

Dynamic Spirometry



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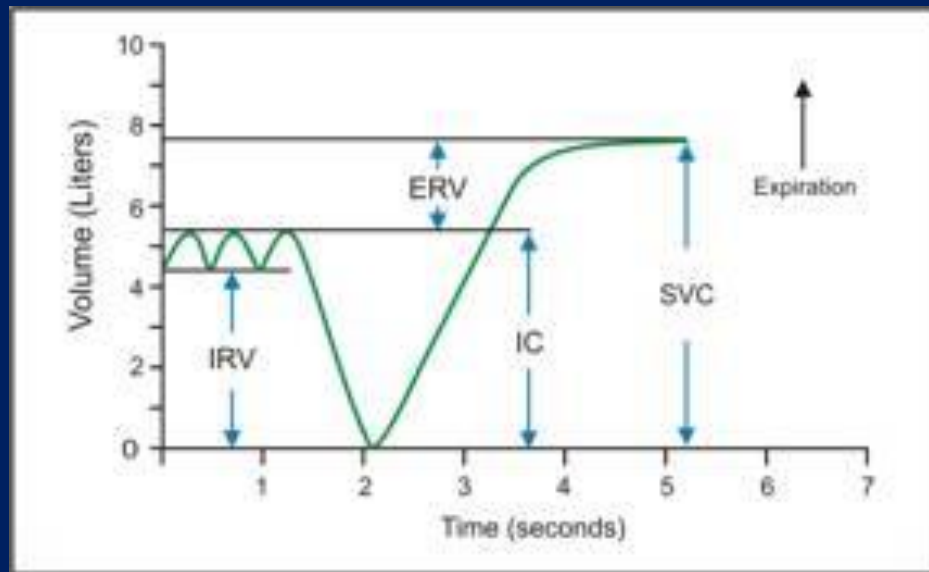
Spirometry

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: Max Volume of air expired during relaxed expiration after a maximal inspiration

Dynamic test

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

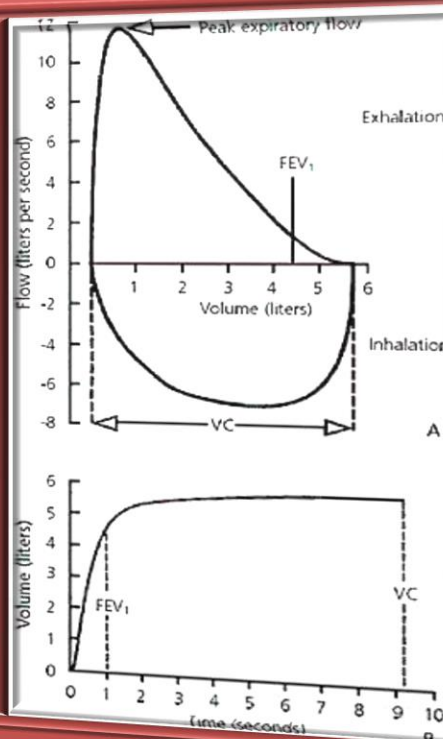
Measures the **rate** at which the lung changes volume during forced breathing.

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

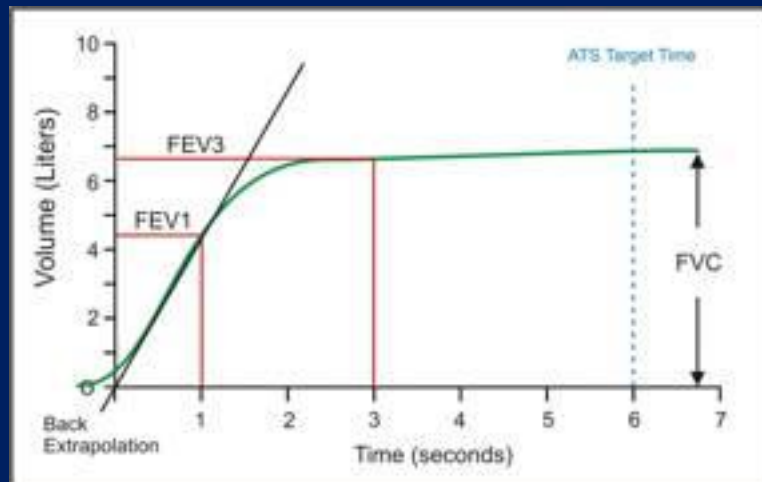
**Forced
expiratory
curve**



**Flow
Volume
curve**

Forced Expiratory Curve

- The subject takes a maximal inspiration and then exhales as rapidly, as forcibly, & as maximally as possible.
- Duration of the forced effort: 3 – 5 sec
- **A plot of exhaled volume against time:**



FEV₁ : Volume of air expelled in the 1st sec of forced expiration starting from full inspiration

