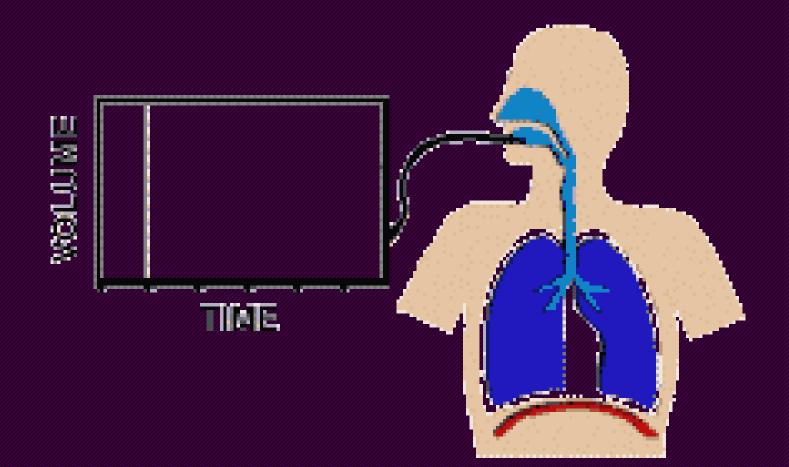
# CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF LUNG FUNCTION TEST (SPIROMETRY) IN HEALTH AND DISEASE



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#### PULMONARY / LUNG VOLUMES AND CAPACITIES



# **SPIROMETRY**



□ Spirometry is a widely used, effort depended basic lung function test

- □ Assess the lung performance
- □ Assess physiological parameters; lung volumes, capacities & flow rate
- □ Differentiate between the obstructive and restrictive lung conditions
- □ Play a critical role in the diagnosis, differentiation and management of respiratory illness.

Ruppel, Res Care Clin N Am 1997; Pierce William, Aus Fam Phy J , 2005

#### **PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND SPIROMETRY**

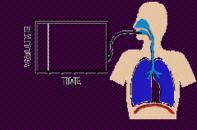


# **Physiology conditions:**

#### **Age, Gender, Height, Weight**

- **Ethnic group**
- **Exercise**
- **Posture**
- Pregnancy
- All pulmonary volumes and capacities are about 20 to 25 % less in women than in men, and they are greater in large and athletic people than in small and asthenic people
- Diurnal variation, seasonal, climate
- Customary activity
- Geographical location





**Based on clinical features / abnormal lab tests** 

**Symptoms:** Dsyponea, cough, phlegm production, chest pain

Signs: Cyanosis, clubbing, chest deformity, diminished chest expansion, diminished breath sounds

Arterial blood gas analysis: Hypoxemia, hypercapnia

**Abnormal chest X Ray:** 





**Occupations settings:** 

**Pre employment** 

periodic lung function examination for workers exposed to toxic substances including dust and fumes in industrial sectors such as:

**Cement / Asbestoses** 

Welding / Wood / Steel

Flour / Coal mine / Oil

Meo et al., J Occup Envir Med, 2004 Meo et al., Int J Occup Med & Env Health, 2005 Meo et al., Int J Env Health Res 2006 Meo et al., Marine pollution Bulletin, 2008



## **Describe the course of diseases affecting PFTs**

- **Neuromuscular diseases:** Gullian Barre Syndrome, Myasthenia gravis
- **Pulmonary diseases:** Obstructive airway diseases, Interstitial lung diseases
- **Adverse reactions:** Drugs with known pulmonary toxicity [Pulmonary fibrosis]

#### **PRE OPERATIVE INDICATIONS**

To determine the suitability for and management during and after anesthesia

To assess the risk for surgical procedures known to affect lung function



Cotes 1995; ACCP Chest 2003; Regli et al., Anaesthesia, 2006



**Monitoring indications** 

To assess the therapeutic interventions:

