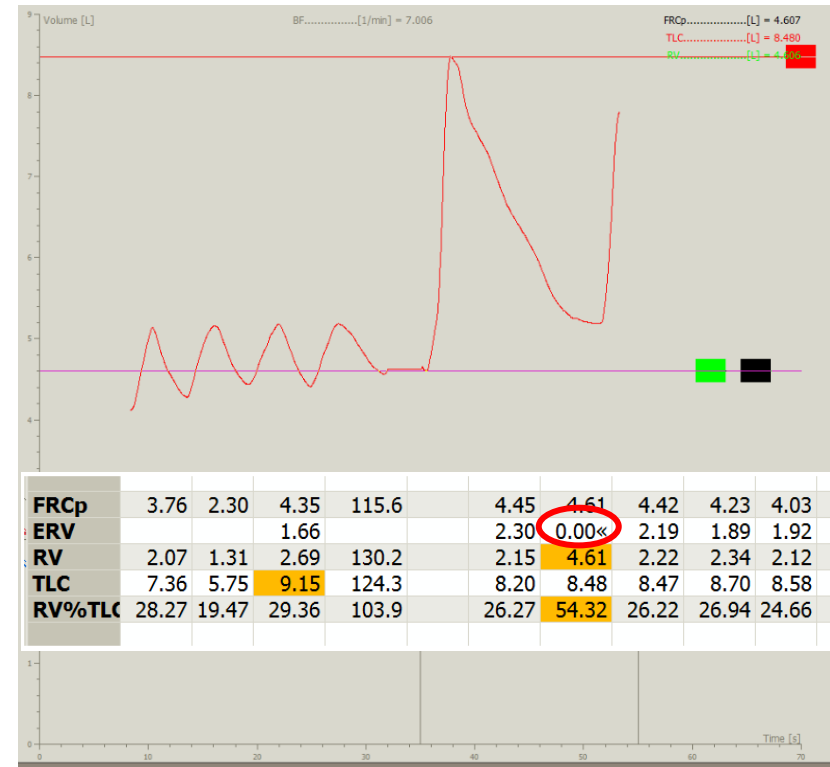
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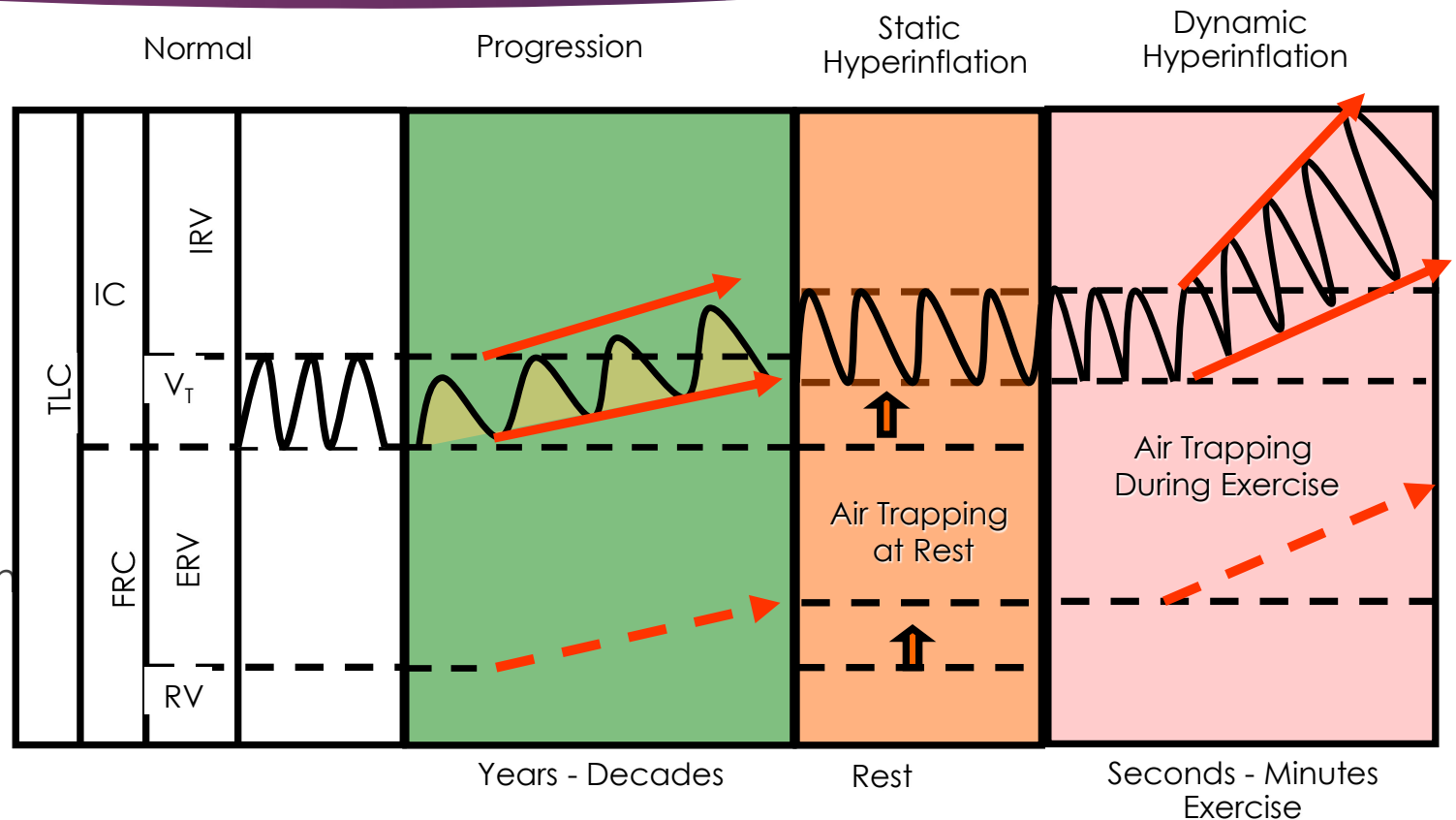
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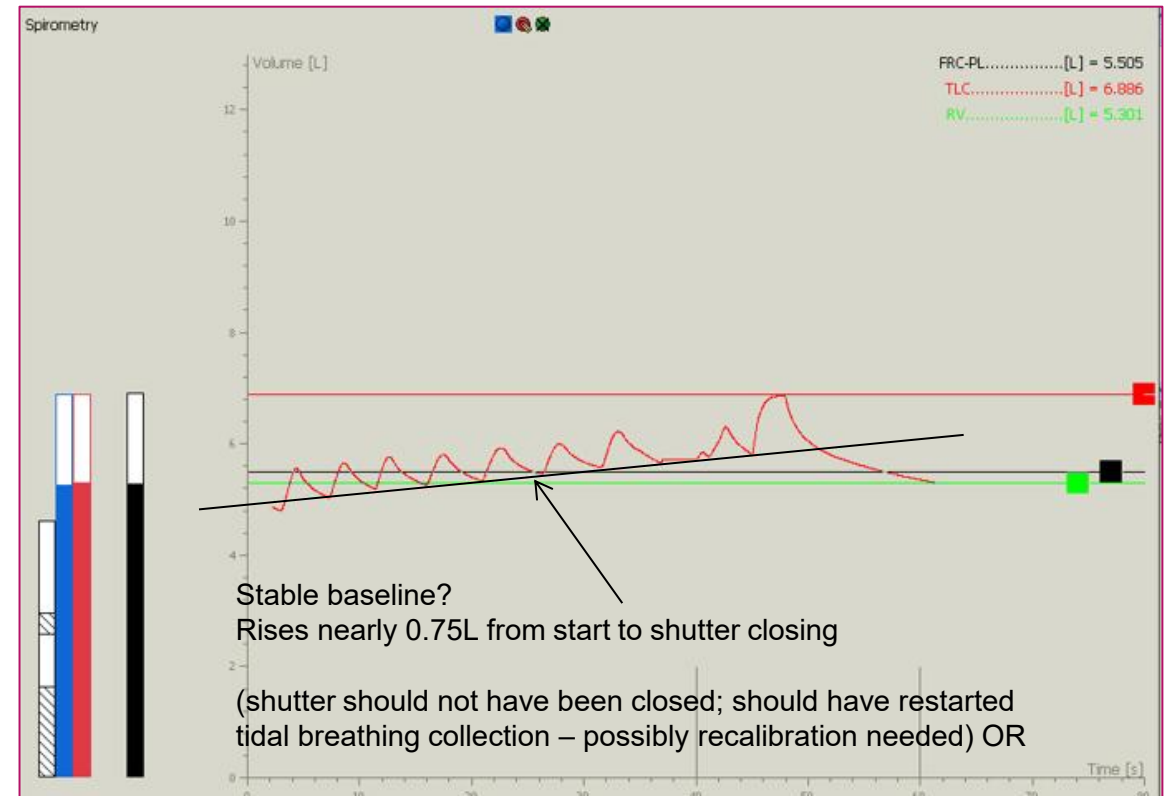
