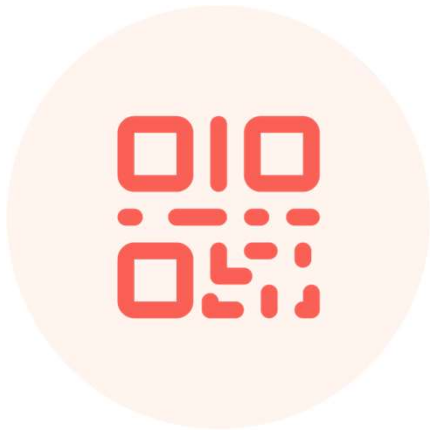


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# SPIROMETRY : MEASURING LUNG FUNCTION IN CHILDREN



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## Learning Objectives

- ▶ Identify indications for the use of spirometry
- ▶ Recognize obstruction, restriction, and bronchoreactivity
- ▶ Explain the procedure for obtaining spirometry in children
- ▶ Know the difference between peak flow monitoring and spirometry
- ▶ Integrate spirometry into asthma management

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**For children under the age of 14 years, a normal value for FEV1 is :**

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## Peak flow meter monitoring :

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**Normal spirometry :**

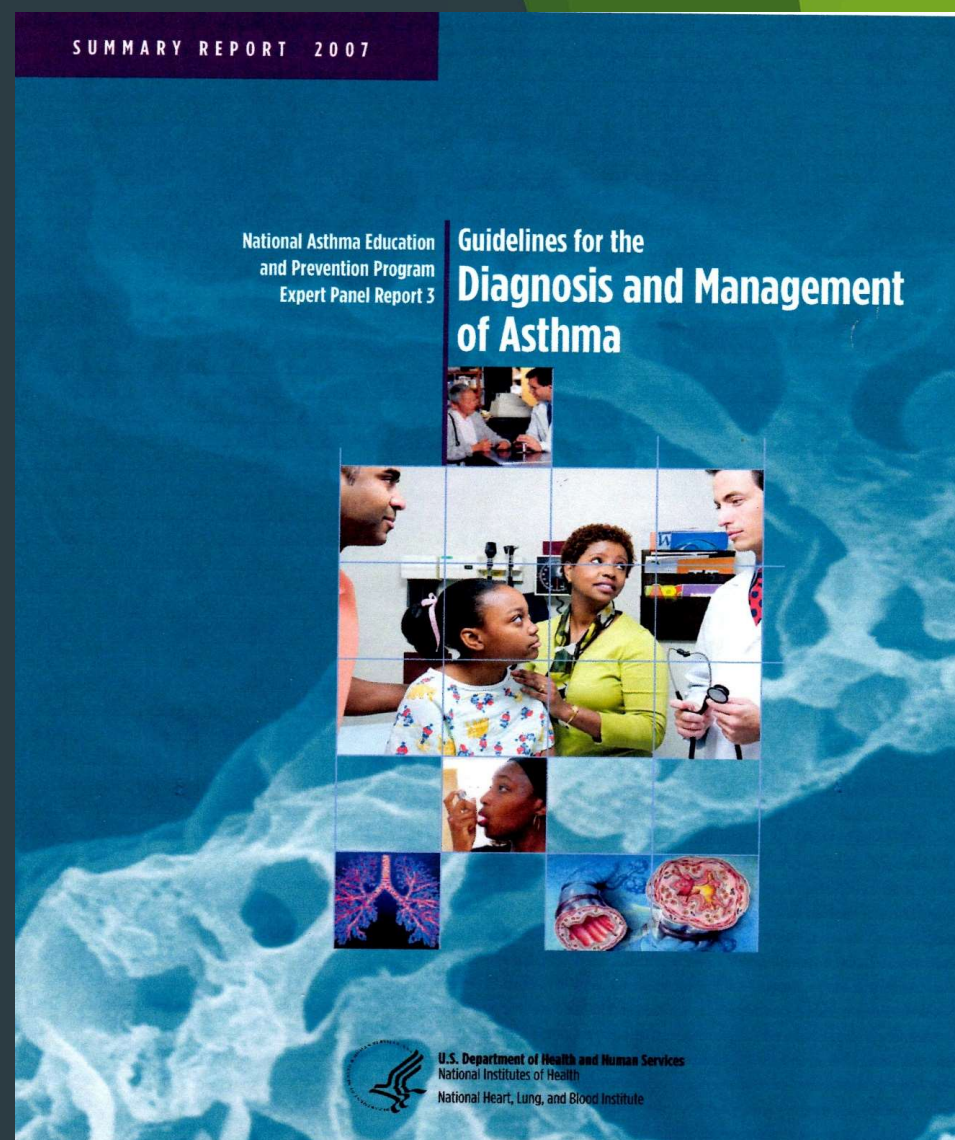
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## What is Asthma?

- ▶ Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways in which many cells and cellular elements play a role: in particular, mast cells, eosinophils, T lymphocytes, macrophages, neutrophils, and epithelial cells. In susceptible individuals, this inflammation causes recurrent episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing, particularly at night or in the early morning. **These episodes are associated with widespread but variable airflow obstruction that is often reversible either spontaneously or with treatment.** The inflammation also causes an associated increase in the existing bronchial hyperresponsiveness to a variety of stimuli. **Reversibility of airflow limitation may be incomplete in some patients with asthma.**

National Asthma Education  
and Prevention Program  
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Recommendations  
(NAEPP - EPR)

Spirometry should be  
utilized by all  
providers who treat  
asthma patients





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**What is your level of expertise with spirometry?**

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# What is the Value of Spirometry ?

- Diagnosis
  - Detection of early airway obstruction
  - Explore and rule out differential diagnoses



# What is the Value of Spirometry ?

- Long-term management
  - Objective assessment of severity
  - Identify obstruction in patients with low symptom awareness
  - Track disease progression over time
  - Measure response to therapy
  - Supporting therapeutic decisions



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**What is your area of practice?**

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## Spirometry is Under-utilized

- ▶ Family Practice — 35%
- ▶ Internal Medicine — 30%
- ▶ Pediatrics — 25%

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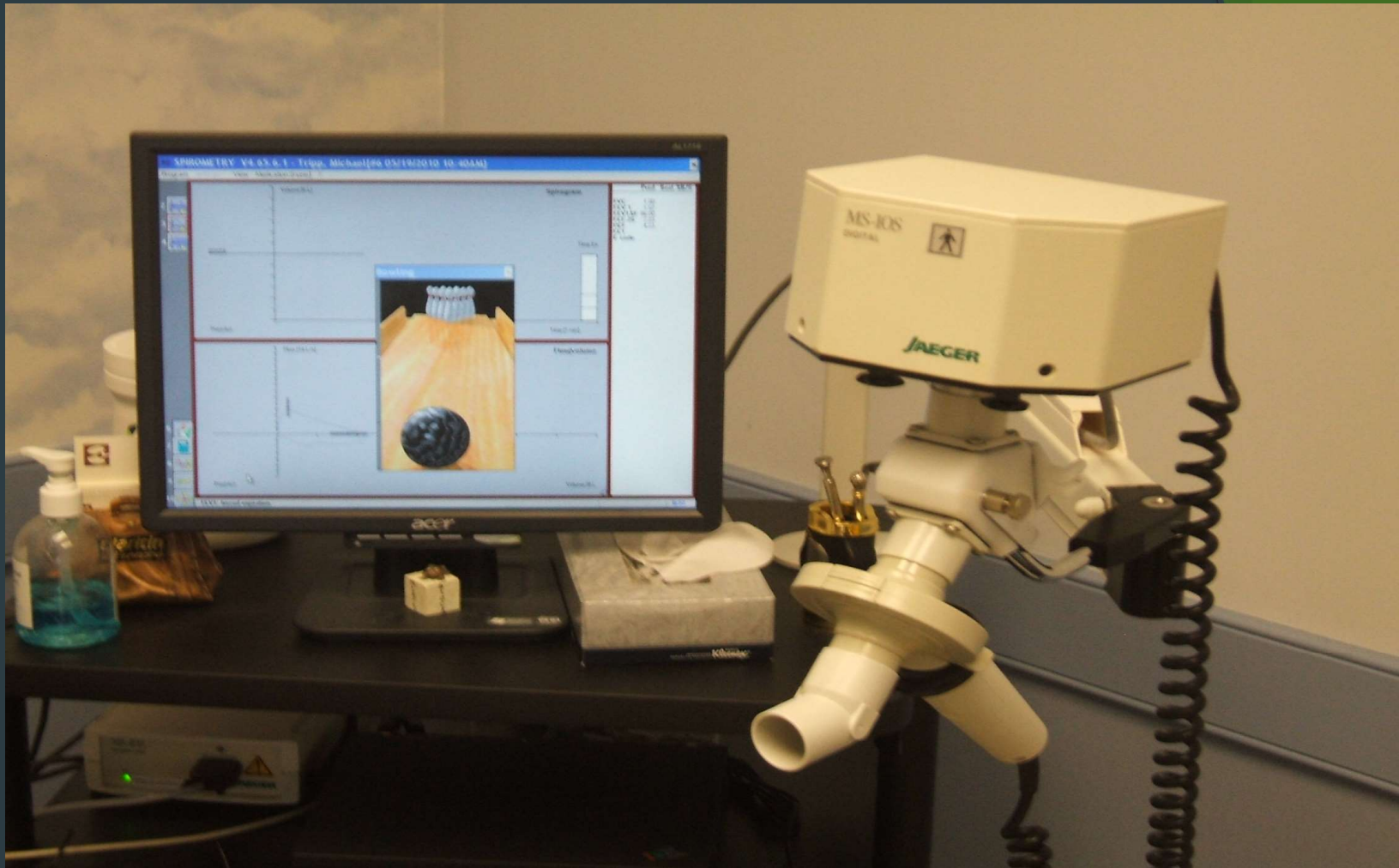
**What are barriers to doing spirometry  
in your practice?**

