

# Dynamic Spirometry



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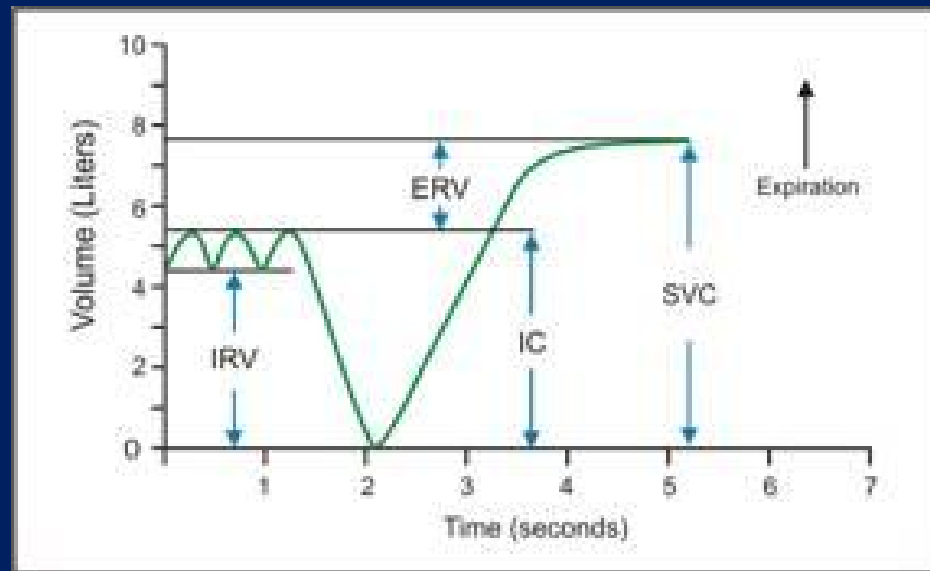
# Spirometry

It provides an objective measurement of lung function.

It analyzes volume and velocity of expired air

# Static test

Performed without regard to time



**Relaxed Vital capacity:** Volume of expired air measured after a maximal inspiration

# Dynamic test

Performed at forcible and max effort against **time**

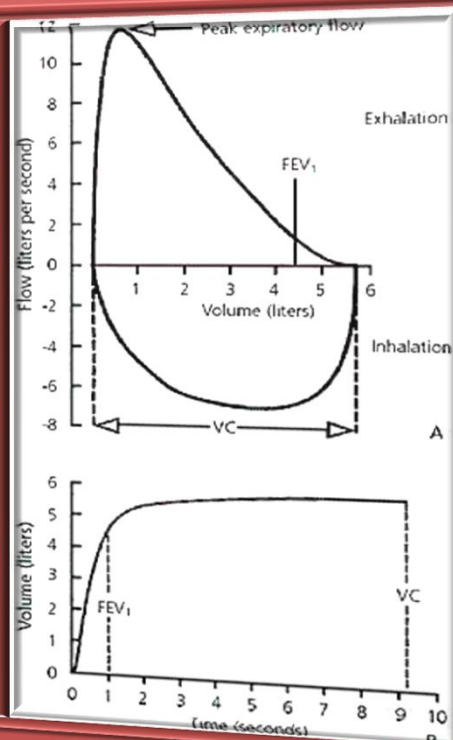
Measures the **rate** at which the lung changes volume during forced breathing.

## **Forced vital capacity**

The max volume of air that can be forcibly and rapidly exhaled following a max inspiration.

# Two types of curves can be obtained

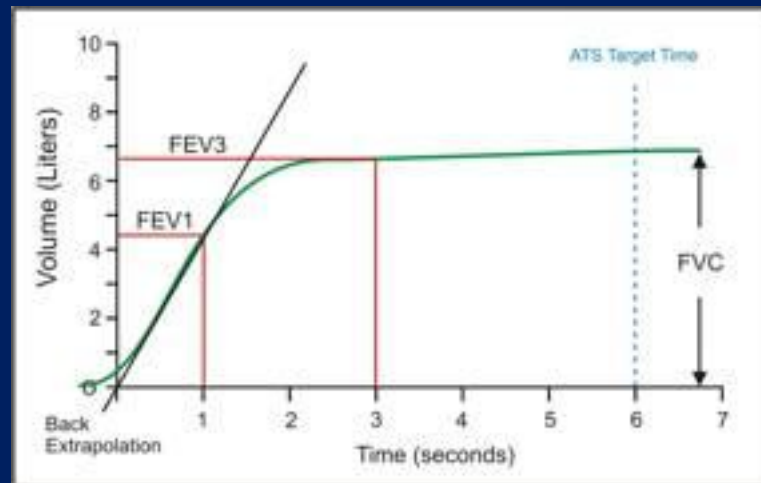
**Forced  
expiratory  
curve**



**Flow  
Volume  
curve**

# Forced Expiratory Curve

- The subject takes a maximal inspiration and then exhales as rapidly, as forcibly, & as maximally as possible.
- **A plot of volume against time:**



**FEV<sub>1</sub>** : Volume of air expelled in the 1<sup>st</sup> sec of forced expiration starting from full inspiration