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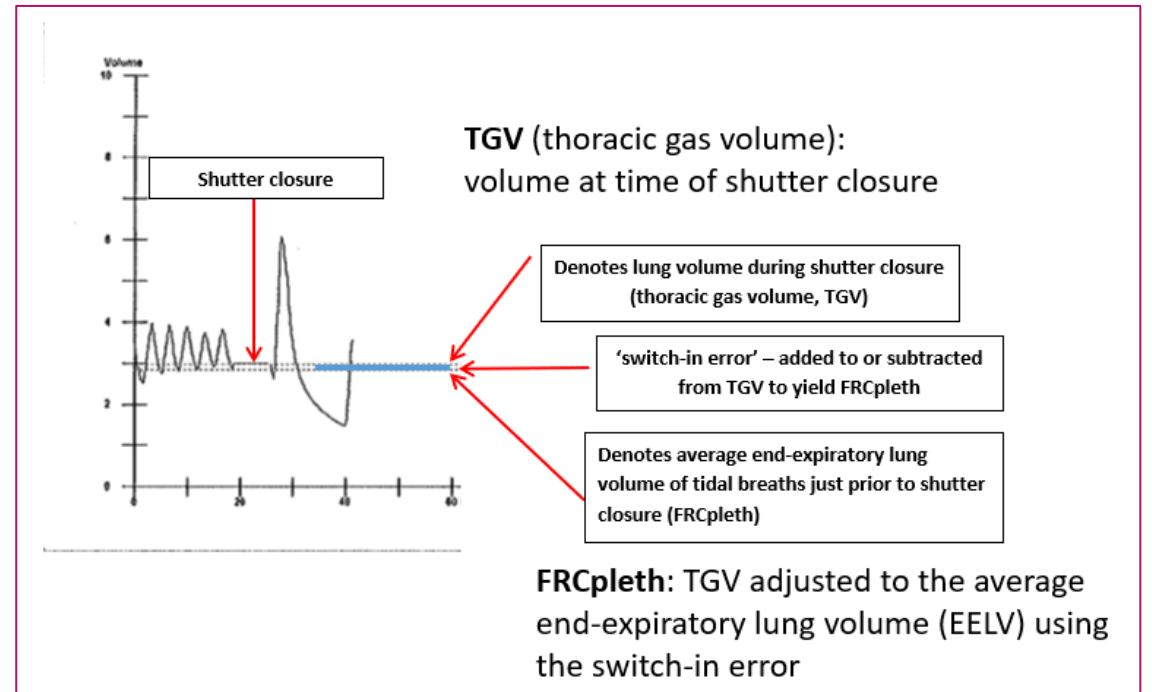
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**TABLE 2** Acceptability criteria for thoracic gas volume (functional residual capacity) measurement using body plethysmography