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## When is it done?

- Starting at age 5 years
- At the time of initial assessment to determine severity
- After treatment is initiated to document attainment of “normal” airway function
- During a period of progressive or prolonged loss of asthma control
- At least every 1 to 2 years to assess the maintenance of airway function

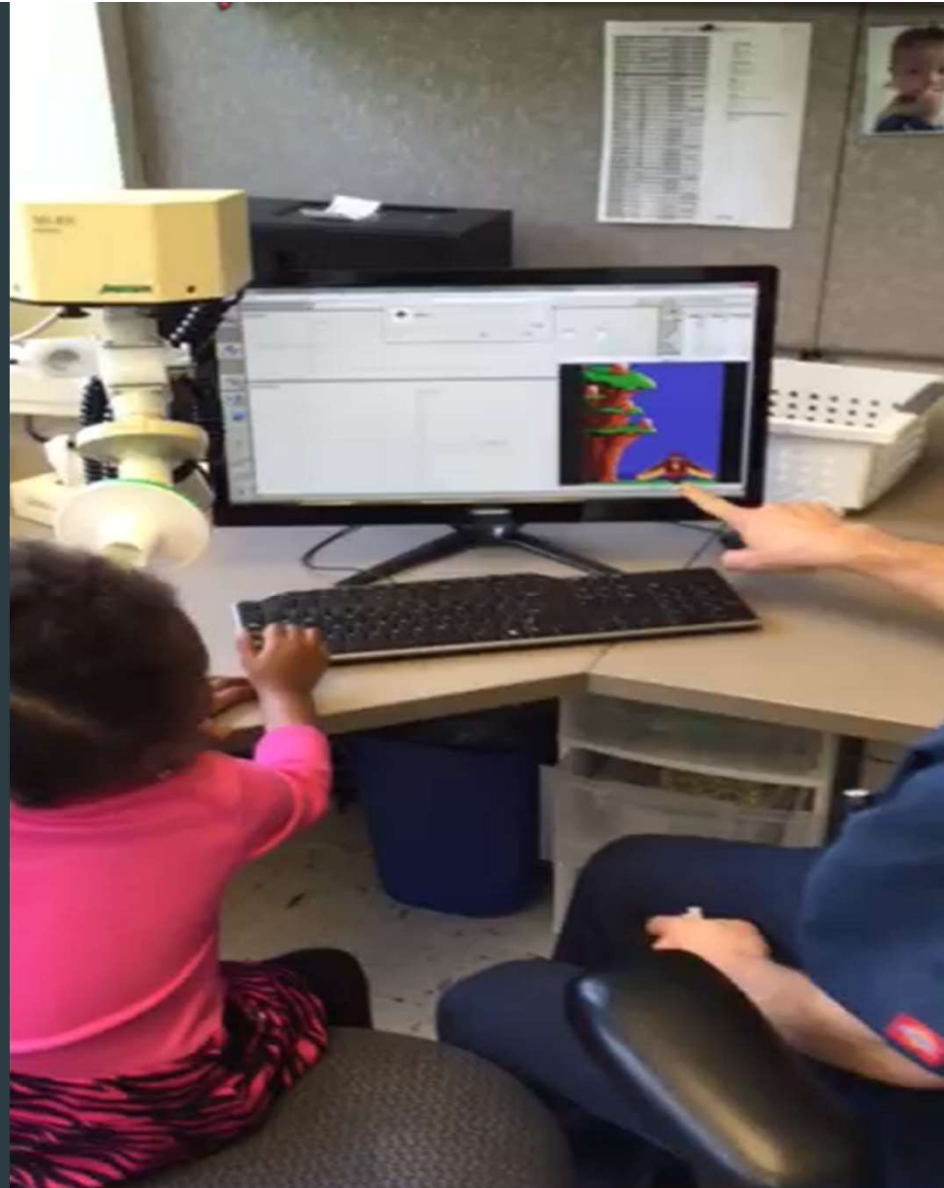


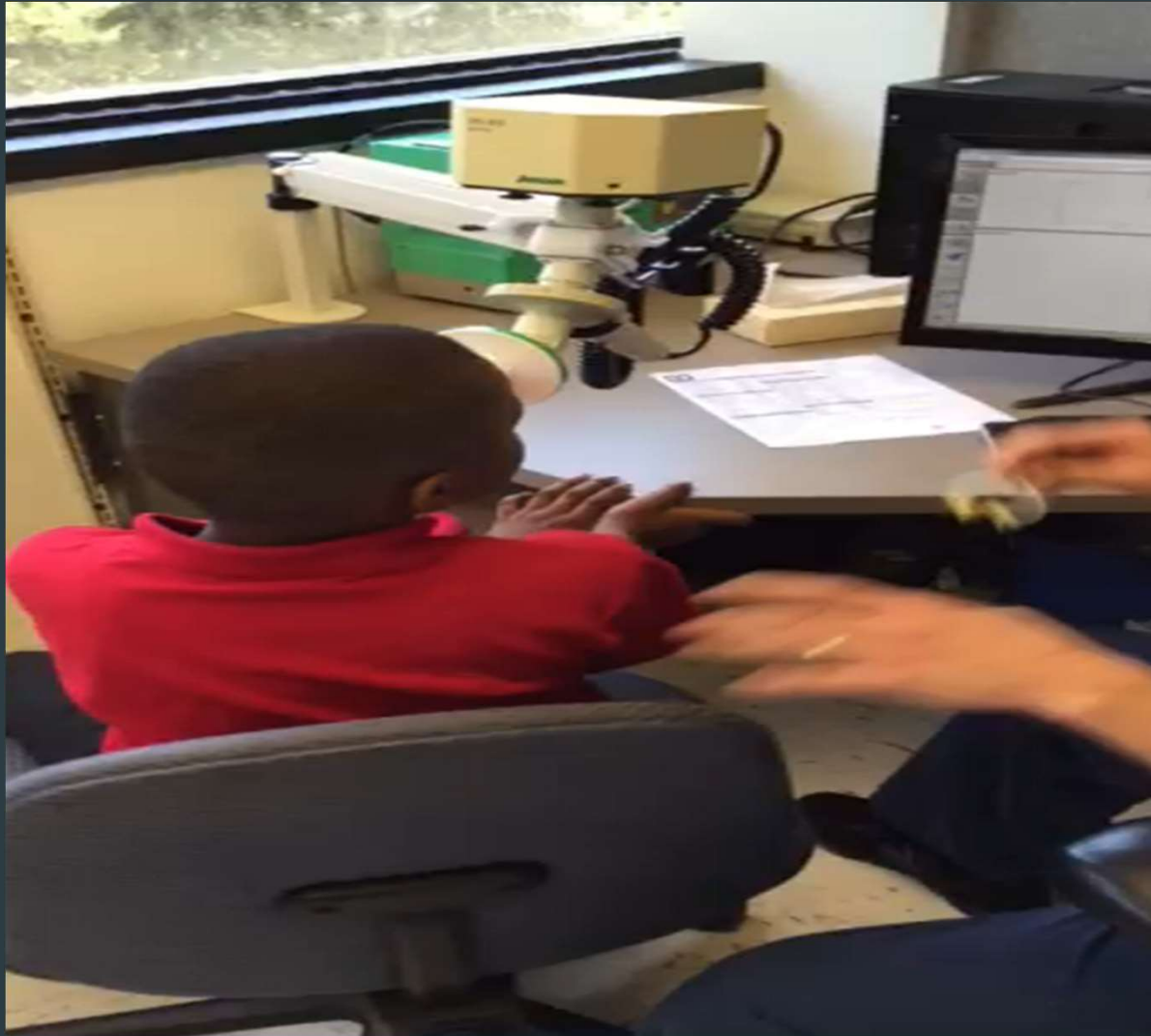


## Spirometry Procedures

- Measure standing height
- Record age, gender, and ethnicity
- Explain and demonstrate the correct maneuver
- Coach and watch patient perform each maneuver
- Repeat until 3 acceptable maneuvers
- The two largest FVCs and FEV<sub>1</sub>s from the two best tests should be less 5% of each other
- Establish baseline and repeat after inhalation of bronchodilator