**FEV<sub>1</sub> = 4l/sec**

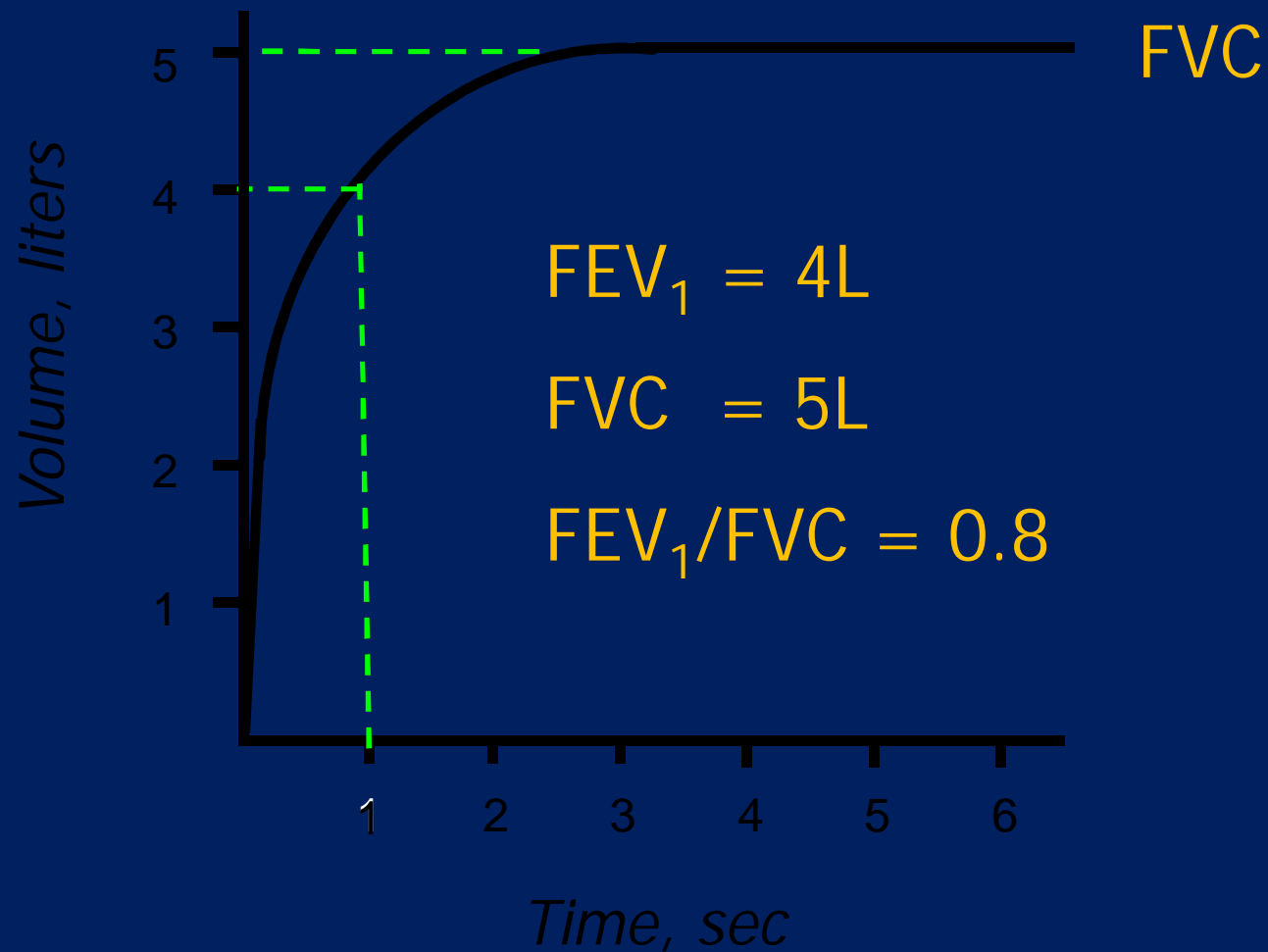
(plateau) **FVC = 5l/sec**

**$(FEV_1/FVC) * 100 \geq 80\%$**

NL: able to exhale 80% from VC in the 1<sup>st</sup> sec

# Normal Trace Showing FEV<sub>1</sub> and FVC

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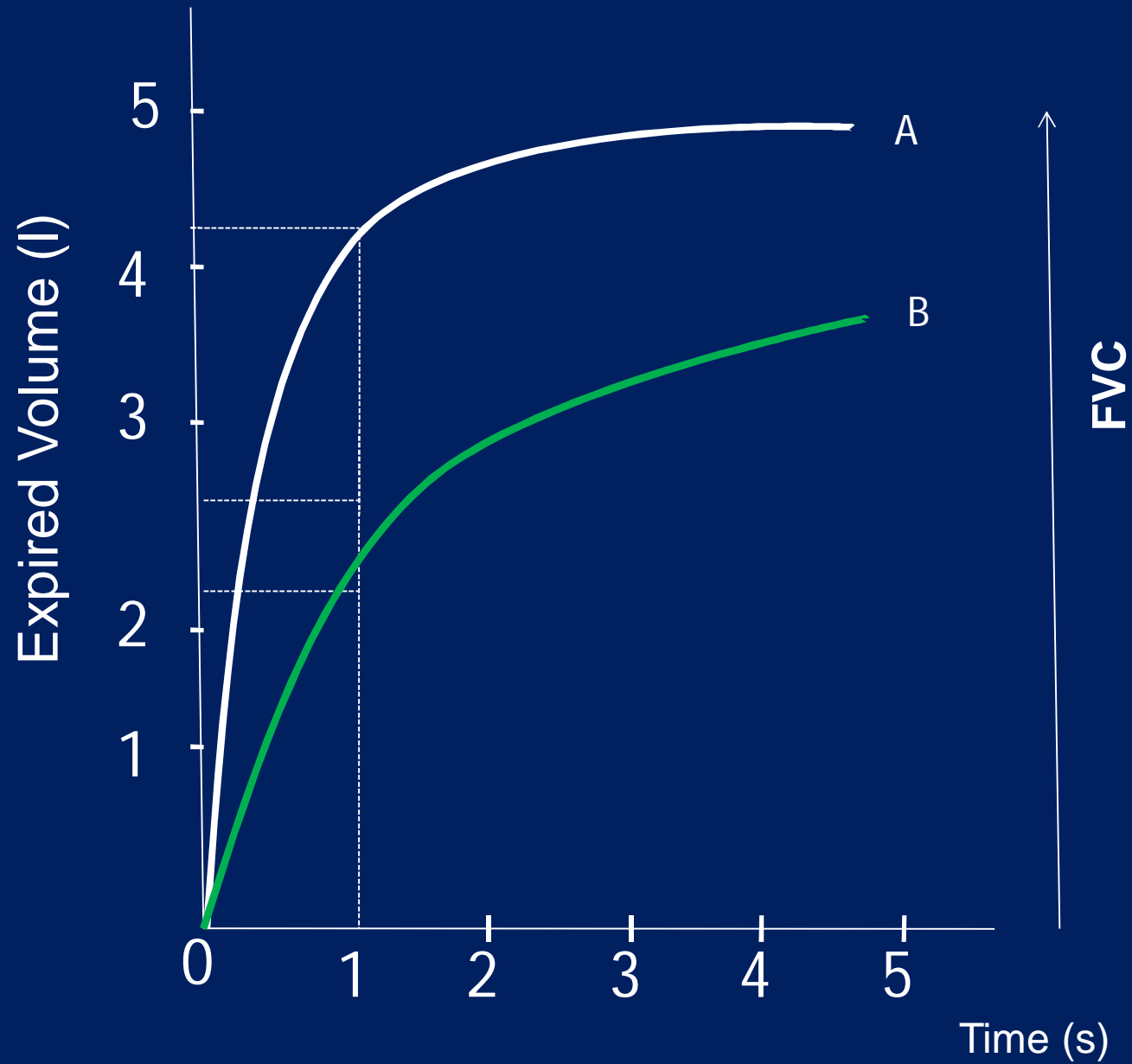
The curve  
helps  $\neq$