**Bronchodilator therapy** 

**Steroid treatment for asthma** 

**Chronic obstructive lung disease** 

**Interstitial lung disease** 

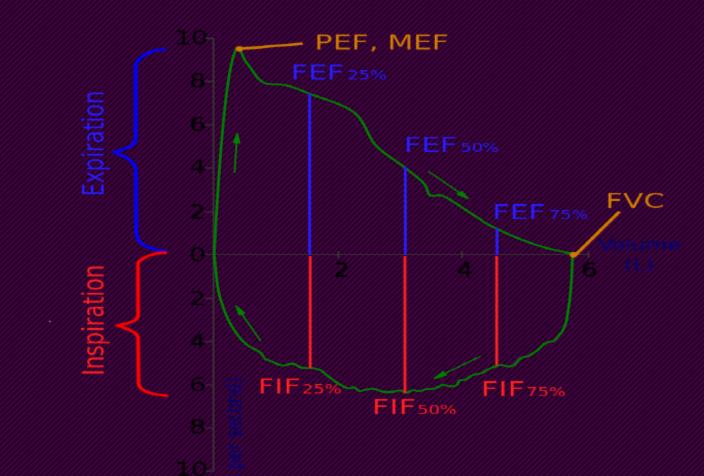
#### **DIAGNOSIS OF COPD**

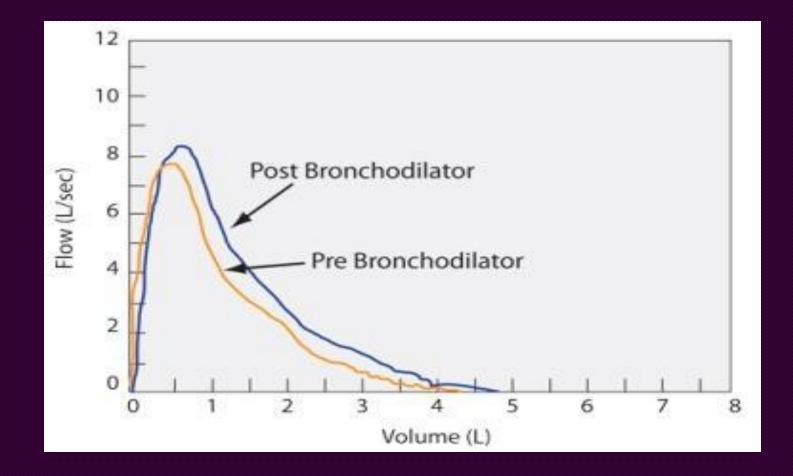
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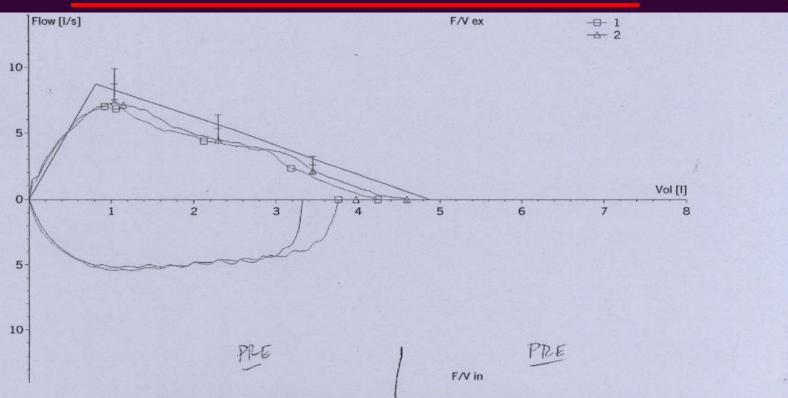


#### EXPOSURE TO RISK FACTORS

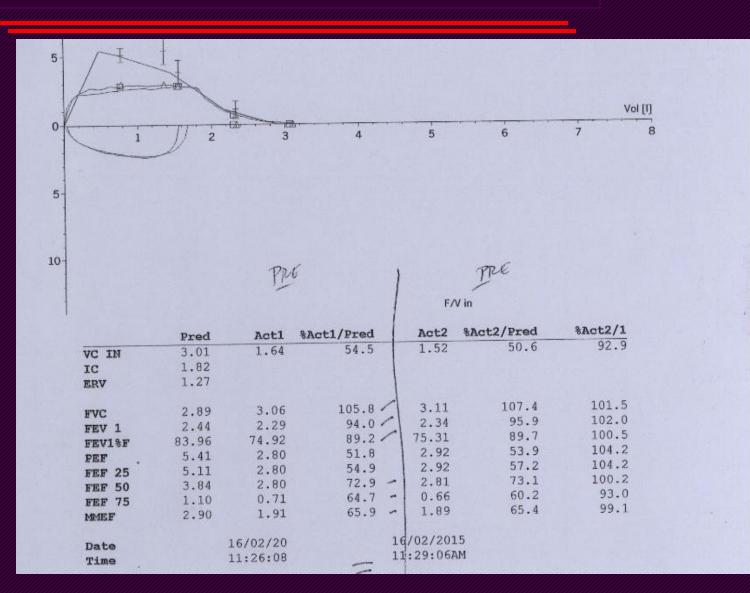
tobacco occupation indoor/outdoor pollution