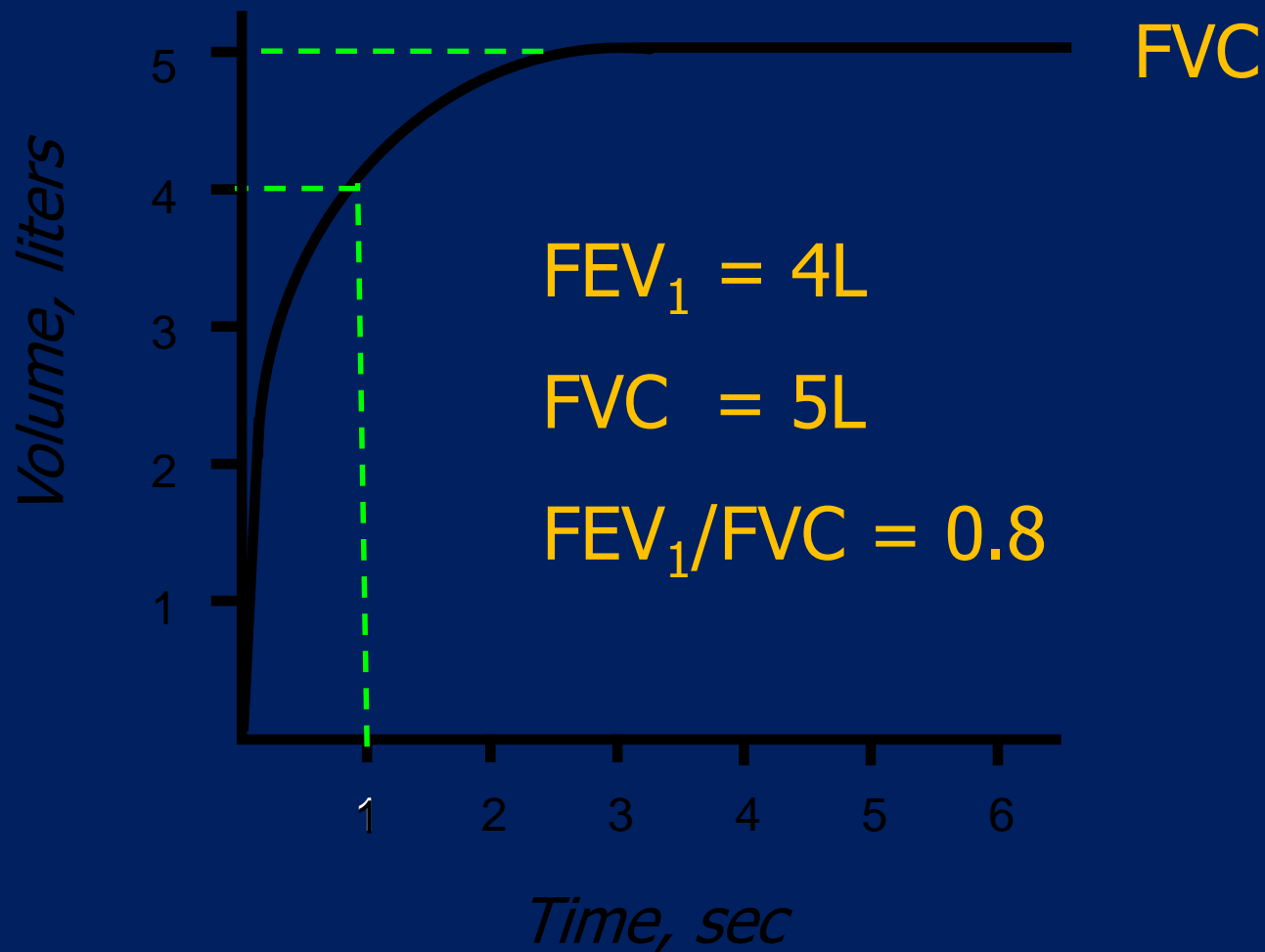
Plateau: **FVC**

FEV₁ % or ratio = (FEV₁/FVC) * 100

Fraction of the VC expired during the 1st sec of a forced expiration (NL 70%-80%)

- FEV_1 is a useful measure of how quickly the lungs can be emptied.