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graph TD; A["The curve helps ≠"] --- B["obstructive LD"]; A --- C["Restrictive LD"]
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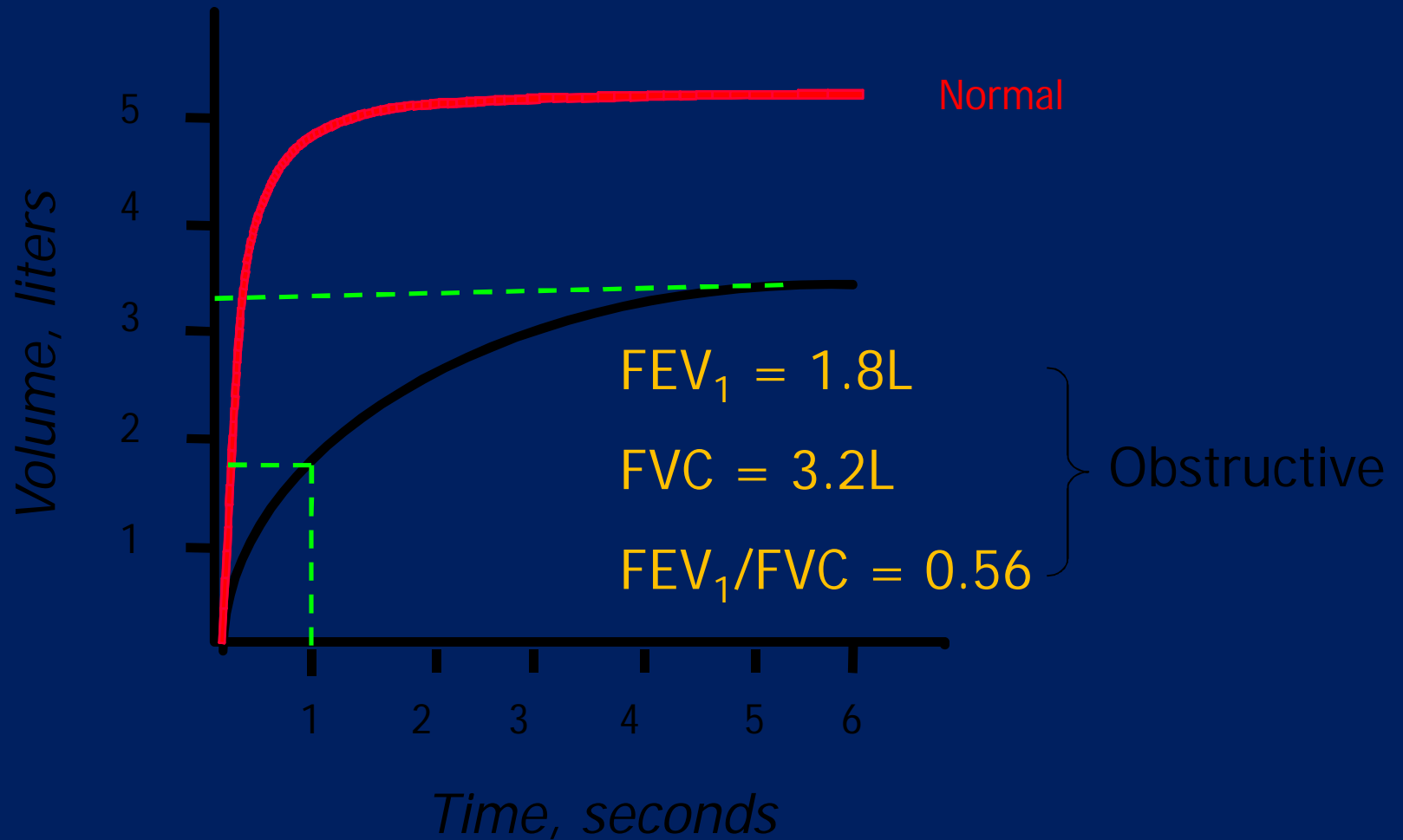
obstructive  
LD

