



SPIROMETRY UPDATE

Spirometry is the diagnostic tool to confirm a patient has Chronic Obstructive Airways Disease (COPD) and the severity of the disease. It is also used in the management of Asthma.

The Competency framework and a national register aim to improve diagnostic spirometry. NICE is due to publish revised guidelines on asthma diagnosis, and has included a requirement for objective diagnostic tests

The national register for diagnostic spirometry issued a statement to say they are phasing implementation over 4 years up to 31 March 2021. This is to allow sufficient time for the necessary training, assessment and certification infrastructure to be set up.

In recent years the number of health care professionals, other than laboratory based lung function technicians, performing relatively simple lung function measurements has gradually increased. Although nationally agreed standards have been published for the performance of lung function tests, spirometric measurements made in a variety of primary and secondary health care settings by staff, other than those formally trained and in lung function laboratories, often falls way below the acceptable standard. With the recent publication of guidelines for the care of patients with COPD, in addition to those already published for Asthma, a greater emphasis is placed on basic lung function measurements at all levels of health care provision.

To ensure that patients are appropriately investigated and monitored we are offering an update/refresher day.

This Update is for

Health care professional who has attended formal Spirometry training and education and are working with respiratory patients or managing patients that have a long-term condition i.e. COPD.

This one-day accredited course will provide you with the underpinning knowledge to achieve targets with in your practice for safe, quality controlled, quality assured spirometry recordings. Delivered by expert practising clinicians

Learning Outcomes:

- Indications of performing spirometry
- Diseases that affect lung function
- Patterns of spirometry in different disorders
- To identify faults and errors
- Interpretation of results
- Assessing the bronchodilator response
- Nice guidelines, COPD strategy and how they affect your practice
- Case Studies

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