- The ratio is a useful index of airflow limitation.

Normal Trace Showing FEV₁ and FVC



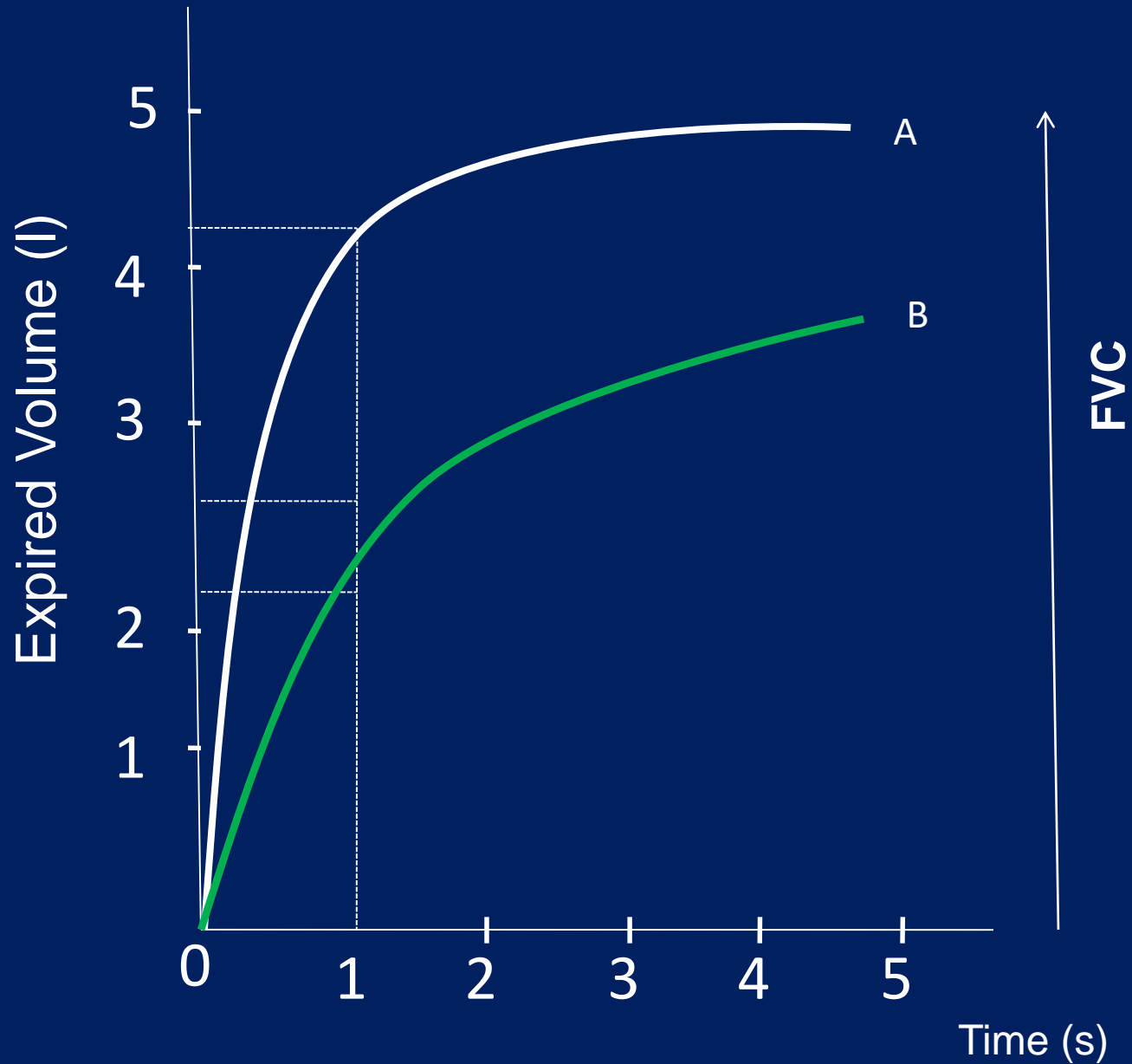
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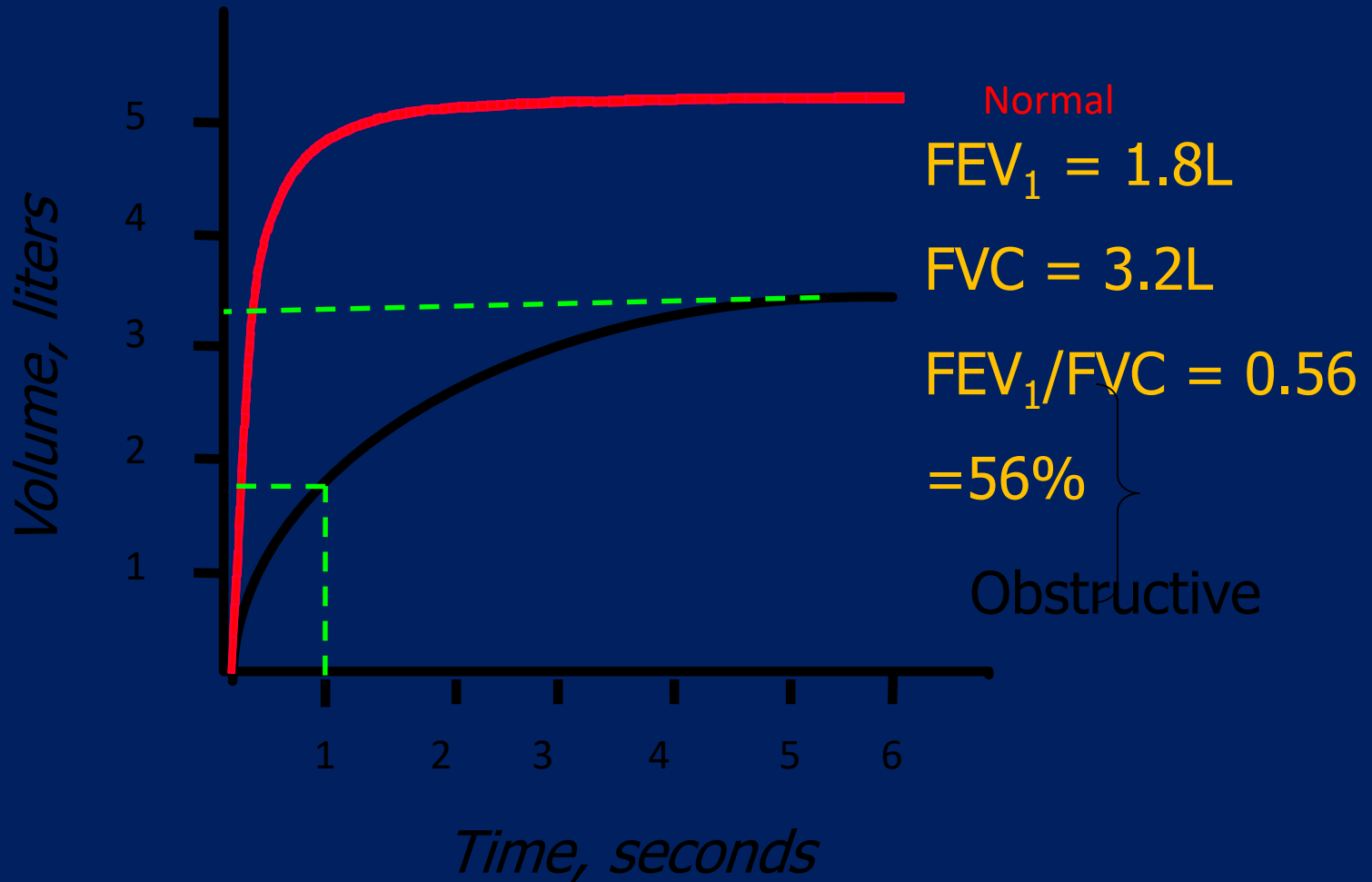
obstructive
LD