Restrictive  
LD

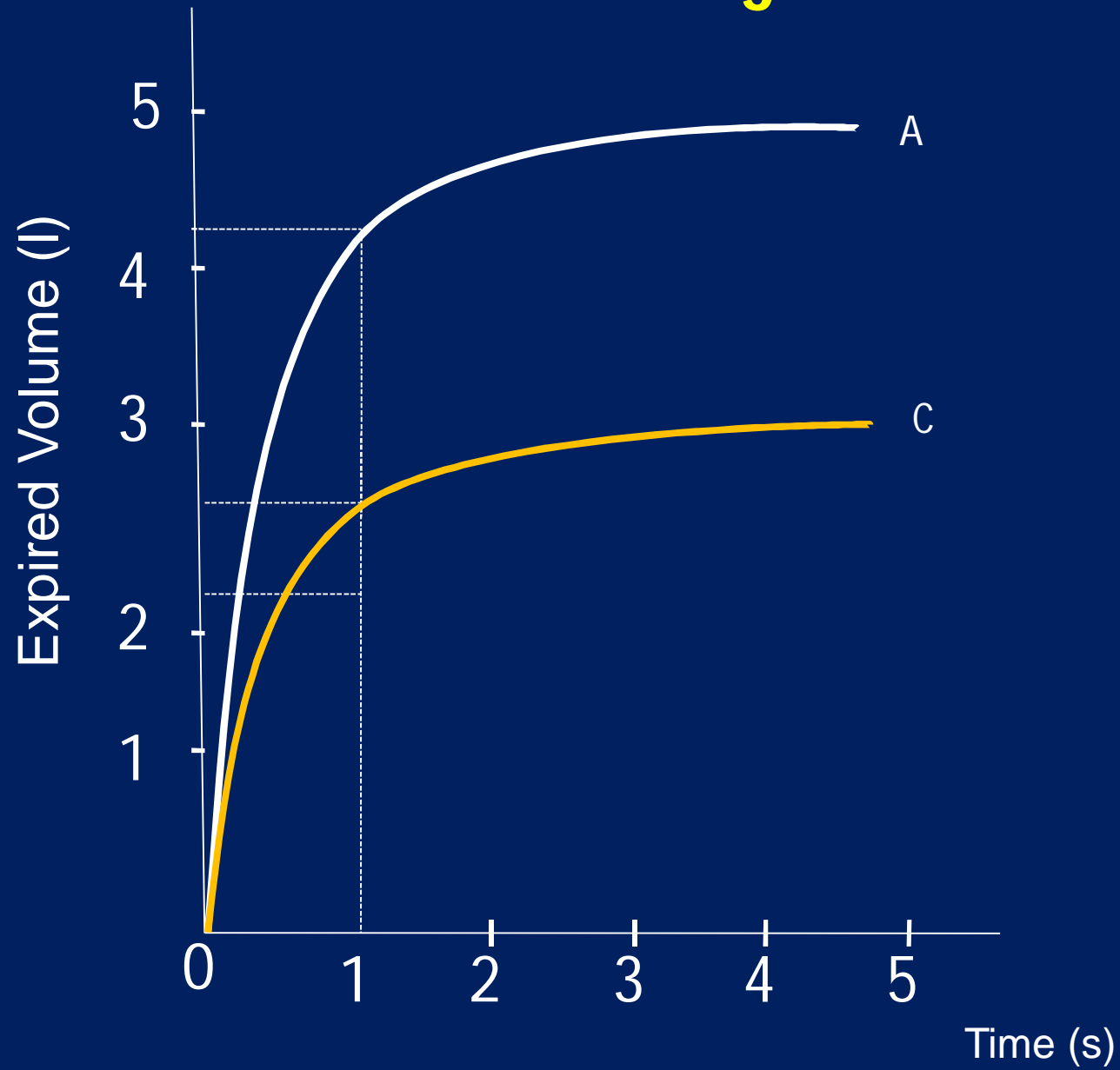
# Obstructive lung disease



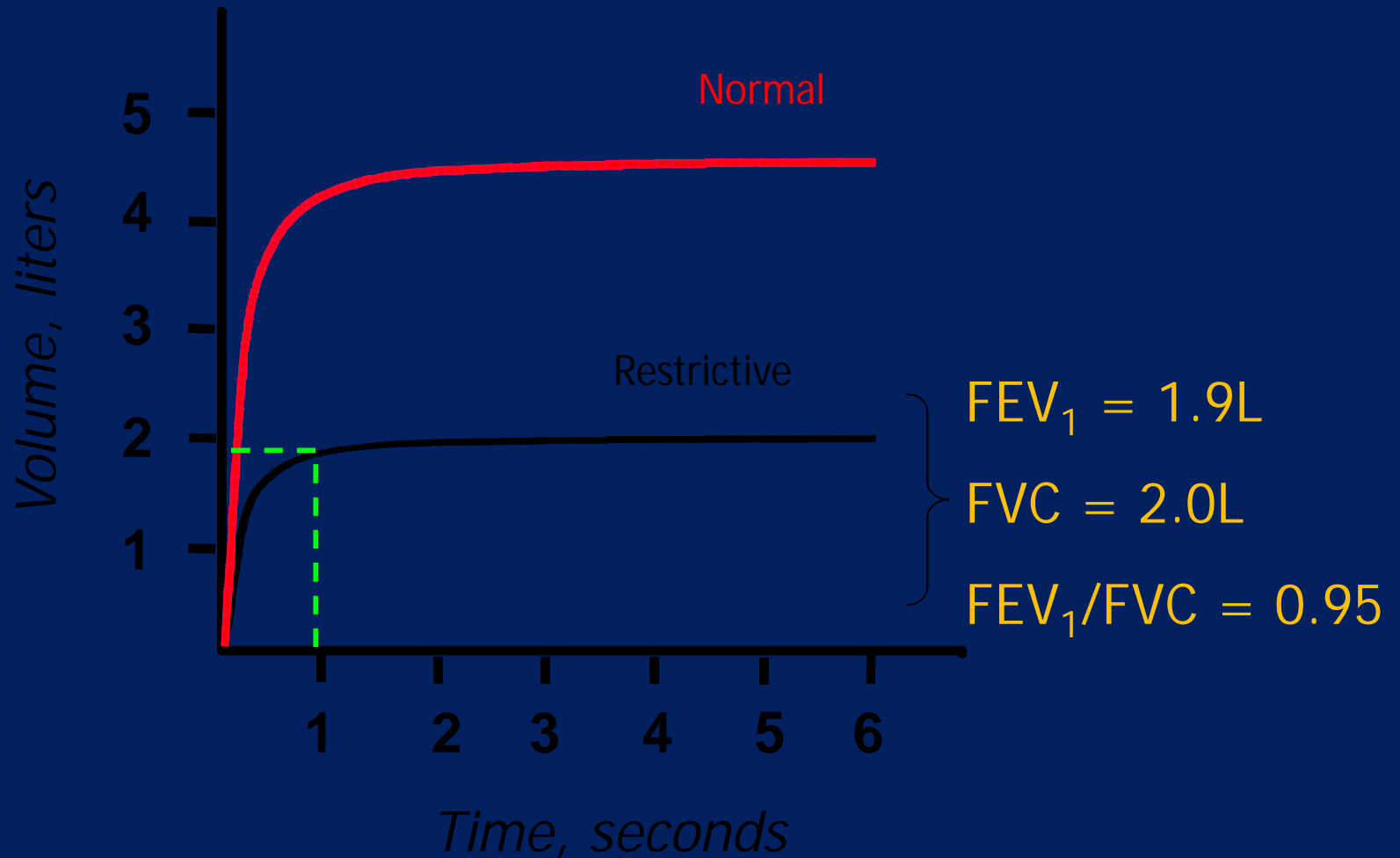
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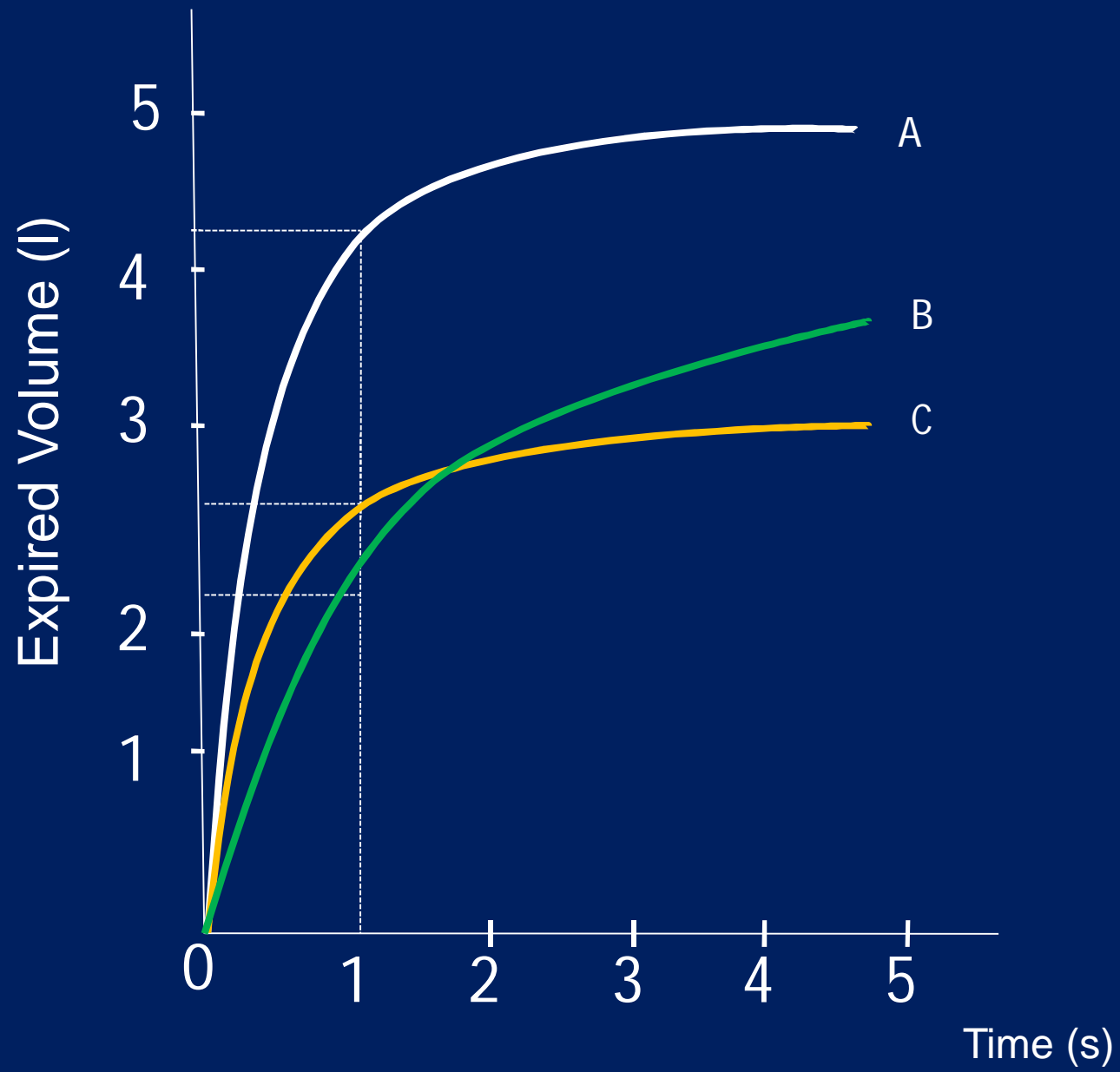