Tidal breathing prior to shutter closure and pants/small breaths during shutter closure	
<b>Acceptable</b>	Pre-shutter closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stable end-tidal lung volume<sup>¶</sup></li> </ul> During shutter closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• closed pants</li> <li>• overlapping straight lines with no thermal drift</li> <li>• straight lines with minimal thermal drift</li> <li>• pant frequency 0.5–1 Hz or</li> <li>• pant frequency &gt;1.0–1.5 Hz with no or minimal obstruction on spirometry</li> </ul>
<b>Useable<sup>#</sup></b>	Any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-shutter closure:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unstable end-tidal lung volume<sup>¶</sup> without significant shift in either direction</li> </ul> </li> <li>During shutter closure:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• portions of closed pants</li> <li>• portions of overlapping straight lines</li> <li>• parallel straight lines (thermal drift)</li> <li>• pant frequency &gt;1.5–2.0 Hz with no or minimal obstruction on spirometry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Not acceptable or useable (reject)</b>	Any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-shutter closure:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unstable end tidal lung volume<sup>¶</sup> with significant shift in either direction (e.g. increase in end-expiratory lung volume with each breath)</li> </ul> </li> <li>During shutter closure:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• open pants</li> <li>• no straight lines</li> <li>• excessive thermal drift</li> <li>• pants are clipped (mouth pressure transducer range exceeded)</li> <li>• pant frequency &lt;0.5 Hz, &gt;2.0 Hz or &gt;1.5 Hz and evidence of significant obstruction on spirometry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Refer to supplementary figures S1–S3 for examples of normal and abnormal tracings. <sup>#</sup>: interpret with caution; <sup>¶</sup>: stability defined as three or more tidal breaths with the difference between maximum and minimum end-expiratory lung volume within 15% of the tidal volume [10].

