

# Lung function tests - an introduction.

## H.K.Lewis - Introduction to Pulmonary Function Testing

**PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTING**

**INTRODUCTION**

R espiratory therapists are often asked to perform pulmonary function (PFT) testing in different areas of the hospital and oversee the pulmonary function laboratory. Pulmonary function studies are used to assess the respiratory system and to determine the cause of symptoms. The indications for testing are many and the tests are commonly used by most physicians. The pulmonary function technician (respiratory therapist) is responsible for explaining the testing procedure to the patient and coaching the patient in order to obtain the best possible results. This document is intended to provide a brief overview of pulmonary function testing and follow-up treatment if needed.

This chapter describes the types of pulmonary function tests that are commonly performed and the types of patients. Pulmonary disease may frequently be detected by PFT tests years before the onset of signs or symptoms. Early detection of pulmonary disease before the physician can see patients to sign or symptoms, may lead to better health care for the patient. These tests are also used to determine the value in determining whether a specific therapeutic regimen is beneficial. Shortness of breath is a common complaint as we age. The ability to exercise is often limited by shortness of breath. Pulmonary function tests performed before planned surgery help to reduce the incidence of postoperative pulmonary complications. Pulmonary function tests are also used to evaluate the effectiveness of therapy. The ability to work is limited by shortness of breath can be objectively evaluated by PFT tests. The results of these tests can be used to determine the effectiveness of therapy.

This chapter describes the basic respiratory mechanics should be familiar with several days do not work in a pulmonary function laboratory. It is not uncommon for a patient to be admitted to the hospital who has had previous PFT that is reported in the current chart. A quick review of these findings can be helpful in understanding about current treatment. In addition to defining the common pulmonary function tests performed, a brief discussion of what may cause abnormalities in the results is included.

**PRIMARY INDICATIONS FOR PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTS**

- Assessment of the respiratory system
- Test for the presence of lung disease
- Identify the type of lung disorder (Obstructive vs. Restrictive)
- Aid in identifying location of disorder (small vs. large airways)
- Evaluate the extent of pulmonary dysfunction
- Assess progression of lung disease
- Aid in establishing a therapeutic regimen for the dysfunction

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## Pulmonary Function Tests

Please know that our vaccine supply is extremely small.

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I have also included links for you to use to follow along with updates.

## Lung Function Test

This can be quite painful but is not particularly dangerous. Unfortunately, various reference equations produce markedly different results in terms of identifying and quantifying gas exchange abnormality.

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Univariate and stepwise multiple logistic regression analyses were performed to estimate the odds ratio OR and 95% confidence interval 95% CI of each single input variable, and to determine which indices best predicted outcome. The lambda, mu, sigma LMS technique, which has been used to generate growth charts for children, can be applied to pulmonary function data in healthy subjects.

## Lung Function Tests

Although most of the testing methodologies are well established and widely employed, there are still many questions regarding how tests should be performed, how to ensure that reliable data are produced, what reference values and rules should be used, and how pulmonary function tests PFTs should be interpreted to best support clinical decision making.

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