# Restrictive lung disease



# Restrictive Disease



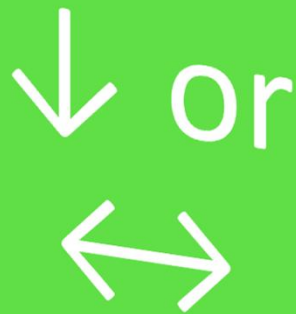


# Obstructive lung disease

FEV<sub>1</sub>



FVC



FEV<sub>1</sub>/  
FVC



# Restrictive lung disease

$FEV_1$  ↓  
↓

FVC  
↓ ↓

$FEV_1 /$   
FVC  
↔ or ↑



<b>Volume</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Obstructive</b>	<b>Restrictive</b>
<b>FVC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>↓ or ↔ (5)</b>	<b>↓ (3)</b>
<b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>↓↓↓ (2)</b>	<b>↓ (2.7)</b>
<b>FEV<sub>1</sub>%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>↓ (40%)</b>	<b>↔ or ↑ (90)</b>

# Results interpretation

- Results are reported as absolute values (litre) ,and as percentages of predicted values based on age, height, sex, ethnicity.
- **Normal**: Both FVC and FEV1  $\geq$  80% of predicted
- If one of the parameters is  $<$  80% predicted, calculate FEV1 ratio:
  - FEV1%  $\geq$  90% ----- $\rightarrow$  Restrictive
  - FEV1%  $<$  80 % ----- $\rightarrow$  Obstructive

## Calculating percentage of predicted values

Patient: 45 year old woman, height 5'3"

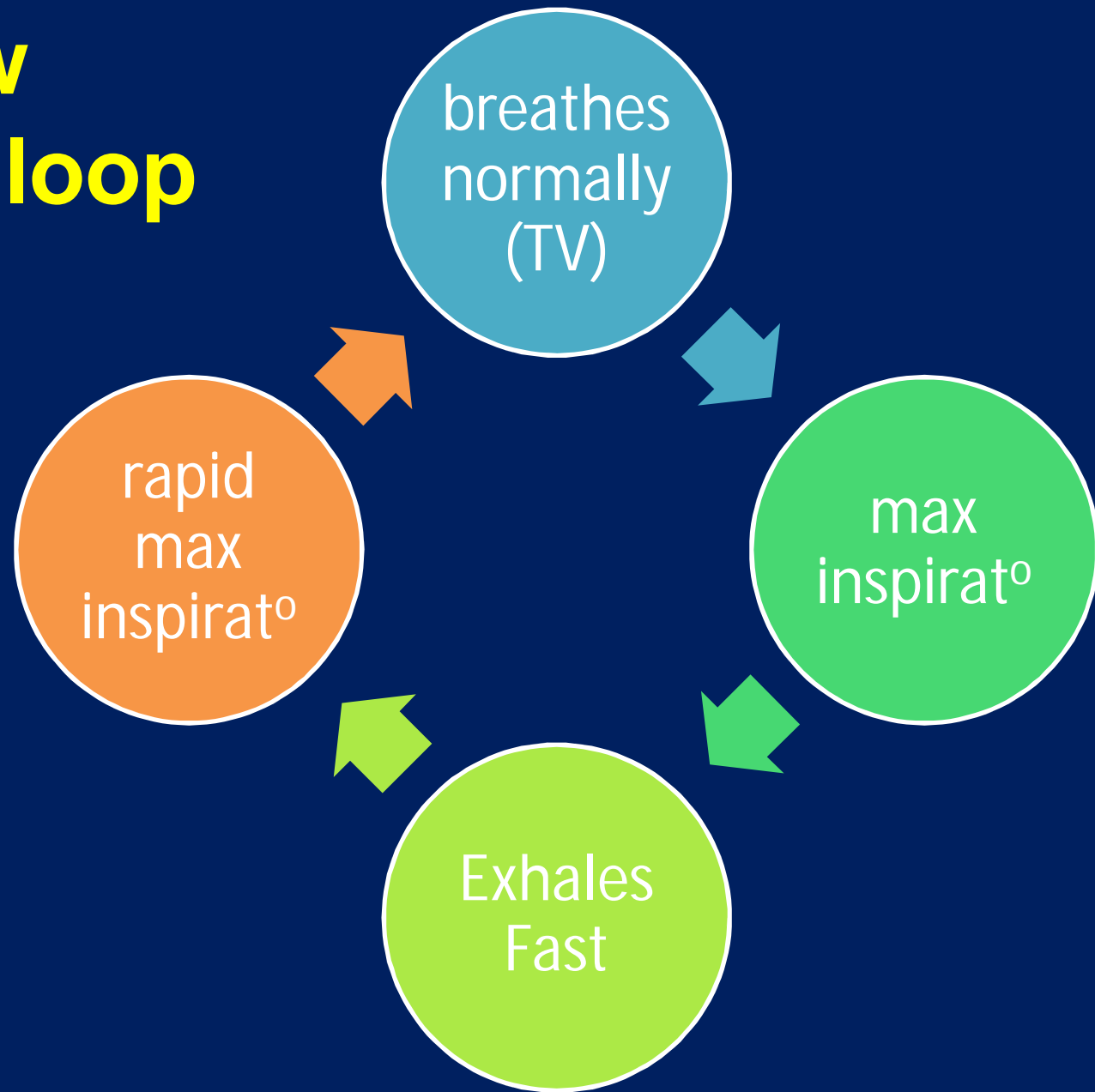
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{FEV}_1 \quad \text{Reading} \quad 1.43 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{Predicted value} \quad 2.60 \end{array} \times 100\% = 55\% \text{ of predicted normal}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{FVC} \quad \text{Reading} \quad 2.5 \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{Predicted value} \quad 3.03 \end{array} \times 100\% = 82.5\% \text{ of predicted normal}$$