Restrictive
LD

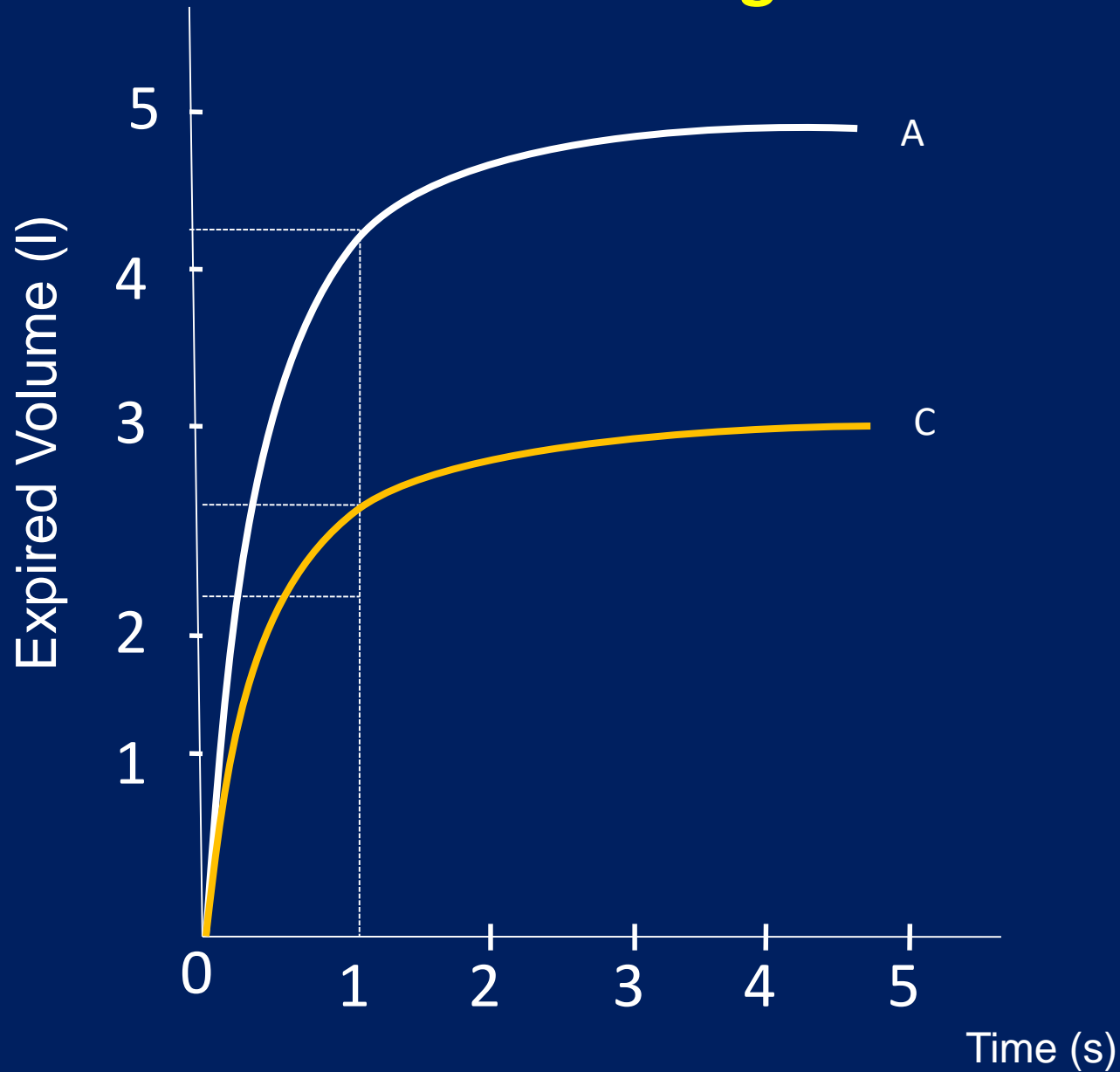
Obstructive lung disease



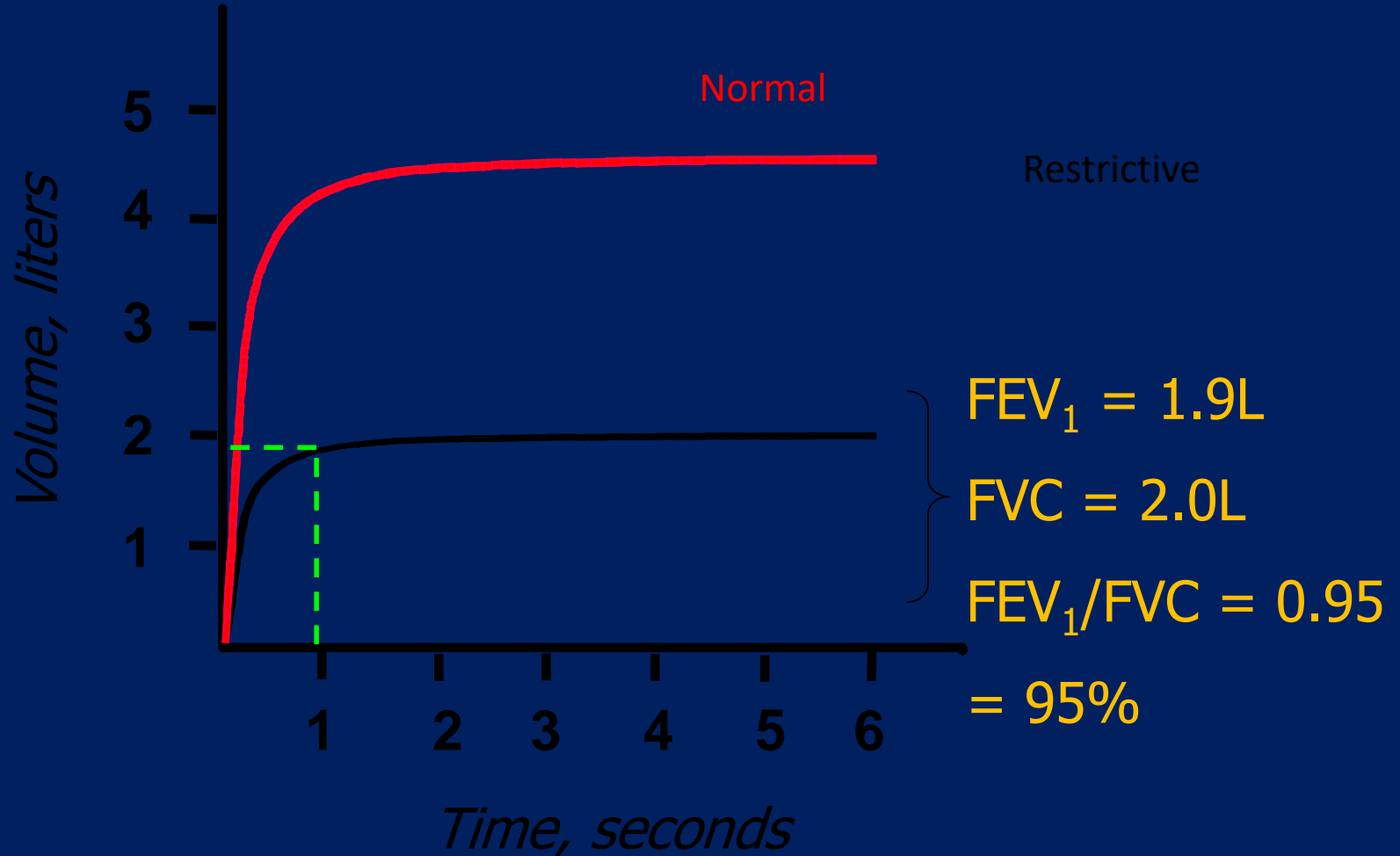
Obstructive Disease

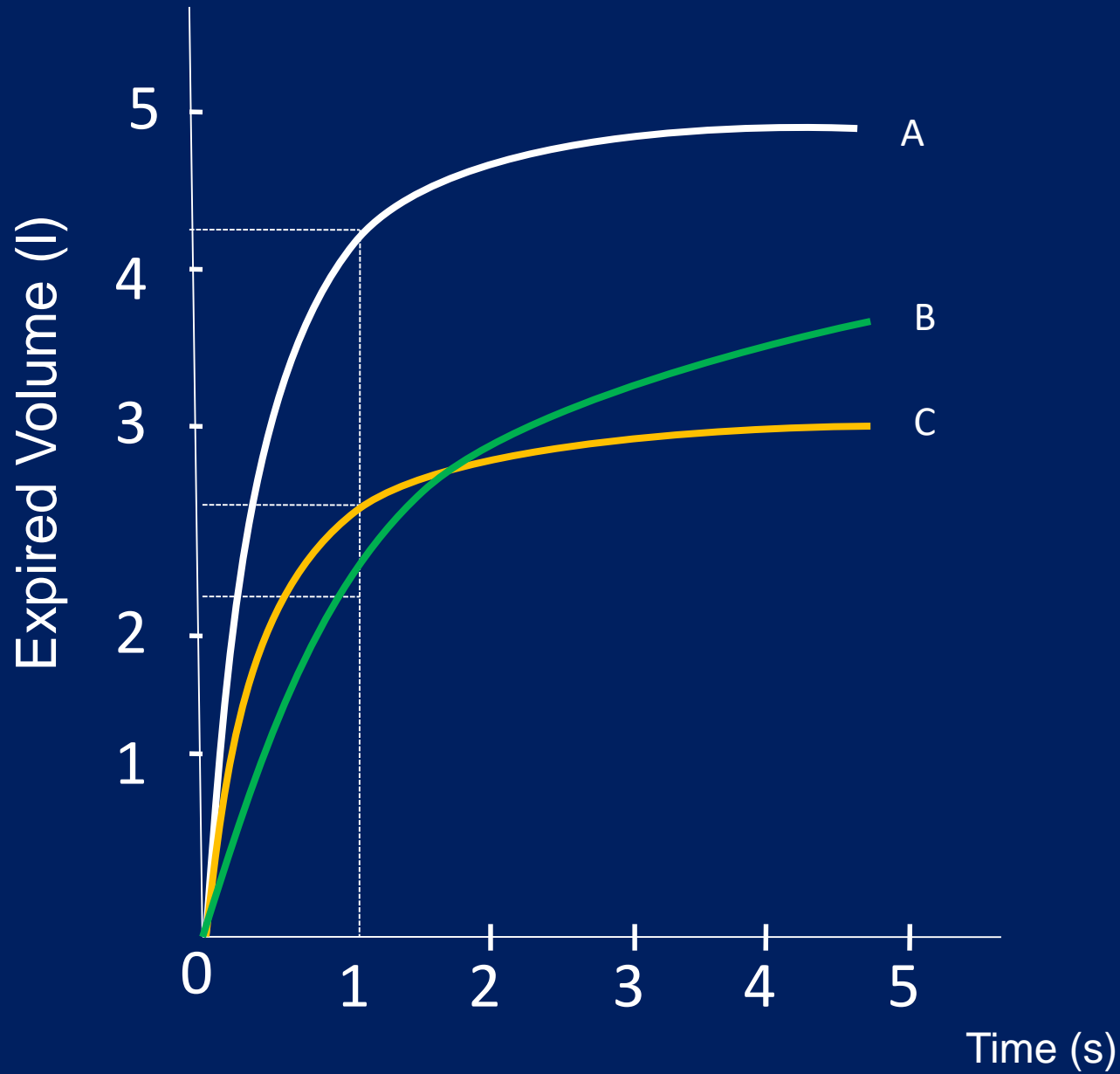


Restrictive lung disease



Restrictive Disease





- The normal and restrictive expire fully in 2 sec.
- The obstructive needs more than 2 sec, the curve rises slowly to reach its highest point.
- He may need more than 6 sec.
- He can or not get rid of all VC depending on the severity of the disease.

Obstructive lung disease

FEV₁



FVC



FEV₁/
FVC



Restrictive lung disease

FEV_1 ↓
↓

FVC
↓ ↓

$FEV_1 /$
FVC
↔ or ↑

Volume	Normal	Obstructive	Restrictive
FVC	5	↓ or ↔ (5)	↓ (3)