How is it done?

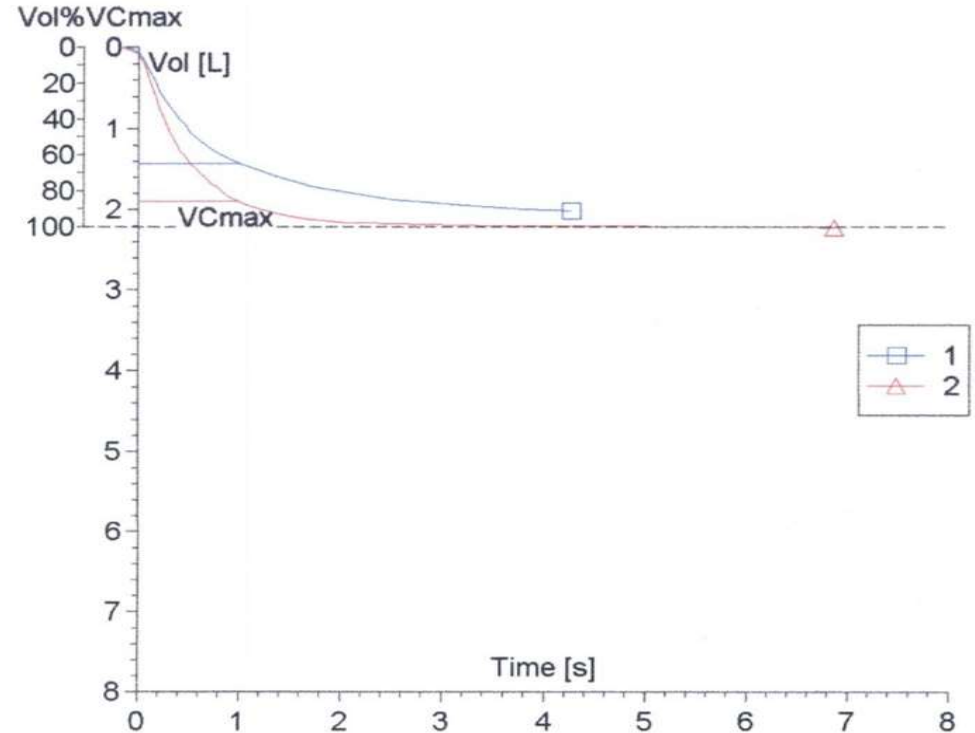
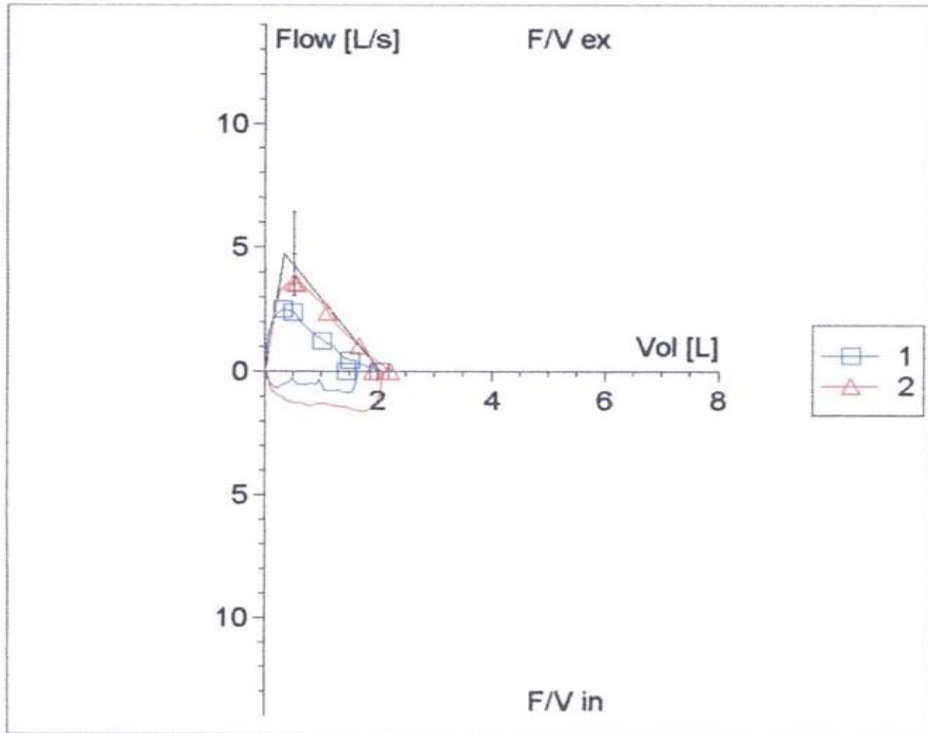








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FEV 1	[L]	1.83	1.44	78.7	1.91	104.3	32.5
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]		71.29		85.91		20.5
PEF	[L/s]	4.72	2.48	52.5	3.54	74.9	42.7
FEF 25-75	[L/s]	2.24	1.01	45.3	2.01	89.8	98.4
FET	[s]		4.30		6.91		60.7
ATS error code			13		3		-76.9



## Contraindications to Spirometry

- ▶ Known pneumothorax
- ▶ Splinting/pain
- ▶ Hemoptysis
- ▶ Cardiovascular instability
- ▶ Recent ocular, thoracic or abdominal surgery
- ▶ Known cerebral, abdominal or thoracic aneurysm

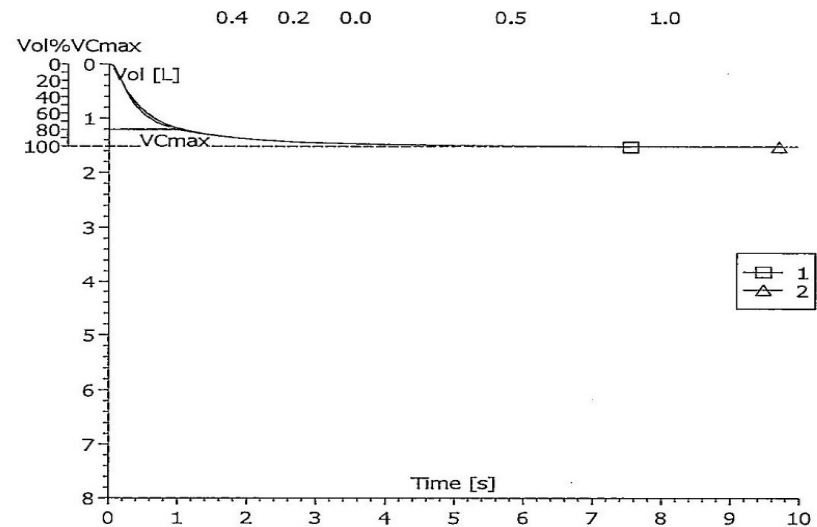
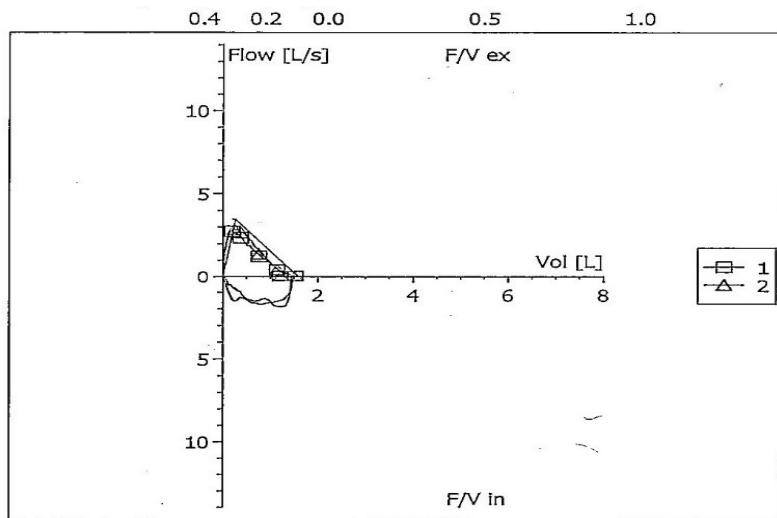
## Spirometry – Common Problems