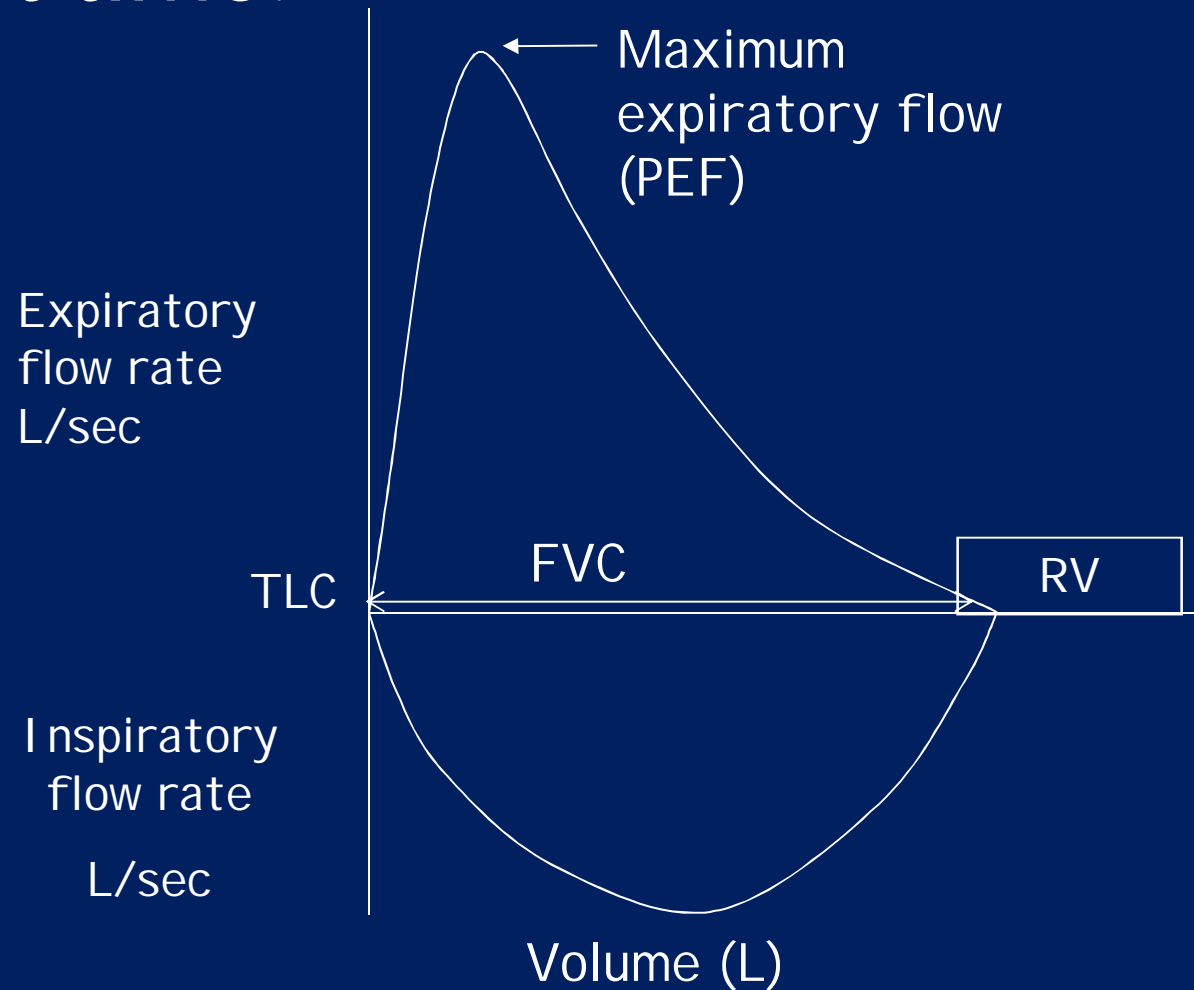
$$\frac{\text{FEV}_1}{\text{FVC}} = \frac{1.43}{2.5} = 0.57$$

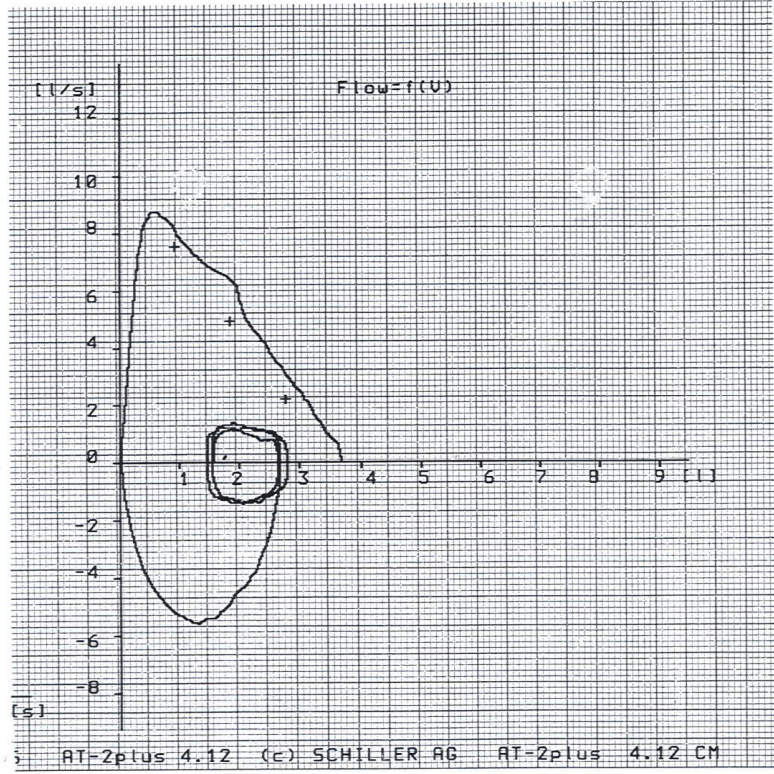
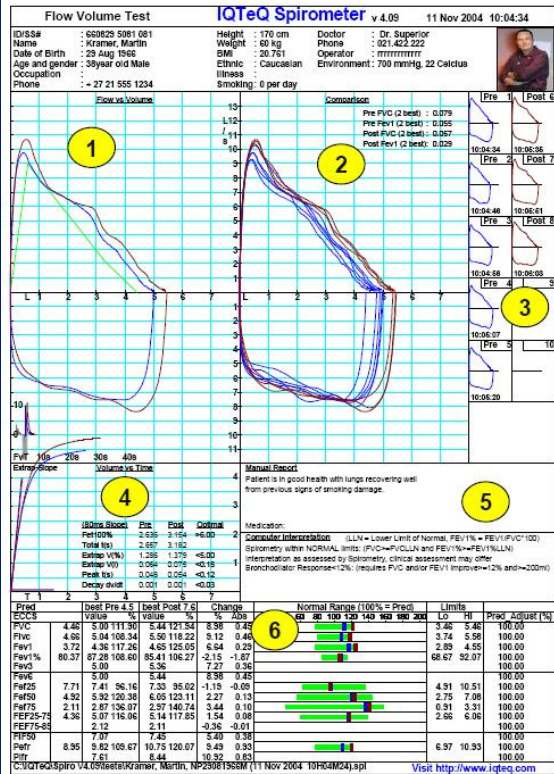
Interpretation: patient has mild airflow obstruction as FEV<sub>1</sub> is between 50% and 80% of predicted normal and FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC is <0.7.