FEV₁	4	↓↓↓ (2)	↓ (2.7)
FEV₁%	80%	↓ (40%) (↓ airflow)	↔ or ↑ (90) (Normal airflow)

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 ≥ 75% of predicted
- If any of FVC and FEV₁ is < 75% of predicted, calculate FEV₁ ratio:
 - FEV₁% ≥ 70% -----→ Restrictive
 - FEV₁% < 70 % -----→ Obstructive

Calculating percentage of predicted values

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

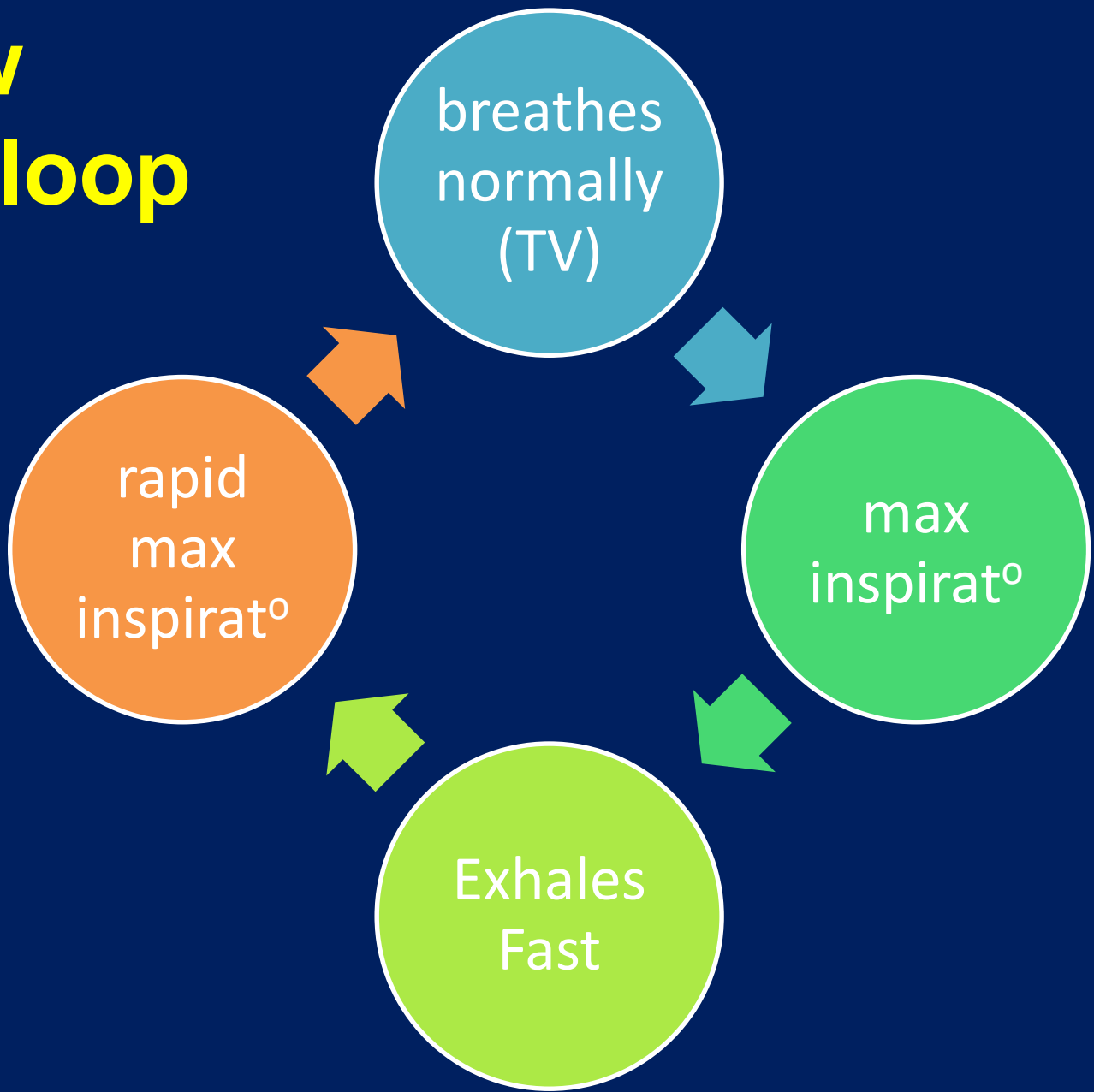
$$\frac{\text{FEV}_1 \text{ Reading } 1.43}{\text{Predicted value } 2.60} \times 100\% = 55\% \text{ of predicted normal}$$

$$\frac{\text{FVC Reading } 2.5}{\text{Predicted value } 3.03} \times 100\% = 82.5\% \text{ of predicted normal}$$