- Inadequate or incomplete blow
- Lack of blast effort during exhalation
- Slow start to maximal effort
- Lips not sealed around mouthpiece
- Coughing during the blow
- Extra breath during the blow
- Glottic closure or obstruction of mouthpiece by tongue or teeth
- Poor posture – leaning forwards

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Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	Age: 6 Years	Sex: male
Height: 120.7 cm	Weight: 24.5 kg	Race: African American
Physician: Wingrove, Brian	Operator: [REDACTED]	Pred. Module: GPPA NHANES

Date Time		Pred	Pre		Post	%Pred	%Chg
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FEV 1	[L]	1.42	1.20	84.9	1.22	86.4	1.8
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	86.00	78.93	91.8	80.26	93.3	1.7
PEF	[L/s]	3.45	2.74	79.4	2.84	82.2	3.5
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	1.85	1.06	57.2	1.14	61.5	7.5
FET	[s]		7.52		9.64		28.2
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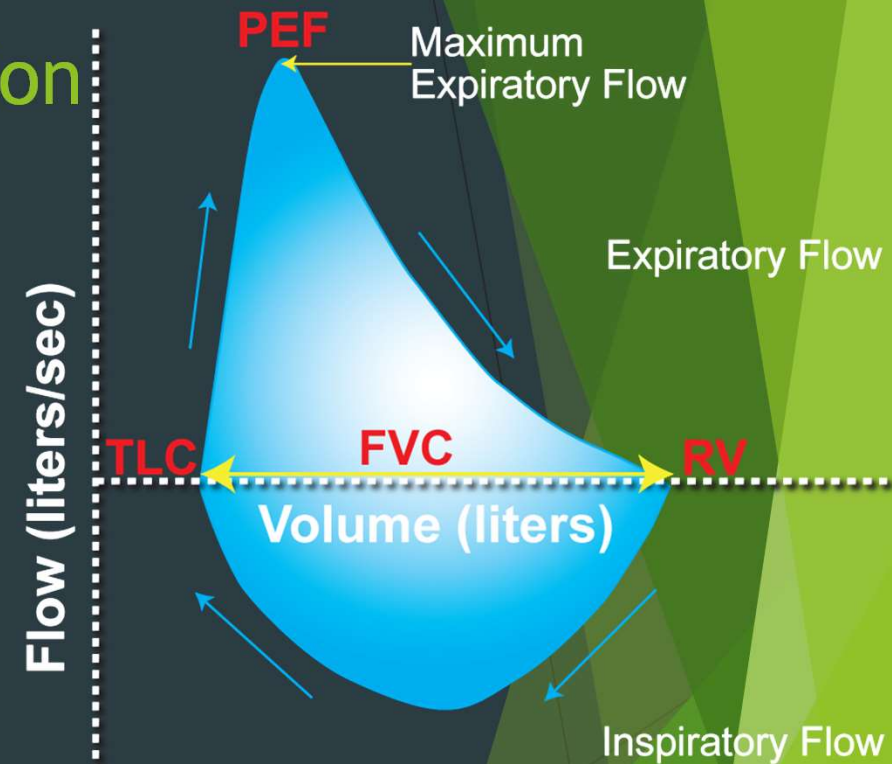
## Peak Expiratory Flow Rate

- ▶ Information gathered from Peak Flow Meters
- ▶ Measures the rate at which air exhaled
- ▶ Highly manipulative
- ▶ Does NOT give information about volumes or obstruction
- ▶ Not superior to the 5 question Asthma Control Test



# Interpreting Pulmonary Function Tests in Asthma

1. Examine the flow/volume curve
2. Determine the FVC
3. Determine the  $FEV_1$
4. Determine the  $FEV_1/FVC$  ratio
5. Determine the  $FEF_{25-75\%}$
6. Assess the response to bronchodilator
7. Consider pertinent clinical information



## FVC: Forced Vital Capacity

- ▶ Measures volume of air patient can blow out very rapidly
- ▶ Indicates degree of lung and chest expansion
- ▶ Good indicator of patient effort
- ▶ Normal FVC > 80% predicted for age, sex, and height

## FEV<sub>1</sub>: Forced Expiratory Volume In 1 Second

- Measures volume of air blown out forcefully in first second of FVC maneuver
- Best measure of severity of airflow obstruction
- Normal FEV<sub>1</sub> >80% predicted for age, sex and height
- 3-fold increase in probability of an exacerbation for an FEV<sub>1</sub> <60%
- Significant change post bronchodilator >10-15%



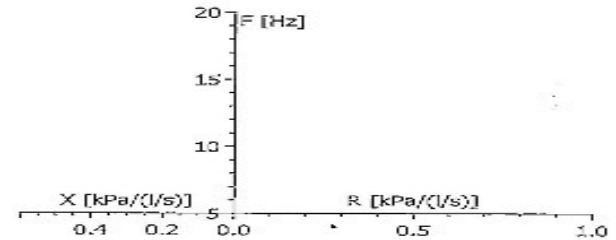
## FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC Ratio

- ▶ Distinguishes airway obstruction from restriction
- ▶ FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ratio
  - ▶ > 80% ages 5-13
  - ▶ > 85% ages 14-19
- ▶ Age dependent loss of elasticity leads to lower ratios in adults

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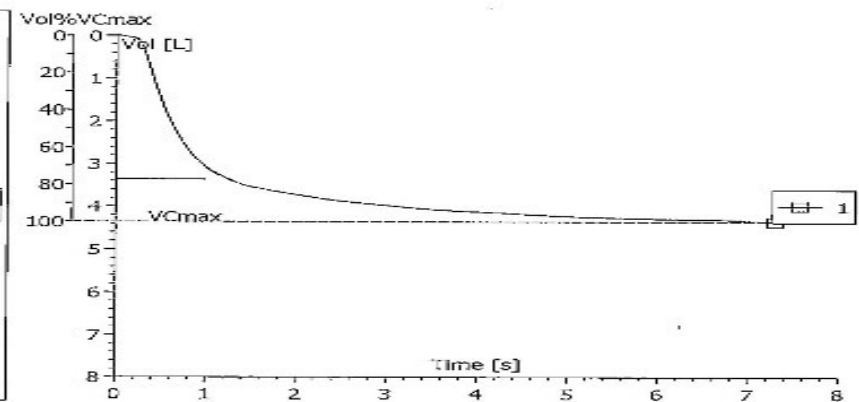
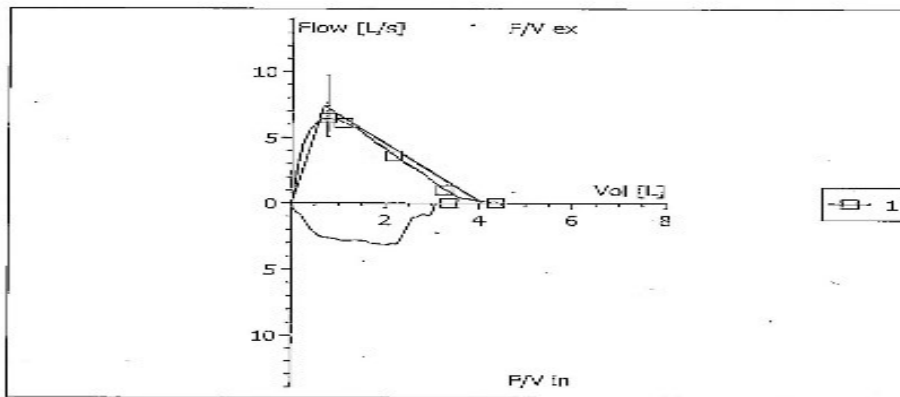
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Identification:	[REDACTED]	Gender:	male
		Race:	US-Hispanic
		Pred. Module:	GPPA NHANES