# Lung Volumes

- ▶ Quality Assurance & Calibration
  - ▶ **New Acceptability & Usability Criteria**
  - ▶ Grading
- ▶ Patient Preparation & Safety
  - ▶ Contraindications
  - ▶ Pre-test restrictions

**TABLE 3** Acceptability and usability criteria for spirometry for calculation of residual volume and total lung capacity

Spirometry manoeuvre after FRC measurement	
<b>Acceptable<sup>a</sup></b>	Linked spirometry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if aged &gt;6 years, SVC <math>\geq</math> (FVC – 150 mL)</li> <li>• if aged <math>\leq</math>6 years, SVC <math>\geq</math> (FVC – 100 mL) or (FVC – 10% of FVC), whichever is smaller</li> </ul>
<b>Useable<sup>b</sup></b>	Any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unlinked spirometry with an MBW or helium dilution FRC measurement with stable pre-phase end-tidal lung volume<sup>c</sup></li> <li>• if aged &gt;6 years, SVC <math>\geq</math> (FVC – 250 mL)</li> <li>• if aged <math>\leq</math>6 years, SVC <math>\geq</math> (FVC – 200 mL) or (FVC – 10% of FVC), whichever is smaller</li> </ul>
<b>Not acceptable or useable (reject)</b>	Any of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unlinked spirometry in body plethysmography</li> <li>• unlinked spirometry with an MBW or helium dilution FRC measurement with unstable pre-phase end-tidal lung volume<sup>c</sup></li> <li>• if aged &gt;6 years, SVC &lt; (FVC – 250 mL)</li> <li>• if aged <math>\leq</math>6 years, SVC &lt; (FVC – 200 mL) or (FVC – 10% of FVC), whichever is smaller</li> </ul>

FRC: functional residual capacity; SVC: slow vital capacity; FVC: forced vital capacity; MBW: multiple-breath washout. <sup>a</sup>: meets American Thoracic Society (ATS)/European Respiratory Society (ERS) acceptability criteria for within-manoeuve evaluation of inspiratory capacity and SVC [10]; if forced spirometry is not performed in the same session with lung volumes, an alternative is to require that at least three measures of vital capacity that meet ATS/ERS acceptability criteria for within-manoeuve evaluation are obtained and that the largest of these vital capacities is a substitute for the FVC in this table; <sup>b</sup>: interpret with caution; <sup>c</sup>: stability defined as three or more tidal breaths with the difference between maximum and minimum end-expiratory lung volume within 15% of the tidal volume [10].