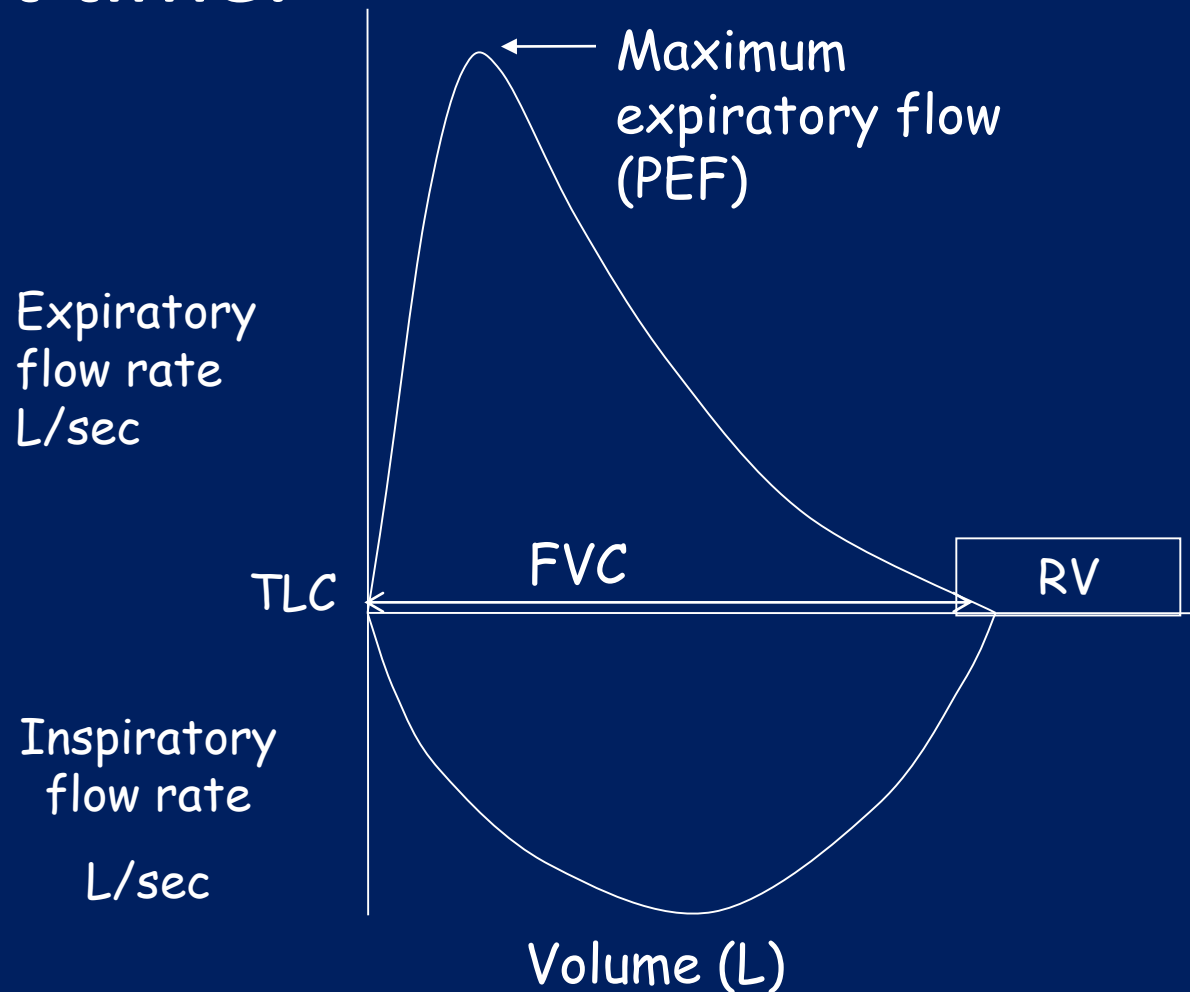
$$\frac{\text{FEV}_1 \text{ Reading } 1.43}{\text{FVC Reading } 2.5} = 0.57$$

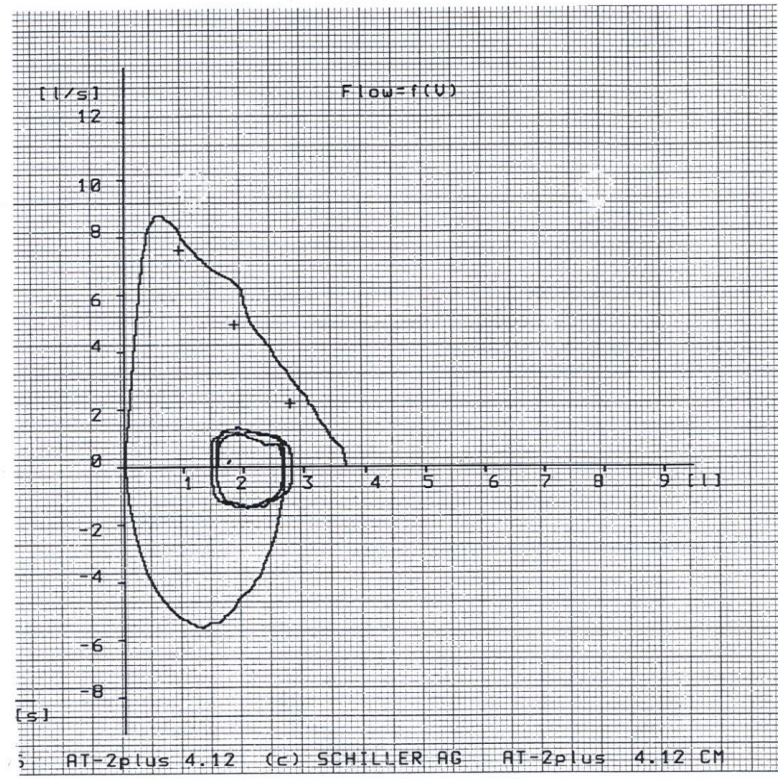
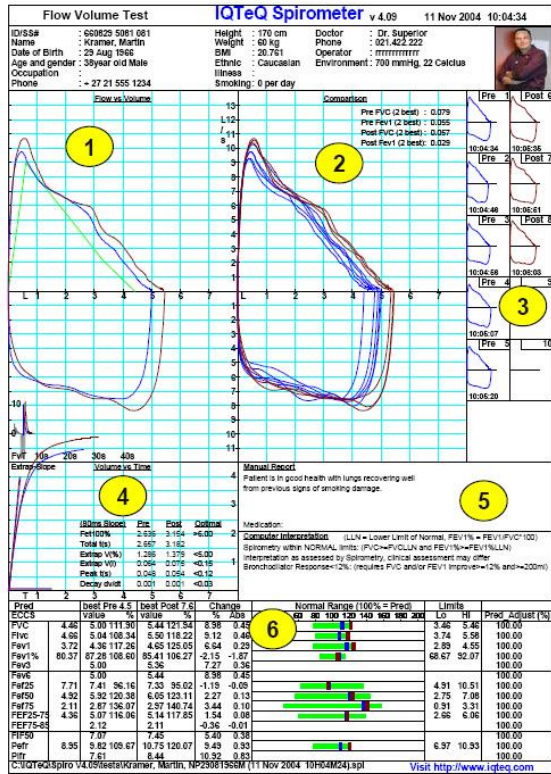
Interpretation: patient has mild airflow obstruction as FEV_1 is between 50% and 80% of predicted normal and FEV_1/FVC is <0.7 .