Date Time	Pred	Act1	% (A/P)	
		08/18/ 01:43:		
FVC	[L]	4.09	4.36	106.5
FEV 1	[L]	3.56	3.37	94.6
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	87.18	77.32	88.7
PEF	[L/s]	7.38	6.44	87.3
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	4.05	2.99	73.8
FET	[s]		7.08	
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CO at 5 Hz  
CO at 10 Hz  
CO at 20 Hz

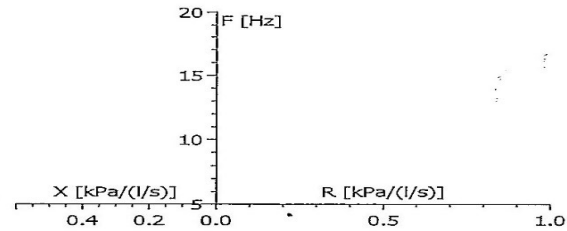
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R at 20 Hz	[cmH2O/ (L/s)]	2.12
X at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/ (L/s)]	0.41
AX	[cmH2O/L]	
Z at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/ (L/s)]	2.56



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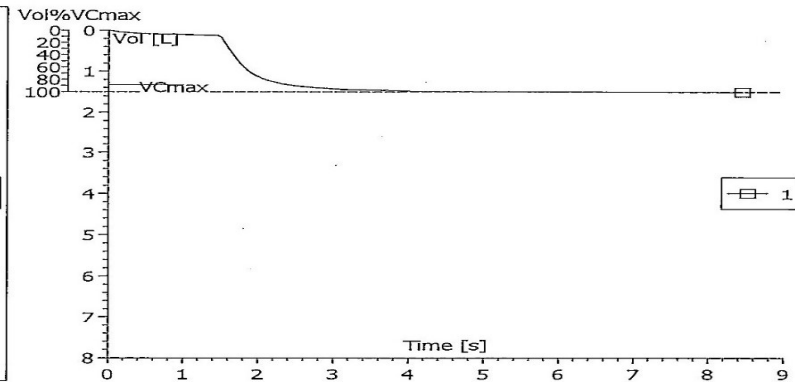
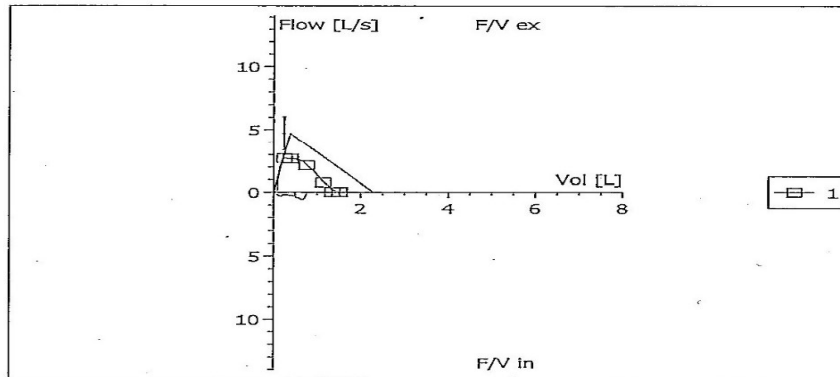
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Physician:	Wingrove, Brian	Operator:	[REDACTED]	Pred. Module:	GPPA NHANES

Date Time		Pred	Act1 07/28/ 01:18:	% (A/P)
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FEV 1	[L]	2.06	1.34	64.9
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	89.21	88.77	99.5
PEF	[L/s]	4.68	2.70	57.7
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	3.00	1.71	57.1
FET	[s]		7.02	
ATS error code			0	



CO at 5 Hz  
CO at 10 Hz  
CO at 20 Hz

R at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	3.24
R at 20 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.62
X at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	0.28
AX	[cmH2O/L]	
Z at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	3.25



Comments

## FEF<sub>(25-75)</sub>

- Measures flow generated in the middle third of an FVC maneuver
- Indicates patency of small airways
- Less reliable in children with short exhalation times
- Significant change post bronchodilator >25%

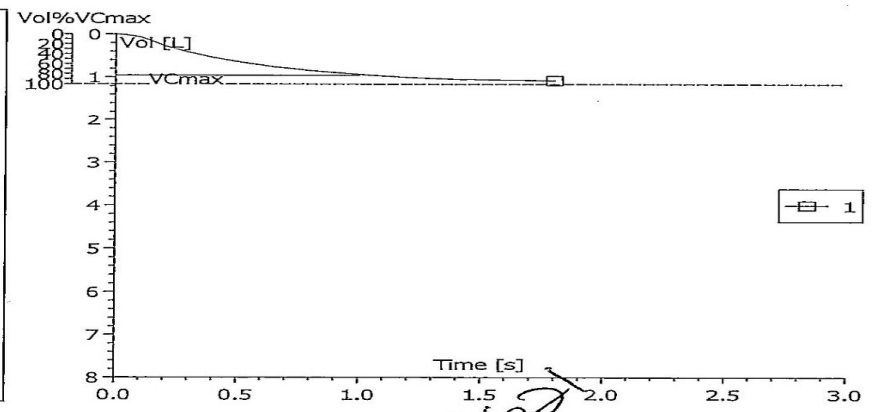
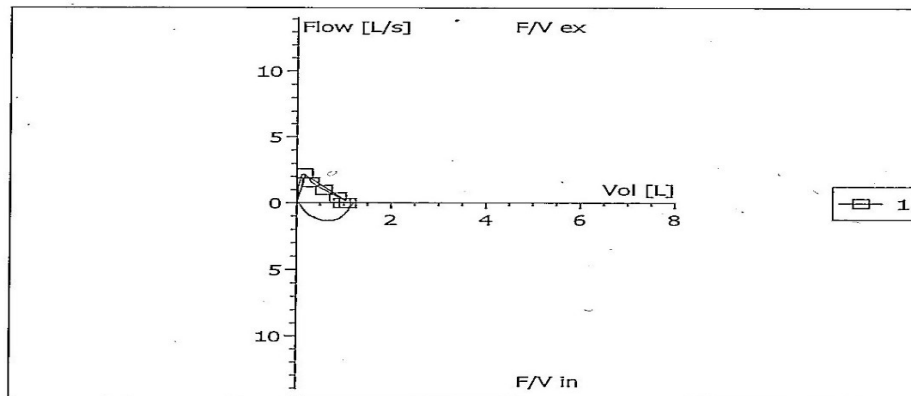
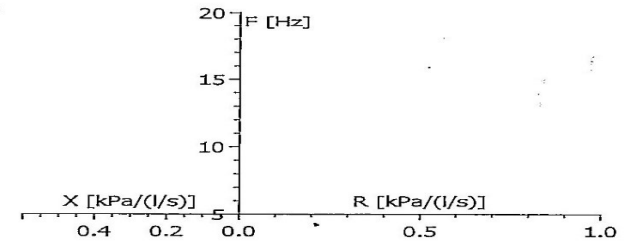
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Height: 105.4 cm	Weight: 17.8 kg	Race: Caucasian
Physician: Wingrove, Brian	Operator: [REDACTED]	Pred. Module: GPAA NHANES

Date Time	Pred	Act1	% (A/P)	
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FEV 1	[L]	0.97	0.96	99.3
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	86.00	89.38	103.9
PEF	[L/s]	2.12	2.24	105.6
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	1.18	0.91	77.3
FET	[s]		1.74	
ATS error code			10	

CO at 5 Hz  
CO at 10 Hz  
CO at 20 Hz

R at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.43
R at 20 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.02
X at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	0.51
AX	[cmH2O/L]	
Z at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.48