# Flow Volume loop

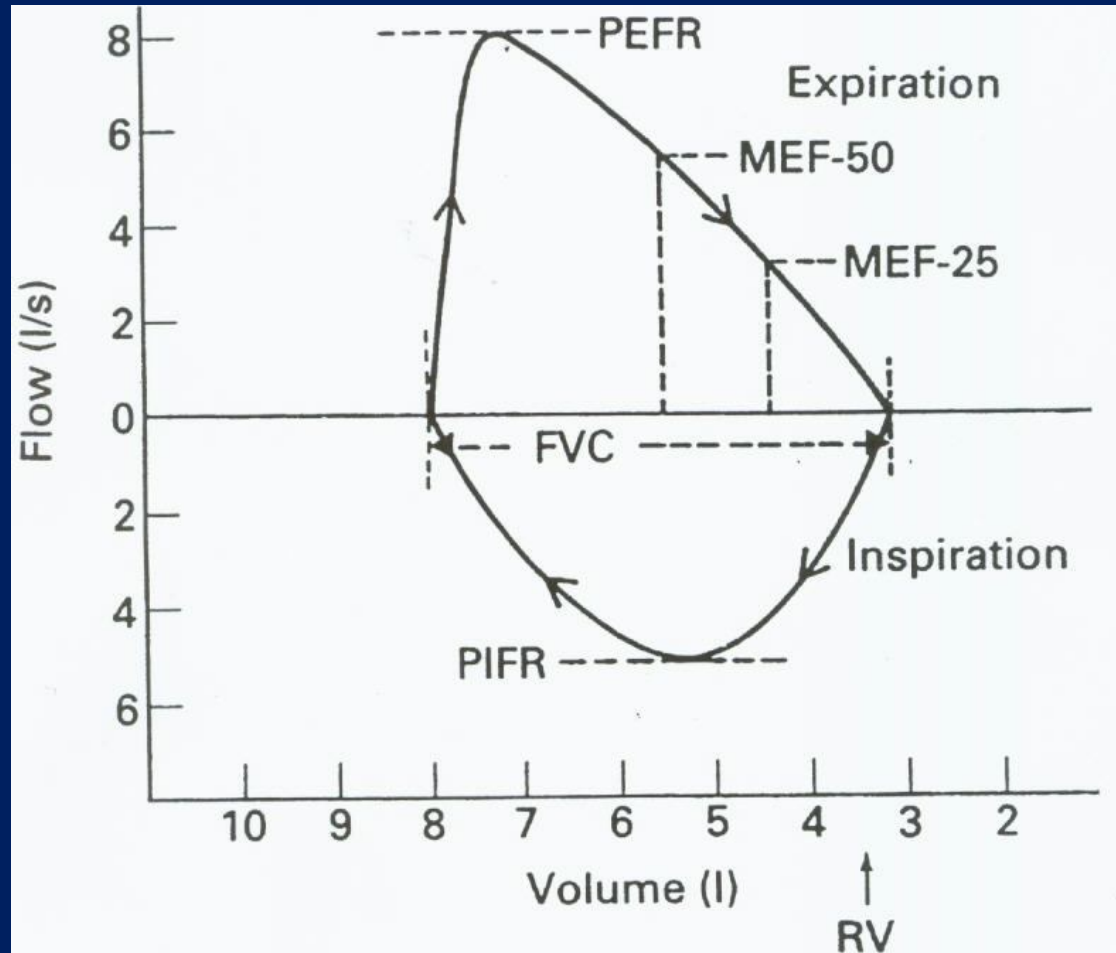


This measures exp & insp **flow** as a function of exhaled **volume** rather than against time.






# Flow Volume loop





- **Measurements on flow V loop**

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- **PEFR** : Greatest flow achieved during the manoeuvre = 6- 12l/sec
  - **PIFR** = 6l/sec

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- **MEF50**: max expiratory flow at 50% of FVC = 4- 6 l/sec
  - **MEF25** = 2.5 l/sec



