



# ASSESSMENT OF AIRWAYS DISEASE

## **Course information:**

Airways Disease: asthma, COPD, both or neither?

Asthma and COPD are common conditions that often overlap but often are mistaken for each other. They are both associated with a number of cardiorespiratory and non-cardiorespiratory co-morbidities and so assessment and appropriate management can become a real problem, even though on the surface it all seems easy.

We explore the importance of history, examination and investigations in getting things right first time.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

Diagnostic criteria for defining unexplained respiratory symptoms.

What is the relative importance of history, examination and investigation in assessing patients with suspected airway disease?

Are the definitions of asthma and COPD fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Once you've made a diagnosis, what do you do then?

## **Outline content:**

Clinical descriptors of airway diseases and their differential components?

A guide to cardiorespiratory examination

Guidelines- help or hindrance?

Practical sessions with current and future inhaler devices

Airway physiology assessment

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