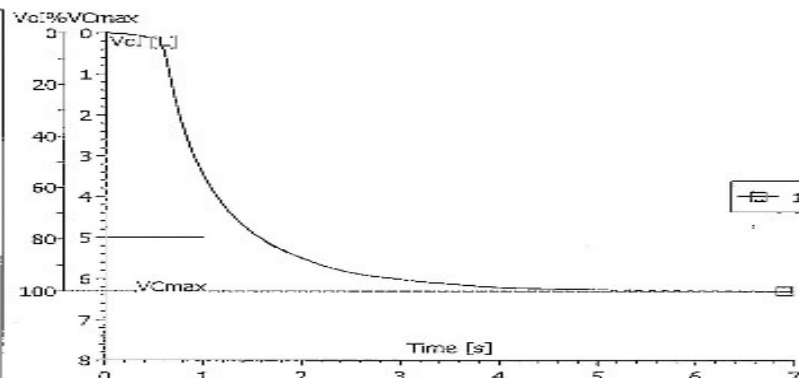
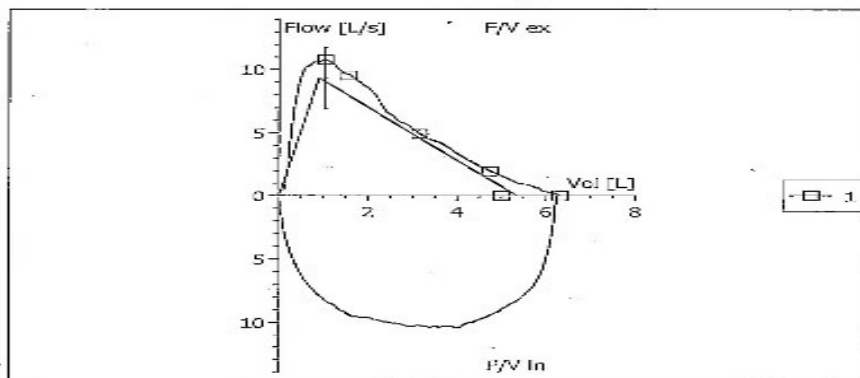
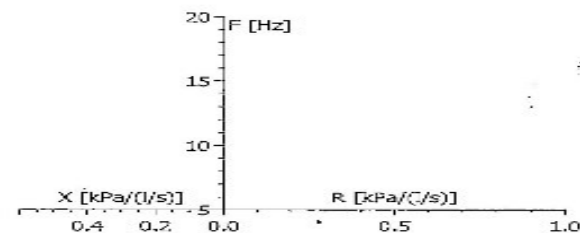
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Height: 181.6 cm	Weight: 87.5 kg	Race: Caucasian	
Physician: Wingrove, Brian	Technician: [REDACTED]	Pred. Module: GPPA NHANES	

Date Time		Pred	Actl 09/16/ 01:42:	% (A/P)
FVC	[L]	5.35	6.31	117.9
FEV 1	[L]	4.50	5.00	111.2
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	84.55	79.35	93.8
PEF	[L/s]	9.33	10.75	115.2
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	4.69	4.38	93.3
FEF	[L/s]		6.39	
ATS error code			0	

CO at 5 Hz  
CO at 10 Hz  
CO at 20 Hz

R at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/ (L/s)]	2.57
R at 20 Hz	[cmH2O/ (L/s)]	2.16
X at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/ (L/s)]	0.36
AX	[cmH2O/L]	
Z at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/ (L/s)]	2.60



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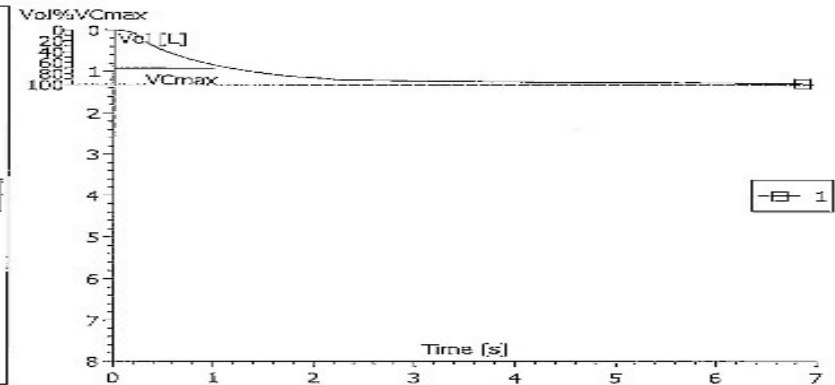
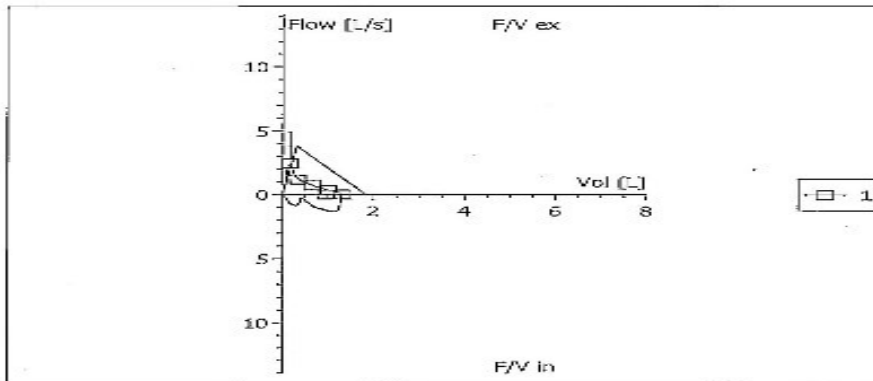
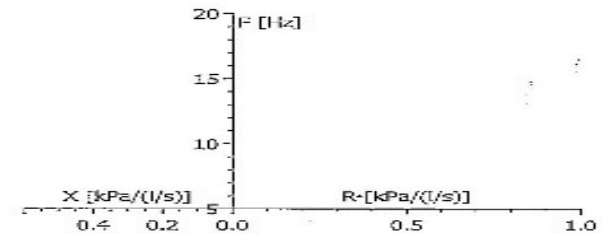
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Physician: Wingrove, Brian	Operator: [REDACTED]	Pred. Module: GPPA NHANES	

Date Time		Pred	Act1	% (A/P)
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FEV 1	[L]	1.68	0.93	55.5
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	88.68	70.13	79.1
PEF	[L/s]	3.83	2.46	64.3
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	2.34	0.66	28.3
PET	[s]		6.68	
ATS error code			0	

CO at 5 Hz  
CO at 10 Hz  
CO at 20 Hz

R at 5 Hz [cmH2O/(L/s)] 3.17  
R at 20 Hz [cmH2O/(L/s)] 2.56  
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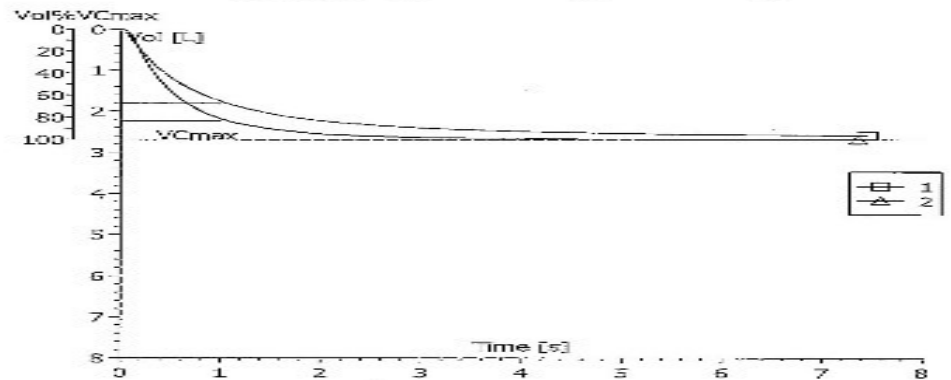
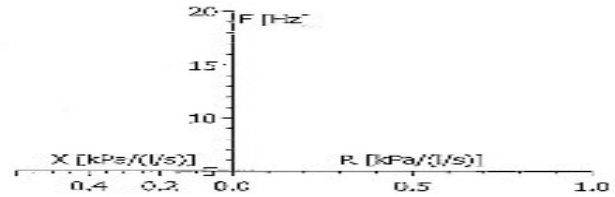
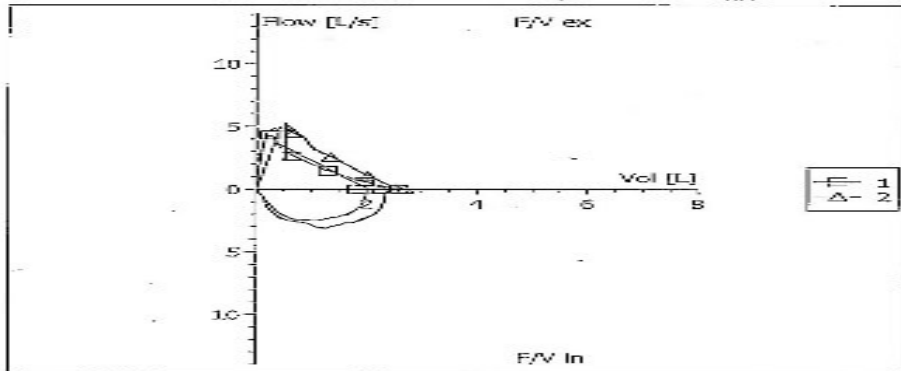
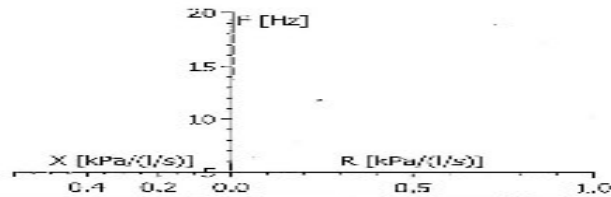