Flow Volume loop

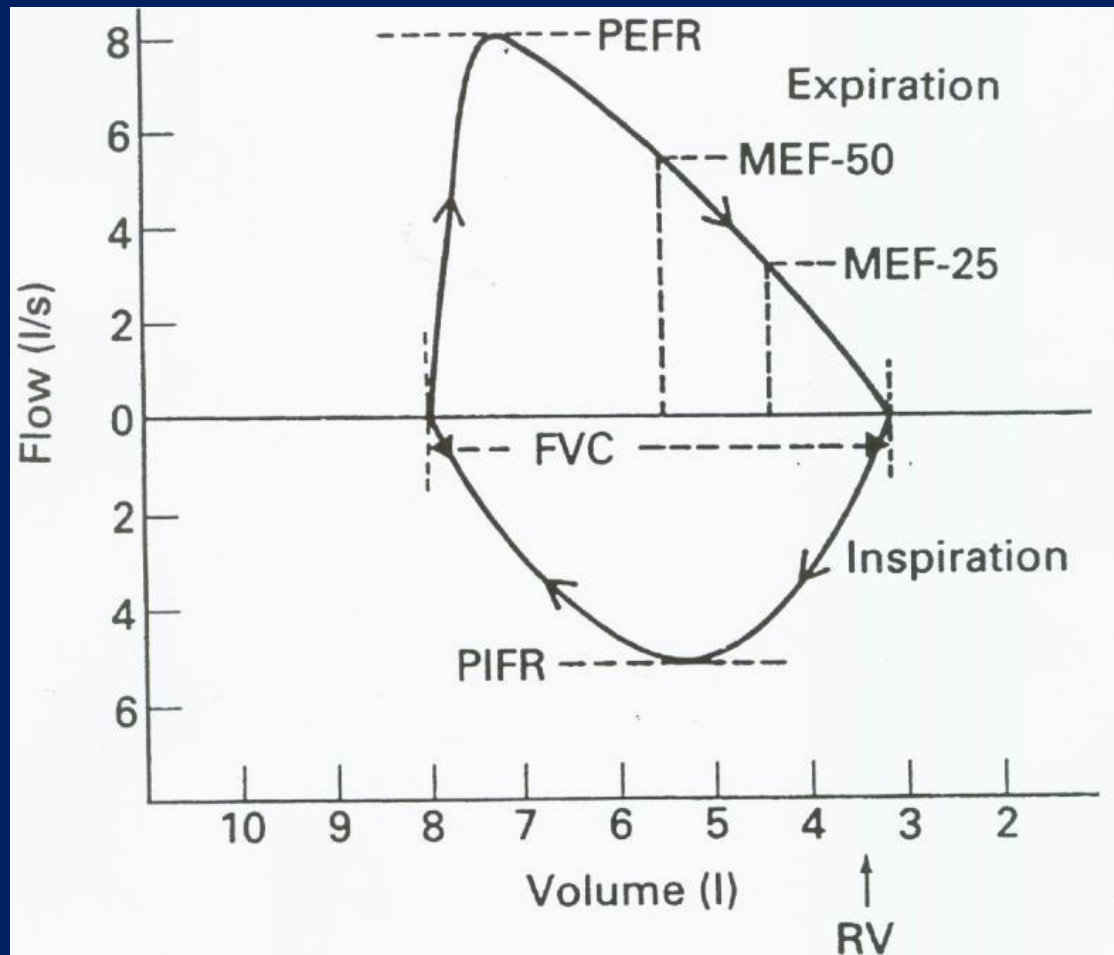


This measures exp & insp **flow** as a function of exhaled **volume** rather than against time.






Flow Volume loop






- **Measurements on flow V loop**



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

PIFR = max flow speed achieved during forceful inspiratory effort=6 l/sec



MEF50: max expiratory flow at 50% of FVC = 4-6 l

FVC measured over the X-axis

Maximal Flow

The inspiratory and the 1st early expiratory flow rates (flows generated near the TLC) are effort (muscle) dependent: the greater one can raise pleural pressure (the harder one forces the air out), the greater the resulting air flow.