# Lung Volumes

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- ▶ Patient Preparation & Safety
  - ▶ Contraindications
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TABLE 4 Grading system for a lung volume test performed using body plethysmography

Grade <sup>#</sup>	Number of FRC measurements <sup>†,‡</sup>	Number of SVC measurements <sup>†</sup>	Repeatability <sup>§</sup> of FRC
A	≥3 acceptable	≥3 acceptable	Within 5%
B	≥2 acceptable	≥2 acceptable	Within 5%
C	≥2 acceptable	≥2 acceptable	Within 10%
D	1 acceptable and ≥1 useable	1 acceptable and ≥1 useable	Within 10%
E	1 acceptable and 0 useable	1 acceptable and 0 useable	NA
U	0 acceptable and ≥1 useable	0 acceptable and ≥1 useable	Within 10%
F	0 acceptable or useable		

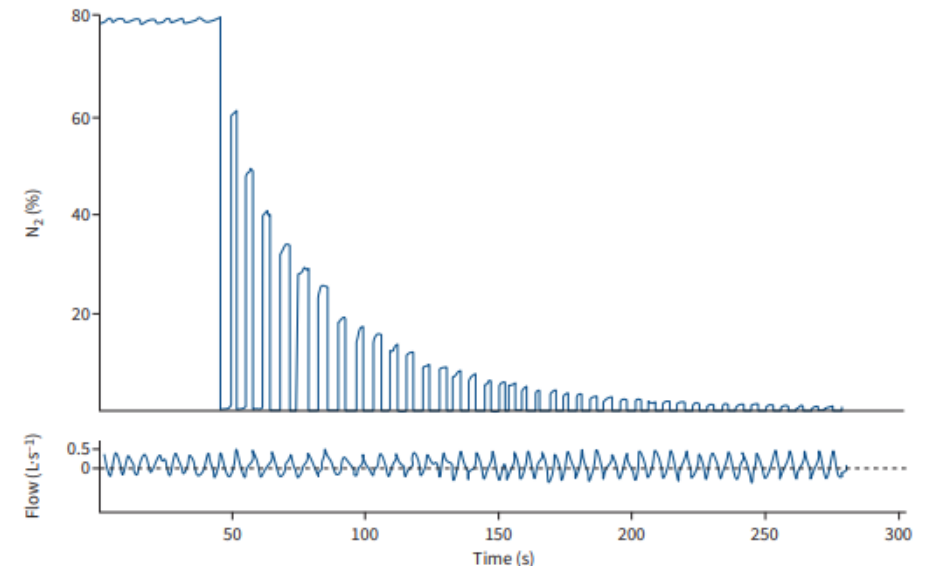
FRC: functional residual capacity; SVC: slow vital capacity; NA: not applicable. <sup>#</sup>: overall grade is lowest of FRC, SVC and FRC repeatability grades. For example, if number of FRC measurements and repeatability of FRC are both grade A (three acceptable efforts and repeatable), but SVC is grade B (only two acceptable efforts), then the overall grade is B; <sup>†</sup>: number of measurements refers to the manoeuvres used for calculation of FRC and other lung volumes; <sup>‡</sup>: if all spirometry manoeuvres are not acceptable or useable, report FRC only; <sup>§</sup>: difference between the highest and lowest value divided by the mean×100.