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Physician: Wingrove, Brian	Operator: [REDACTED]	Pred. Module: GPPA NHANES

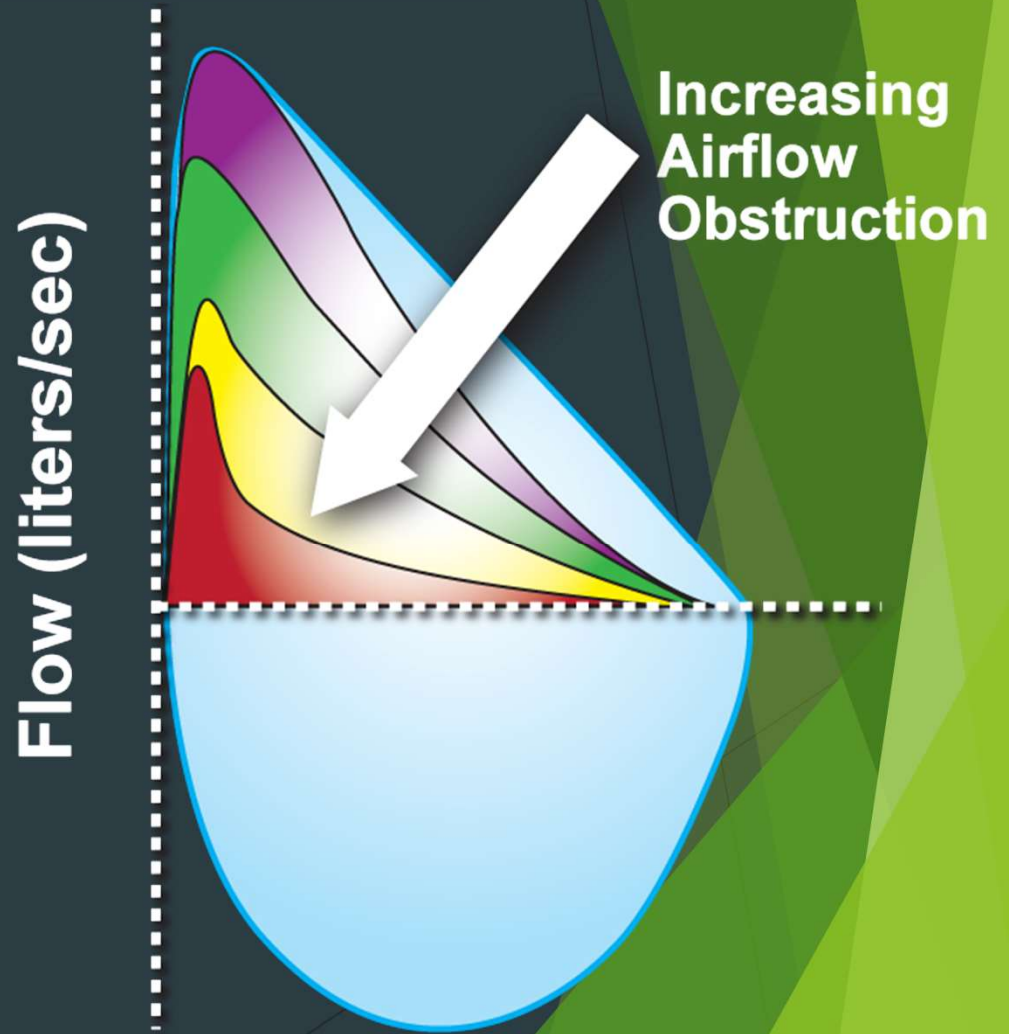
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FEV 1	[L]	1.78	1.82	102.3	2.25	126.4	23.6
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	88.06	70.38	79.9	83.58	94.9	12.8
PEF	[L/s]	3.73	4.29	114.8	4.82	131.8	14.8
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	2.11	1.24	58.8	2.20	104.3	77.4
FET	[s]		7.43		7.31		-1.6
ATS error code			0		0		
CO at 5 Hz							
CO at 10 Hz							
CO at 15 Hz							
R at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.48					
R at 15 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.21					
R at 20 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.07					
AX	[cmH2O/L]						



Good effort and understanding.  
Good technique with blue aerochamber.



# Characteristic Flow-Volume Loops due to Increasing Airflow Obstruction



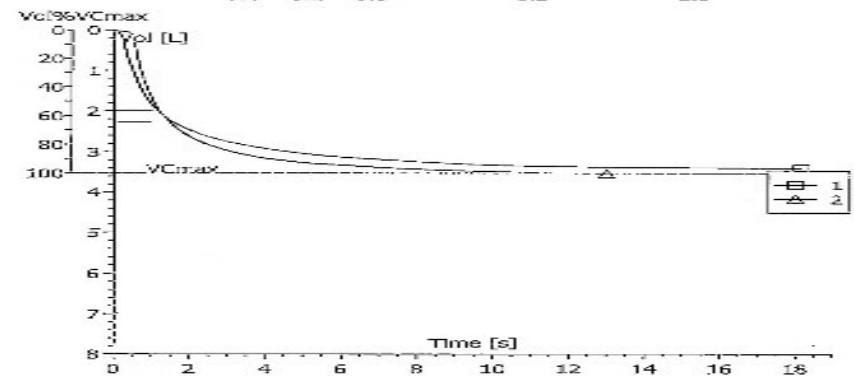
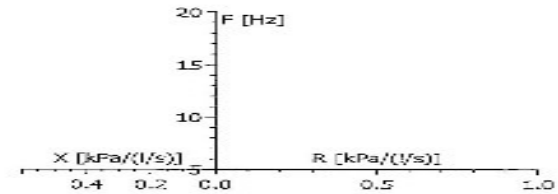
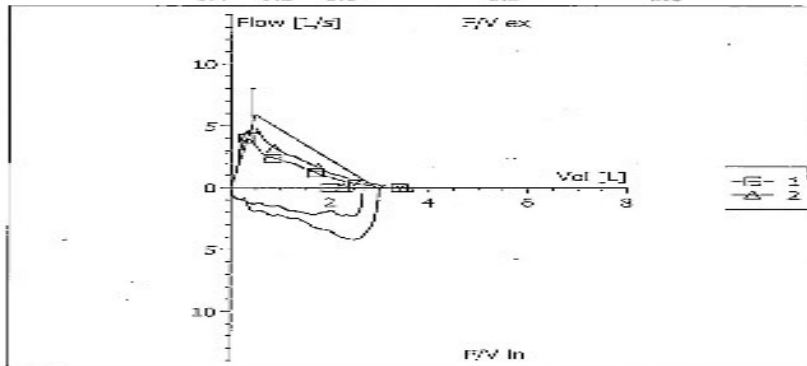
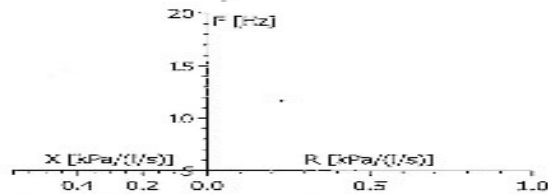
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Race: African American  
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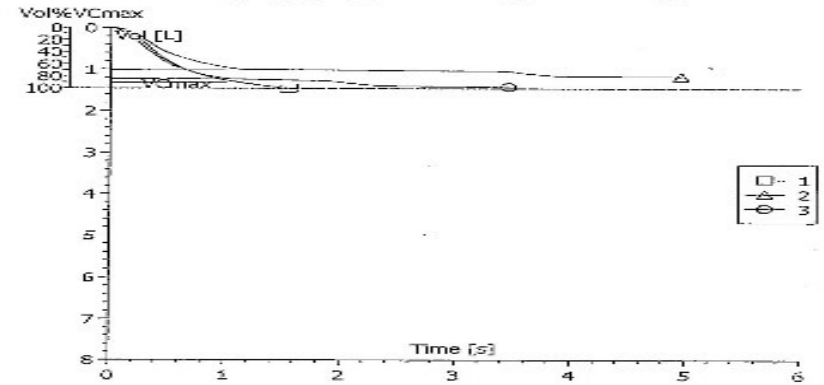
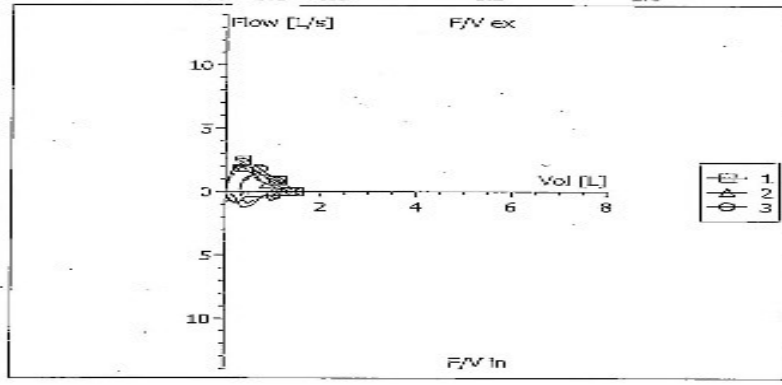
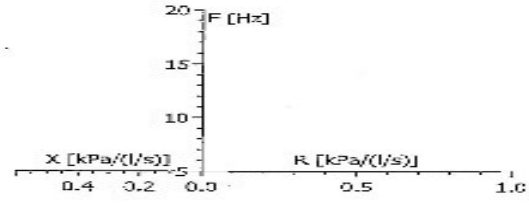
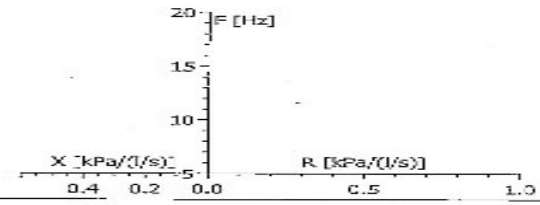
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FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	87.05	58.63	67.4	64.18	73.7	9.5
PEF	[L/s]	5.88	3.97	67.5	4.73	80.4	19.2
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	2.95	0.91	30.9	1.22	41.2	33.4
FEF	[s]		18.01		12.57		-30.2
ATS error code			0		0		
CO at 5 Hz							
CO at 10 Hz							
CO at 15 Hz							
R at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]		2.52				
R at 15 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]		2.24				
R at 20 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]		2.11				
AX	[cmH2O/L]						