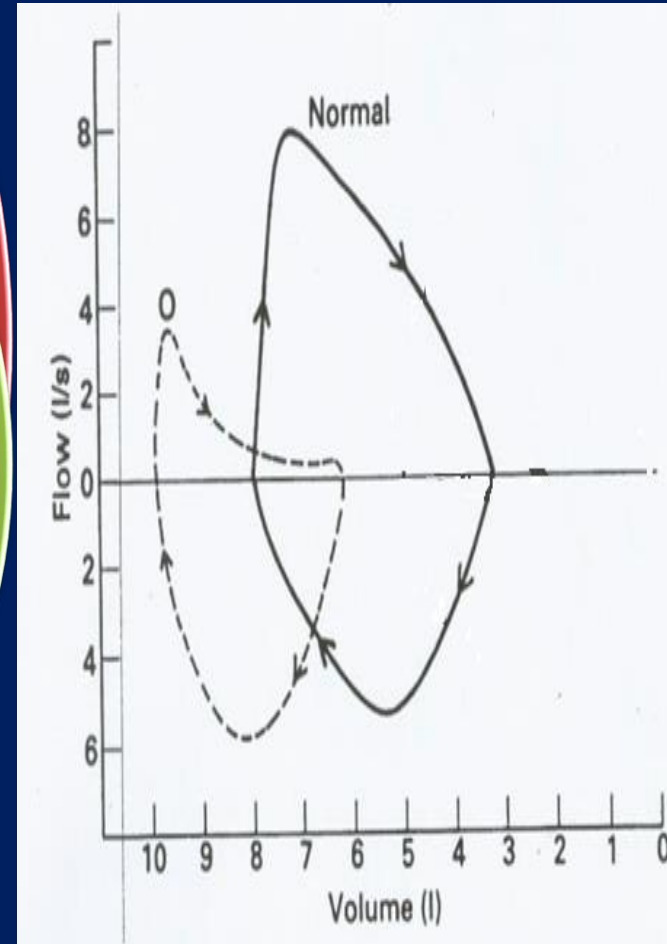
Obstructive LD

MEF50 ↓

Effort
independent
part of curve:
concave
(Curvilinear)

PEFR normal
or ↓ in
severe cases

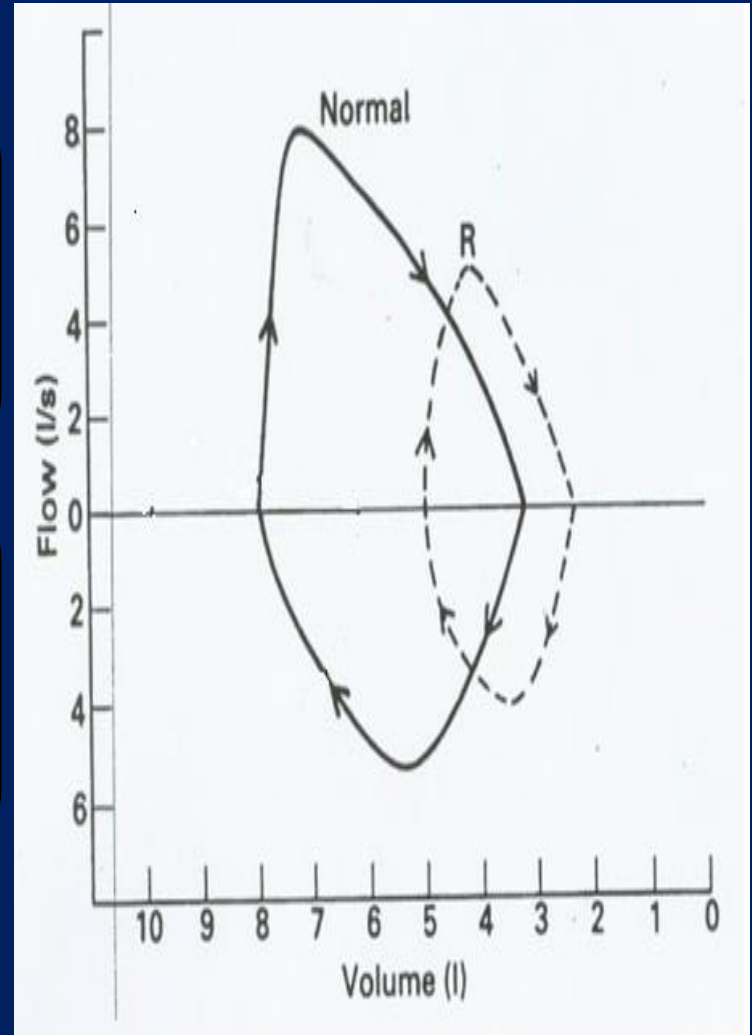
Inspiratory
loop Normal

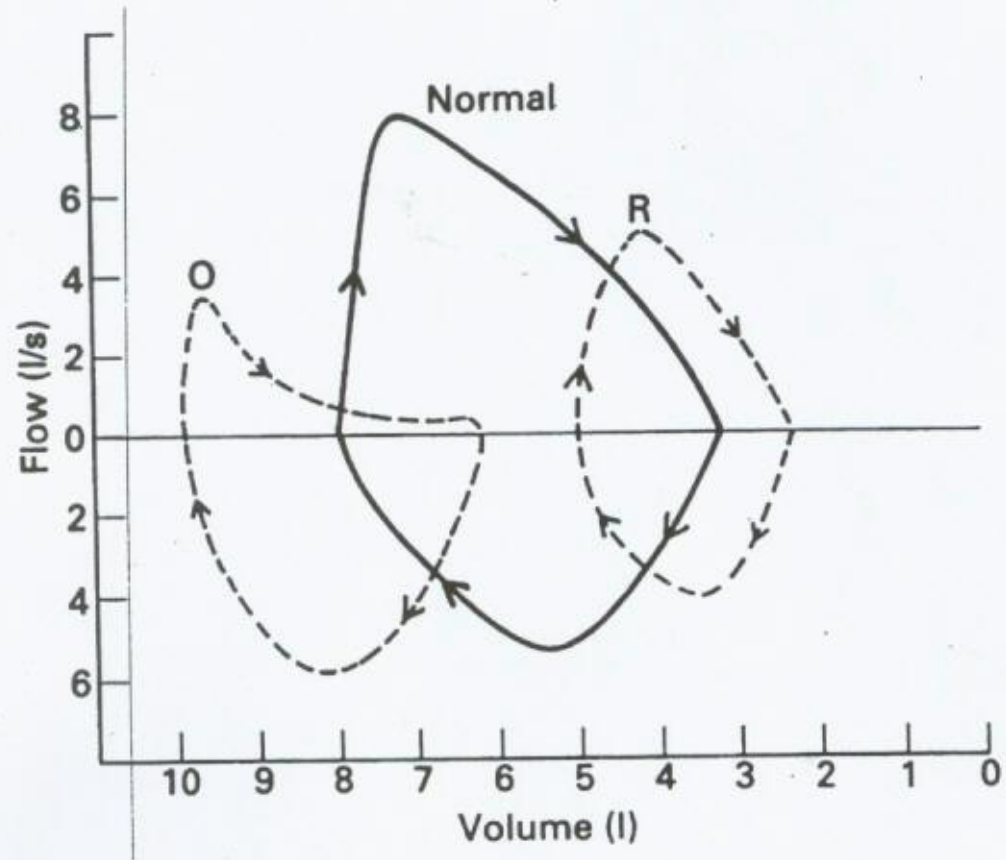


Restrictive LD

**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