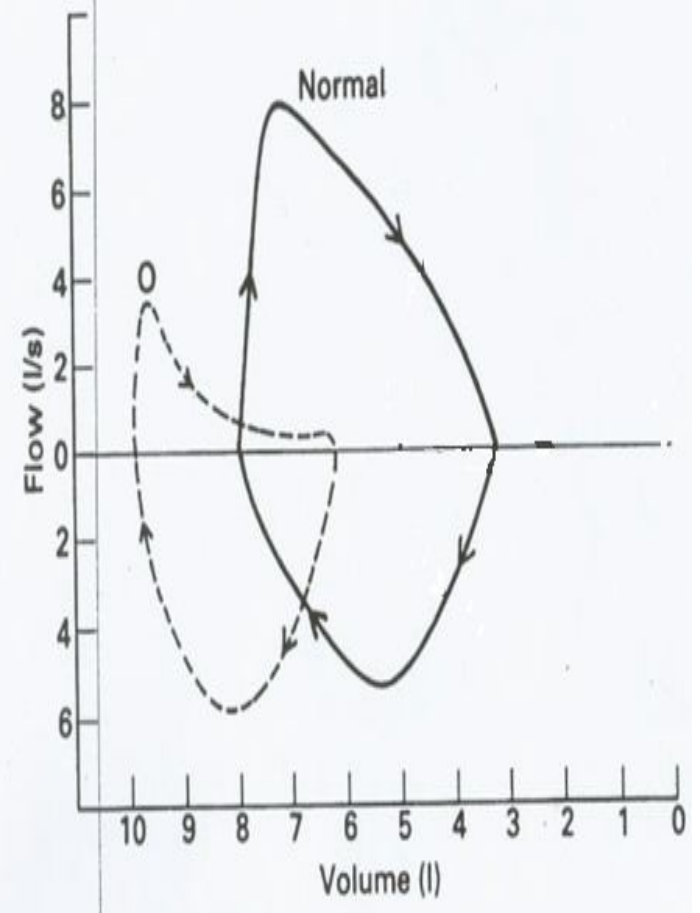
# Obstructive LD

MEF50 ↓

Effort  
independent  
part of  
curve:  
**concave**

PEFR ↓

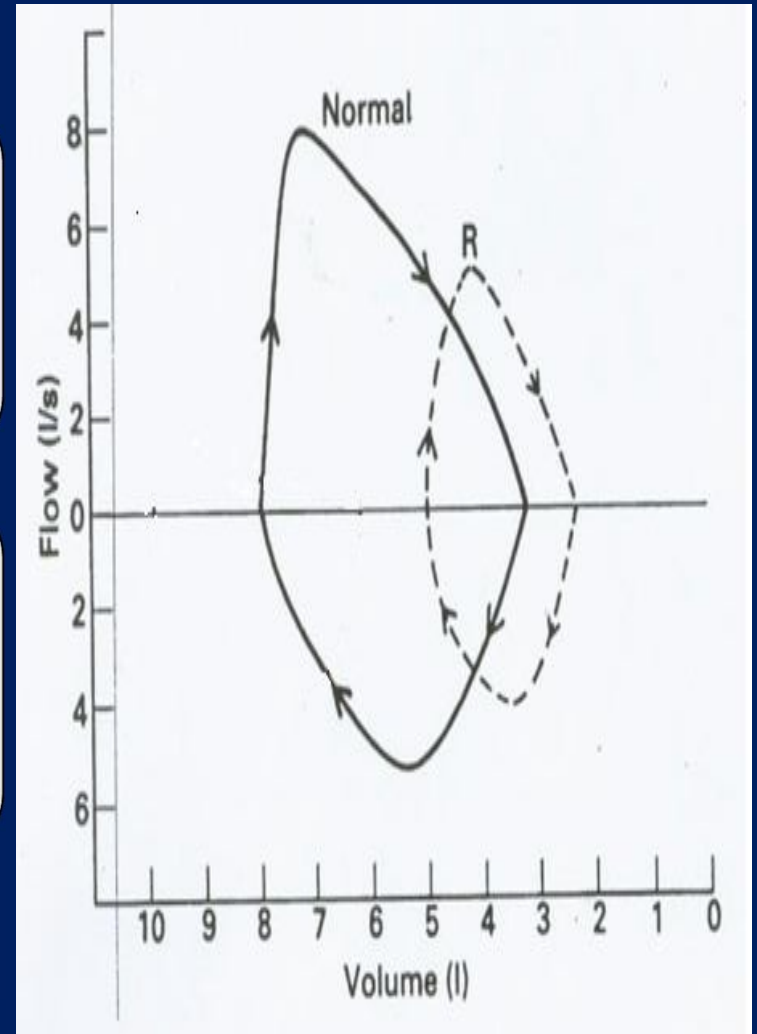
Inspiratory  
loop  
Normal

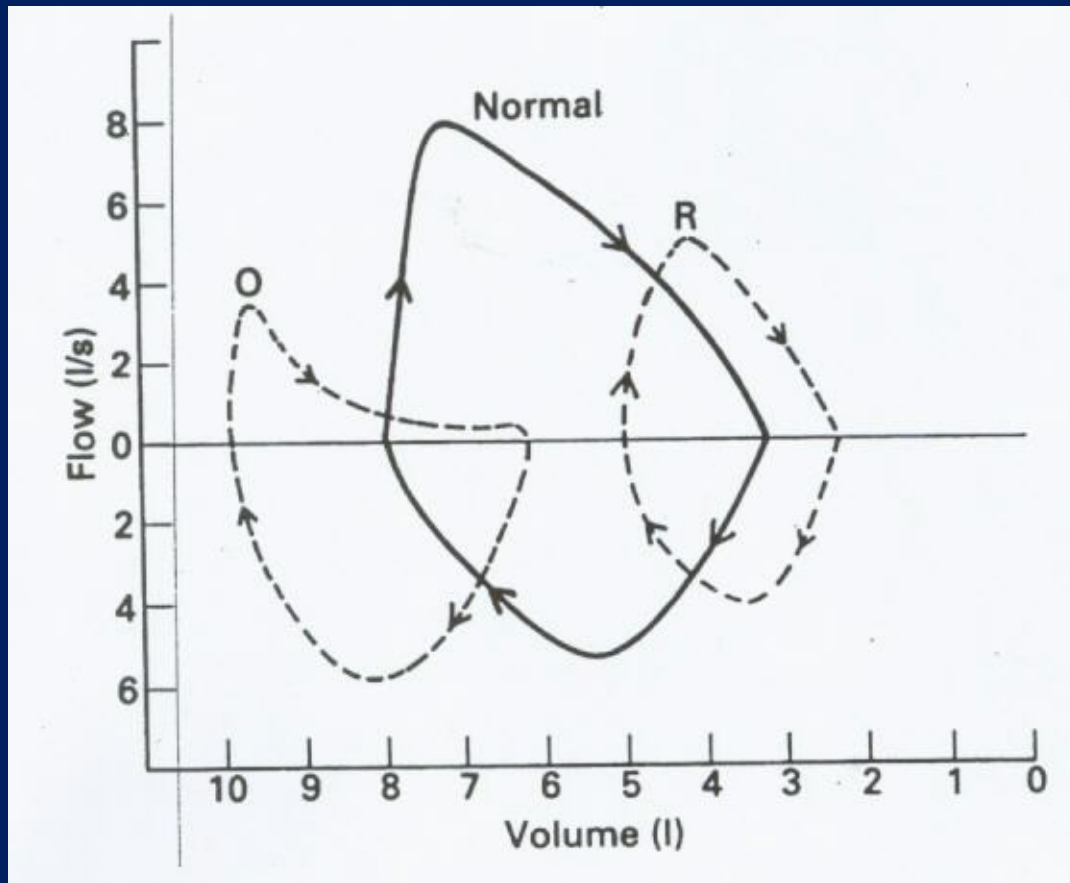


# Restrictive LD

**Miniature loop  
(elliptical)**

**All flow  
parameters ↓**





# Importance of spirometry

Assess physical fitness .

Helps in the diagnosis of certain pulmonary diseases (obstructive & restrictive).

Follow disease progression.

Thank You