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Last Name: [REDACTED]	First Name: [REDACTED]	Identification: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	Age: 5 Years	Sex: male
Height: 113 cm	Weight: 18.3 kg	Race: Caucasian
Physician: Wingrove, Brian	Operator: [REDACTED]	Pred. Module: GPPA NHANES

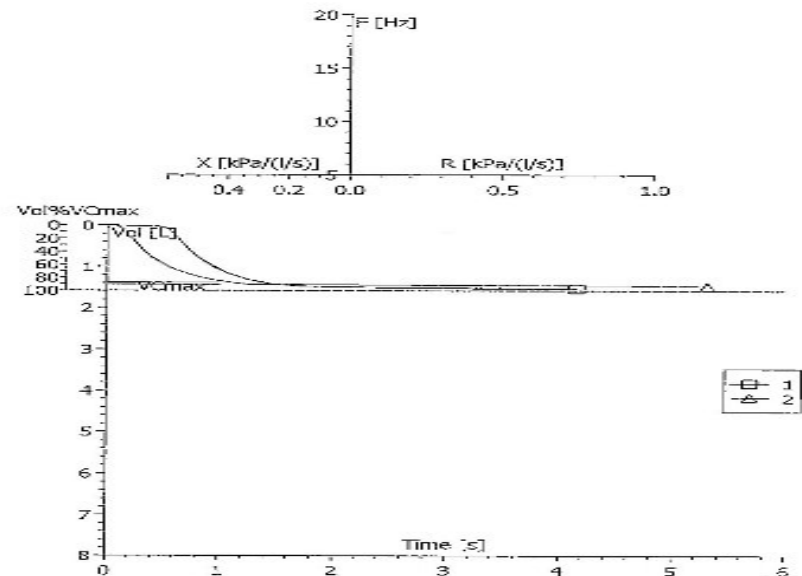
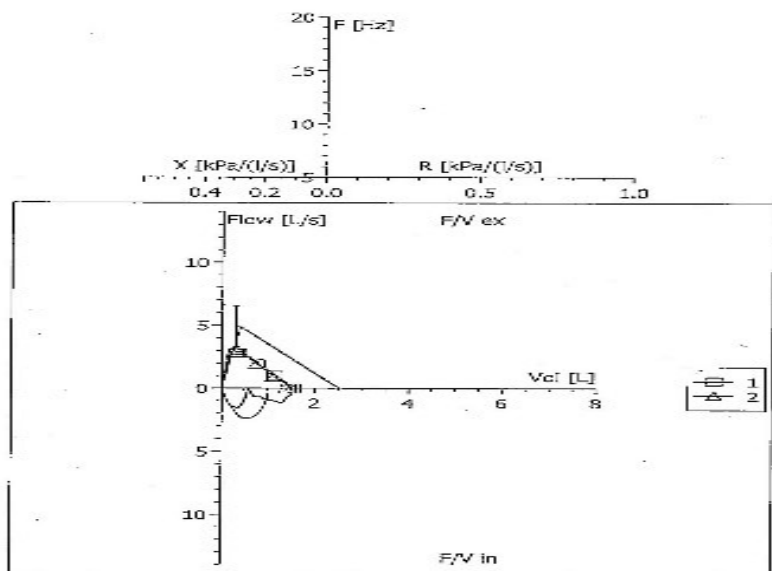
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FEV 1	[L]	1.14	1.03	89.8	1.24	108.7	21.1
FEV 1 % FVC	[%]	86.00	87.54	101.8	86.95	101.1	-0.7
PEF	[L/s]	2.68	1.93	72.0	2.28	85.2	18.3
MMEF 75/25	[L/s]	1.46	1.06	72.6	1.52	104.1	43.4
FET	[s]		4.81		3.11		-29.1
ATS error code			10		10		0.0
CO at 5 Hz							
CO at 10 Hz							
CO at 15 Hz							
R at 5 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.44					
R at 15 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.17					
R at 20 Hz	[cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.03					
AX	[cmH2O/L]						



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Last Name: [REDACTED]	First Name: [REDACTED]	Identification: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	Age: 10 Years	Gender: female
Height: 145.4 cm	Weight: 41 kg	Race: US-Hispanic
Physician: Wingrove, Brian	Technician: [REDACTED]	Pred. Module: GPAA NHANES

Date Time		Pred	Pre		Post		%Chg
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	FVC [L]	2.51	1.54	61.4	1.51	60.3	-1.8
	FEV 1 [L]	2.25	1.44	64.1	1.40	62.2	-2.9
	FEV 1 % FVC [%]	90.11	93.64	103.9	92.62	102.8	-1.1
	PEF [L/s]	4.87	2.82	57.9	3.21	65.9	13.8
	MMEF 75/25 [L/s]	2.85	1.88	66.0	1.70	59.8	-9.4
	FET [s]		3.64		5.21		43.0
	ATS error code		10		10		0.0
	CO at 5 Hz						
	CO at 10 Hz						
	CO at 15 Hz						
	R at 5 Hz [cmH2O/(L/s)]	3.17					
	R at 15 Hz [cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.76					
	R at 20 Hz [cmH2O/(L/s)]	2.56					
	AX [cmH2O/L]						



## Lessons for Practice

- ▶ Spirometry is a necessary tool for diagnosing, managing, and evaluating asthma in children.
- ▶ National asthma guidelines recommend spirometry at initial evaluation, at least annually, and whenever there is a change in control.
- ▶ Asthma is primarily a disease of obstruction, frequently with reactive changes after a bronchodilator, though this change can be incomplete.

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## Peak flow meter monitoring :

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**Normal spirometry :**

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