# Lung Volumes

- ▶ Quality Assurance & Calibration
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  - ▶ Grading
- ▶ Patient Preparation & Safety
  - ▶ **Contraindications**
  - ▶ **Pre-test restrictions**

# Lung Volumes (MBW)

- ▶ Measurement Technique
  - ▶ 30-60 s of stable quiet tidal breathing
  - ▶ Switch in close to FRC
  - ▶ Continue tidal breathing
  - ▶ Washout completed once the tracer gas reaches  $1/40^{\text{th}}$  of tracer gas
    - ▶ 3 consecutive tidal breaths
  - ▶ Then perform a Linked SVC maneuver
  - ▶ Repeat after doubling the wash time for wait time



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# Lung Volumes (MBW)

TABLE 5 Acceptability and grading criteria for functional residual capacity measurement by multiple breath washout (MBW)

Tidal breathing prior to washout and washout phase characteristics	
<b>Acceptable<sup>a</sup></b>	<p>Pre-switch-in:<sup>*</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>relaxed tidal breathing with stable end-tidal lung volume<sup>5</sup></li> </ul> <p>During washout:<sup>†</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>relaxed tidal breathing without sigh, cough, or breath-hold</li> <li>flow is stable with no forced breathing or signs of hyperventilation (CO<sub>2</sub> within 4–6% range if available)</li> <li>no evidence of leak</li> <li>end-of-test criteria met (three consecutive tidal breaths under target concentration)</li> </ul> <p>When performed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>adequate wait time between MBW manoeuvres (at least twice the washout time; longer with obstructive lung disease)</li> </ul>
<b>Useable<sup>a</sup></b>	<p>As for acceptable except any of:</p> <p>Pre-switch-in:<sup>*</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>unstable end-tidal lung volume<sup>5</sup> without significant shift in either direction</li> <li>irregular tidal breaths (swallow, small breath) in pre-phase</li> </ul> <p>During washout:<sup>†</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>irregular first breath of washout (swallow, small breath)</li> <li>sigh, cough, or breath-hold in rest of washout but no increase in end-tidal tracer gas concentration</li> <li>end-tidal lung volume is unstable during washout but no increase in end-tidal tracer gas concentration</li> </ul>
<b>Not acceptable or useable (reject)</b>	<p>Any of:</p> <p>Pre-switch-in:<sup>*</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>unstable end tidal lung volume<sup>5</sup> with significant shift in either direction (e.g. increase in end-expiratory lung volume with each breath)</li> <li>flow is highly erratic with or without forced breathing or hyperventilation (CO<sub>2</sub> outside 4–6% range if available)</li> <li>sigh, cough, or breath-hold</li> </ul> <p>During washout:<sup>†</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sigh, cough, or breath-hold in first breath of washout</li> <li>sigh, cough, or breath-hold in rest of washout resulting in increase in end-tidal tracer gas concentration<sup>##</sup></li> <li>significant shifts in end-tidal lung volume during washout resulting in increase in end-tidal tracer gas concentration<sup>##</sup></li> <li>flow is highly erratic with or without forced breathing or hyperventilation (CO<sub>2</sub> outside 4–6% range if available)</li> <li>evidence of leak</li> <li>end-of-test criteria not met: manoeuvre does not have three consecutive tidal breaths under target concentration</li> </ul> <p>When performed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inadequate wait time between MBW manoeuvres for gas concentrations to re-equilibrate (less than twice the washout time or end-tidal tracer gas concentration has not returned to baseline)</li> </ul>

