

1. a) John suffers from an obstructive lung disease like emphysema. It is obstructive disease since the ratio of FEV₁ to FVC is 33% and it should be 80%. The reason for this result would be the reduced surface area in the lungs with a disease like emphysema.

b) • Bronchitis
• Bronchial Asthma

c) The Helium dilution test is not very effective since the disease is obstructive in nature, and with Helium dilution a uniform distribution of helium is required to make an effective measurement.

d) i) The whole body Plethysmography was far more effective since the volume behind the obstruction is taken into account, and this would make Helium dilution ineffective.

$$ii) \quad FRC = \Delta V \left(\frac{P_{m2}}{P_{m1} - P_{m2}} \right)$$

$$\Delta V = \quad FRC = 2.5, \quad P_{m1} = 100 \text{ kPa}, \quad P_{m2} = 97 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{2.5}{\left(\frac{97}{100 - 97} \right)} = 0.077 \text{ L} \quad (2 \text{ sf})$$

$$V_{b1} = \frac{P_{b2} \times (V_{b1} - \Delta V)}{P_{b1}}$$

$$100V_{b1} = 100.009 \times (V_{b1} - 0.077...)$$

$$100V_{b1} - 100.009V_{b1} = -7.732$$

$$V_{b1} = 859 \text{ L (3sf)}$$

$$V_{b2} = 859.1... - 0.077... = 859.1 \text{ L}$$

e) i) $F_{CO}(t_1) = 0.3\%$

The extended breathing affects the accuracy of the DLCO estimate due to DLCO $\propto \frac{1}{t_2 - t_1}$, and $t_2 - t_1$ ^{should be} $\downarrow 10\text{s}$, it

might be an underestimate.

ii) $DLCO = \frac{F_{CO}(t_1)}{F_{CO}(t_2)}$

$$DLCO = \frac{60 \cdot V_{a1}}{(t_2 - t_1) P_b} \times \ln \left(\frac{F_{CO}(t_1)}{F_{CO}(t_2)} \right)$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = \frac{(60)(5000)}{25 \times 760} \ln \left(\frac{0.3}{0.13} \right) = 18.2 \text{ s}$$

2. a) Everywhere below the injury to the Spinal cord is affected, the person will be paralysed from this point on. Another effect would be uncontrolled reflex movements or twitching.

FES cycling increases the muscle conditioning which enables the patient to potentially activate those muscles.

b) The contraindications to be considered would be whether the patient is pregnant, has active implants or has cancer close to the risk metastasis.

Pregnancy: might be affected but the effects of ES on foetus is unknown.

Active Implants: The ES should not be close to the ES as it could interfere with their function.

The precautions to be considered are obesity as this is an insulator in the area of ES. Another would be that the patient might have absent or diminished sensation so they may not give indications when electrical stimulation is applied too strongly. Diabetics also have fragile thin skin that could be affected by ES.

C) The test that can be conducted is the Stretch reflex test. A hammer can be used to temporarily stretch the tendon, which causes a motor response to be induced in the efferent nerve. This would mean that this pulse travels to the spinal cord and back to the muscles by the afferent nerves. This response can be measured using surface electrodes to test for the issue with the patient.

D) FES cycling is a form of Transcutaneous Stimulation. The typical values for this are:

Pulse width μs : 200-500 μs

Since the motor neuron has a chronaxia of around 200 μs

Frequency: 20-50 Hz

This is the range since this range represents a transcutaneous stimulation

Waveform: Rectangular Biphasic as it's similar to the natural waveform

e) when using a constant current stimulator, out of compliance means that the current can't be delivered. This is because the voltage has a limit to from the power supply. Thus, after a specific current this error will appear to represent that the current can't be increased

f) Extension is given by max voltage.
Flexion is given by min voltage.

$$\text{Max Voltage} = 2.35V$$

$$\text{Min Voltage} = 1.1V$$

$$\theta = 198 - 82(\text{volts output})$$

peak knee extension:

$$198 - 82(2.35) = 5.3^\circ$$

Peak knee flexion:

$$198 - 82(1.1) = 107.8^\circ$$

g) The shaft encoder angle is $\sim 100^\circ$
 \rightarrow left quadriceps

This corresponds to quadriceps due to trough on electro-output curve.

The flexion occurs at $\sim 300^\circ$, since the peak
 \rightarrow left hamstring

for the electro-output curve corresponds to 300°

3. a) The Storage phase is regulated by the Sympathetic nerves - these contract the sphincter to ensure no leakage. During the Storage phase urine from the kidneys accumulates in the bladder and expand with a rise in pressure. Also, the pelvic floor remains in contraction due to efferent signals in the Pudendal nerve, and this enables continence to be maintained. Also, the hypogastric nerve is Sympathetic during this phase. to enable the bladder to be filled up.

After a certain amount of liquid has accumulated (400 ml), the stretch sensors in the bladder initiate an afferent signal in the Pelvic nerve (Parasympathetic) to the Sacral micturition centre. In the emptying phase, the efferent signals in the pelvic nerve are not inhibited, so the bladder contracts and the efferent signals in the pudendal nerve are inhibited to relax the pelvic floor, so the bladder is emptied. The hypogastric nerve is not involved in the emptying phase.

b) The paraplegia at T4 affects the storage and emptying phases of the bladder.

Since this is an upper motor neuron disease, they would feel no sensation during the storage phase of micturition. They will have reduced capacity also. The muscles that normally enable the emptying of the bladder fail to work in tandem, the relaxation in the bladder and contractions in the sphincter don't happen together. Thus, they have reduced capacity and incontinence:

emptying they have incontinence due to high pressure in the bladder, and the sphincter is not relaxing. This means that this patient cannot control their bladder function.

c) The findings from the trace yield that the quality of the data is good since the cough test shows that the traces can be subtracted to give a flat green line, which is a sign of good data.

An increase in the intravesical and detrusor pressure demonstrates non-compliance of the bladder. Therefore, the catheter might have moved in the bladder.

The bladder pressure increases which means that it's not compliant.

Also, the clinical importance of the contractions shows that the bladder is trying to void, as the pressure is increasing.

d) The current strategy is not suitable
since the patient is not showing signs of
voiding