	Pred	Act1	%Act1/Pred	Act2	%Act2/Pred	%Act2/1
VC IN	7.33	3.74	51.1	3.29	44.9	87.8
IC	1.81					
ERV	1.68					
FVC	4.89	4.24	86.8/	4.59	94.0	108.3
FEV 1	4.01	3.76	93.9 /	3.97	99.2	105.7
FEV1%F	88.69	88.62	99.9~	86.49	97.5	97.6
PEF .	8.69	6.99	80.5 /	7.27	83.7	104.0
FEF 25		6.82		7.09		104.0
FEF 50	5.34	4.38	82.1 /	4.44	83.0	101.2
FEF 75	2.59	2.33	89.9	2.09	80.6	89.7
MMEF	4.85	4.53	93.5 /	4.40	90.8	97.1



	Pred	Act1	%Act1/Pred	Act2	%Act2/Pred	%Act2/1	
VC IN	2.53	1.38	54.7	1.40	55.3	101.1	
IC	1.88						
ERV	1.20						
	3.01	2.21	73.5	2.35	78.3	106.5	
FVC		1.94	70.3	1.92	69.5	98.9	
FEV 1	2.77	88.00	94.7	81.73	88.0	92.9	
FEV1%F	92.90		55.3	3.38	59.4	107.5	
PEF ·	5.69	3.15	56.5	2.90	52.1	92.3	
FEF 25	5.57	3.15	56.5 44.9	1.89	41.5	92.5	
FEF 50	4.55	2.04		0.98	53.0	81.6	
FEF 75	1.86	1.20	64.9		46.8	91.0	
MMEF	3.71	1.91	51.4	1.74	40.0	2210	

# **SMOKERS AND SPIROMETRY**



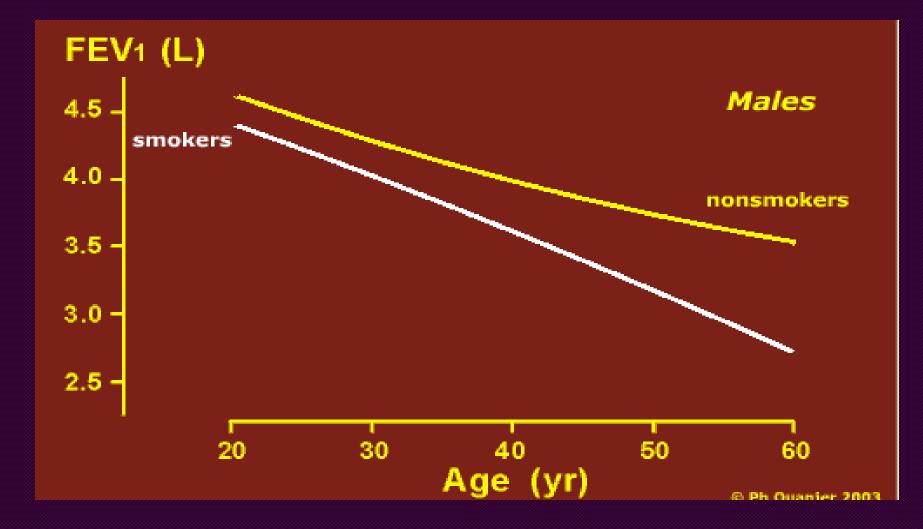
#### **Smoker & Non Smoker:**

Non Smoker: In normal healthy non smoker subject after the age of 30 the expected decline in Lung function parameter [FEV1] is 25–30 ml/ annum

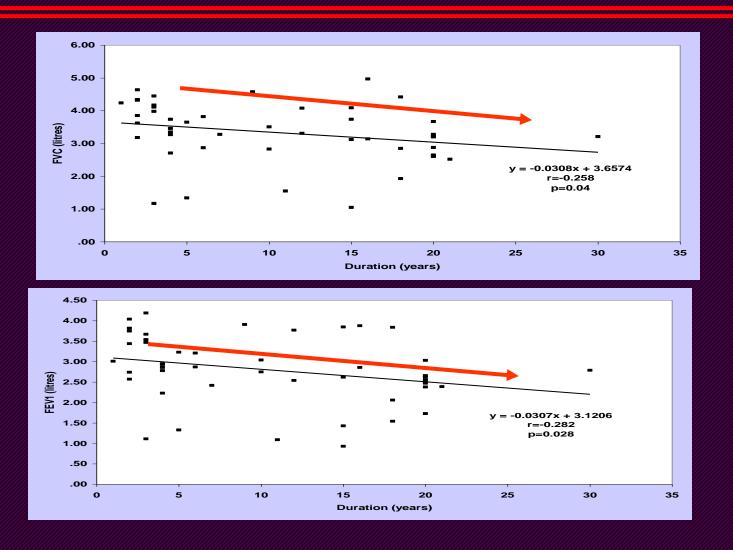
Smoker: The average rate of decline of lung function in smokers as measured by Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 sec [FEV1] is 60-70 ml / annum