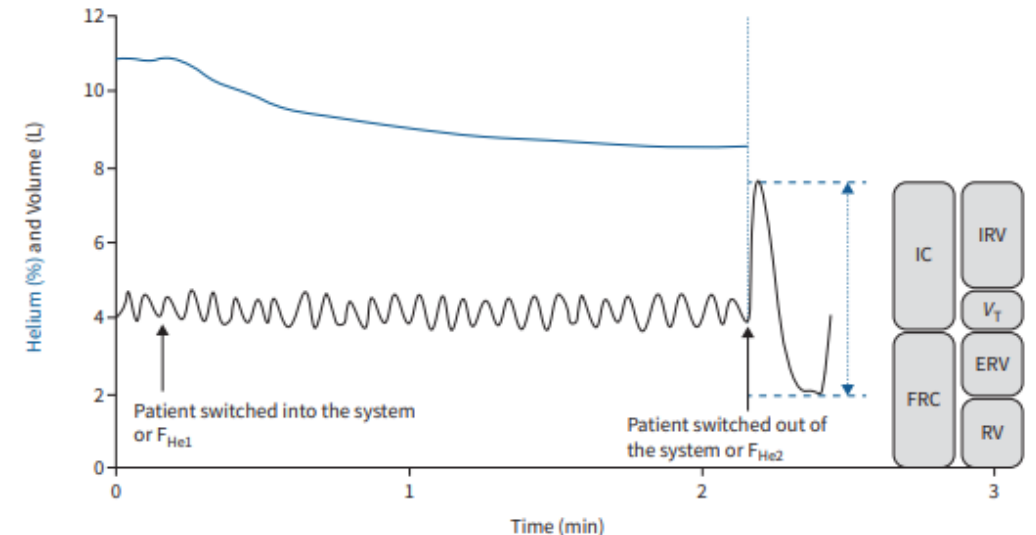
Refer to supplementary figures S3 and S4 for examples of normal and abnormal tracings. CO<sub>2</sub>: carbon dioxide. <sup>a</sup>: acceptable manoeuvres can be challenging to obtain in MBW, especially in young children; <sup>b</sup>: interpret with caution; <sup>\*</sup>: pre-switch-in (also known as pre-phase) grading criteria are relevant to the last three breaths before the washout phase; <sup>5</sup>: stability defined as three or more tidal breaths with the difference between maximum and minimum end-expiratory lung volume within 15% of the tidal volume [10]; <sup>†</sup>: grading criteria are relevant to all breaths of the washout until the end-of-test criteria are reached; <sup>##</sup>: increases in end-tidal tracer gas concentration during the washout in response to irregular breathing pattern can indicate the release of trapped gas from unventilated regions of the lung and is a reason to reject the trial.

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# Lung Volumes (He-Dilution)

- ▶ Measurement Technique
  - ▶ 30-60 s of stable quiet tidal breathing to determine a baseline FRC
  - ▶ Switch in close to FRC
  - ▶ Continue tidal breathing
  - ▶ Helium (He) equilibration complete when change is  $< 0.02\%$  for 30 s
  - ▶ Then perform a Linked SVC maneuver
  - ▶ Repeat after doubling the dilution time for wait time

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TABLE 6 Acceptability and grading criteria for functional residual capacity measurement by helium (He) dilution	
Tidal breathing prior to dilution phase and dilution phase characteristics	
<b>Acceptable</b>	<p>Pre-switch-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stable end-tidal lung volume<sup>¶</sup></li> </ul> <p>During dilution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relaxed tidal breathing without sigh, cough, or breath-hold</li> <li>• stable end-tidal lung volume</li> <li>• no leak</li> <li>• end-of-test criteria met: <math>(\Delta[\text{He}] &lt; 0.02\% \times 30 \text{ s})</math></li> </ul> <p>When performed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adequate wait time between manoeuvres (at least twice the dilution time; longer with obstructive lung disease)</li> </ul>
<b>Useable<sup>¶</sup></b>	<p>As for acceptable except any of:</p> <p>Pre-switch-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unstable end-tidal lung volume<sup>¶</sup> without significant shift in either direction</li> </ul> <p>During dilution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-uniform dilution curve</li> <li>• minimally unstable end-tidal lung volume</li> <li>• sigh, cough or breath-hold with no leak</li> </ul>
<b>Not acceptable or useable (reject)</b>	<p>Any of:</p> <p>Pre-switch-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unstable end-tidal lung volume<sup>¶</sup> with significant shift in either direction (e.g. increase in end-expiratory lung volume with each breath)</li> </ul> <p>During dilution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unacceptable breathing pattern</li> <li>• evidence of leak</li> <li>• failed end of test</li> </ul> <p>When performed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inadequate wait time between manoeuvres</li> </ul>

<sup>¶</sup>: interpret with caution; <sup>¶</sup>: stability defined as three or more tidal breaths with the difference between maximum and minimum end-expiratory lung volume within 15% of the tidal volume [10].