Davis et al., Diabetes Care, 2004

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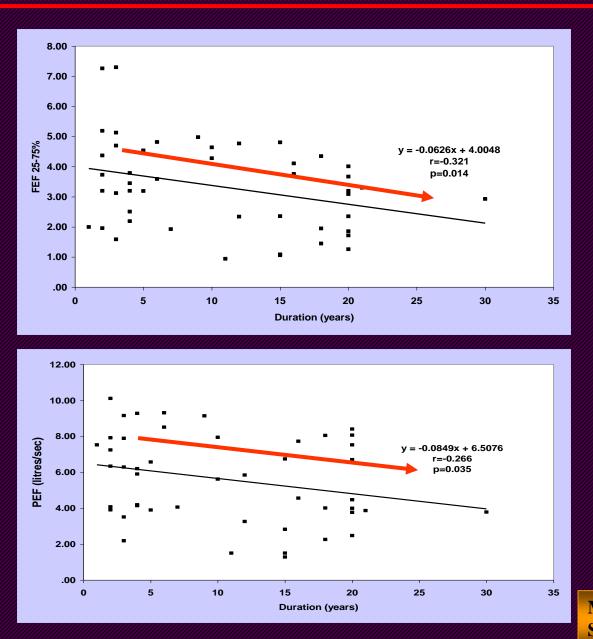


#### **IMPAIRED LUNG FUNCTION IN DM**



Meo and Al-Rubeaan, Saudi Med J; 2006

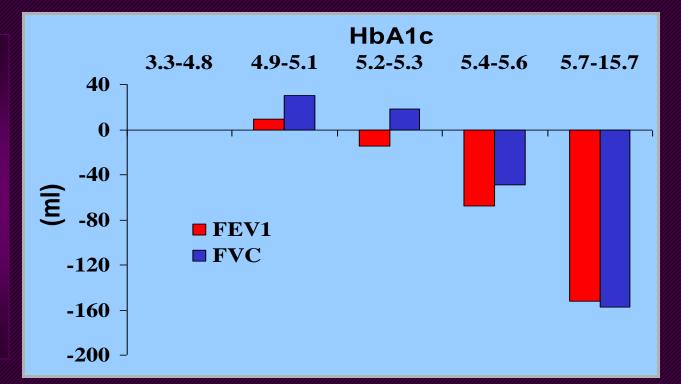
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#### **SPIROMETRY& HbA1c**

Increase in mean HbA1c is associated with decrease in lung function parameters FVC & FEV1



Davis et al., Diabetes Care 2004

Mc Keever et al., Am J Epidemiol, 2005

# SIROMETRY AND CEMENT INDUSTRY

# Lung Function Parameters FVC FEV1 FEF 25-75 % and PEF were significantly decreased in cement mill workers compared to their matched controls



Meo et al., Int J Occup Med Environ Health, 2006

# SIROMETRY AND WELDING INDUSTRY



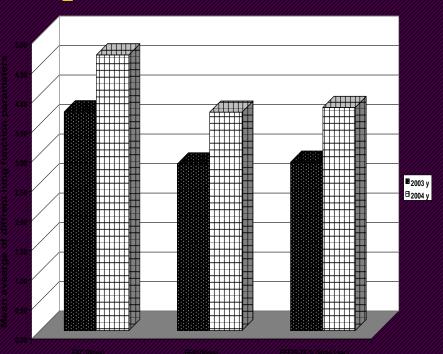
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#### **SIROMETRY AND OIL SPILL Y**

Lung Function Parameters FVC, FEV<sub>1</sub>, and FEF 25-75% were impaired in subjects exposed to crude oil spill in sea water





Meo et al., Marine pollution Bulletin, 2008, Meo, et al., Int J Occup Med and Envirm Health, 2009

# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- □ The incidence of respiratory diseases has been increased, hence the importance of lung function test can not be ignored
- Respiratory assessment through Spirometry may be mandatory at all the levels of respiratory care / clinical settings

# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

As we can not treat the patient with high blood pressure without knowing the blood pressure

□ Similarly, we can not treat the patients with respiratory problems without knowing the lung function test [Spirometry]