# Lung Volumes (MBW & He-dilution)

TABLE 7 Grading system for a lung volume test performed by multiple breath washout (MBW) or helium dilution

Grade <sup>f</sup>	Number of FRC <sup>g,h</sup> measurements	Number of SVC <sup>g</sup> measurements	Repeatability <sup>h</sup> of FRC
A	≥2 acceptable	≥2 acceptable	Within 10%
B	1 acceptable and ≥1 useable	1 acceptable and ≥1 useable	Within 10%
C	≥2 useable	≥2 useable	Within 10%
D	≥2 acceptable or useable	≥2 useable	Within 25%
E	1 acceptable and 0 useable	1 acceptable and 0 useable	NA
U	0 acceptable and 1 useable	0 acceptable and 1 useable	NA
F	0 acceptable or useable		

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# BIO QCs

- ▶ “Healthy”
- ▶ Non-Smokers
- ▶ Consistency
- ▶ Weekly/Monthly
- ▶ Voluntary

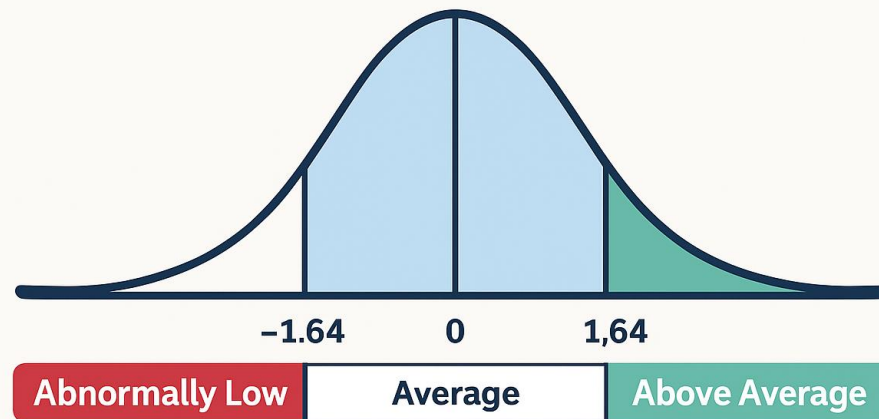
# Operator Comments

- ▶ Height
- ▶ Weight
- ▶ Grading Difference
- ▶ Medication Alerts
- ▶ Technique Challenges
- ▶ Rare episodes

# z-scores

## Z-Score Use in Pulmonary Function Testing

A z-score tells us how far someone's lung test result is from what's considered normal for their age, height, sex, and ethnicity.



# Z-scores

Spirometry	Lung Volumes	DLCO
<p>Mild: <math>\geq 70\%</math> &amp; <math>&lt; LLN</math>            Moderate: 60-69%            Moderate to Severe: 50-59%            Severe: 35-49%            Very Severe: <math>&lt; 35\%</math>            (Spirometry can only suggest restriction)</p>	<p><u>Restriction</u>            TLC: <math>&lt; 80\%</math>            Decreased RV &amp; FRC  <u>Obstruction</u>            TLC: <math>&gt; 120\%</math>            Increased RV &amp; FRC</p>	<p>Mild: <math>&gt; 60\%</math> &amp; <math>&lt; LLN</math>            Moderate: 40-60%            Severe: 40%</p>
<p><u>z-score</u>            Mild: -1.65 to -2.5            Moderate: -2.51 to -4.0            Severe: <math>&lt; -4.1</math></p>	<p><u>z-score</u>            TLC, FRC, RV, RV/TLC            +1.64            (Obstruction)</p>	<p><u>z-score</u>            Mild: -1.65 to -2.5            Moderate: -2.51 to -4.0            Severe: <math>&lt; -4.1</math></p>
<p><u>Restrictive Patients</u>            +1.64 FEV1/FVC (ratio)            w/decreased FVC and FEV1</p>	<p><u>Restrictive</u>            TLC, FRC, RV            -1.64</p>	<p><u>Increased DLCO</u>            +1.64            Very Rare,            (polycythemia)</p>



Race Neutral

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Thank you and any Questions

