

Spirometric examination. Recording of forced vital capacity.

Spirometric examination



- *Tidal volume* (Vt) the volume of air that enters the lungs during each inspiration (or the volume that is exhaled during every expiration).
- Inspiratory reserve volume (IRV) the maximal amount of additional air that can be drawn into the lungs by determined effort after a normal inspiration at rest.

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- Expiratory reserve volume (ERV) the additional amount of air that can be exhaled from the lungs by determined effort after a normal expiration.
- Residual volume (RV) the volume of air still remaining in the lungs after the most forcible expiration possible.
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Lung capacity:

- VC = VT + IRV + ERV
- TLC = VC + VC
- FRC = ERV + RV
- IC = IRV + VT
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Changes in respiratory rate Chanes in respiratory depth

Eupnoe – resting respiration

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Bradypnoe – slow respiration

Tachypnoe – fast respiration



Hypopnoe – shallow respiration



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Dead space

Dead space represents the volume of ventilated

air that does not participate in gas exchange

- There are two types of dead space:



- Anatomical represented by the volume of air that fills the conducting zone of respiration made up by the nose, trachea, and bronchi (this volume is considered to be 30% of normal tidal volume (500 mL); therefore, the value of anatomic dead space is 150 mL)
- Physiologic or total dead space is equal to anatomic plus alveolar dead space which is the volume of air in the respiratory zone (respiratory bronchioles, alveolar duct, alveolar sac, and alveoli) that does not take part in gas exchange

- In a healthy adult physiologic dead space is equivalent to anatomical

Dinamic parameters

- Resting respiration:
 - Respiratory rate 10 18 breaths/min
 - Minute ventilation air volume at respiration per minute (Vt x respiration frequency) 5 - 9 l/min
- Maximum minute ventilation (MMV) the amount of air that can be ventilated at maximum effort (up to 160 I / min)
 - Ventilation is increased by increasing both respiration rate and depth f the respiration
- Respiratory reserve = maximum ventilation / restingventilation
- Parameters of forced vital capacity

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Dynamic lung volumes



- -FVC the maximum volume of air that can be exhaled after maximum inhale
- $-FEV_1$ the volume of air exhaled with the greatest effort in 1 second after maximum inhale

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Obstruction lung disease

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- (FVC=N; FEV₁= \downarrow ; T.I.= \downarrow)
- tracheal stenosis
- astma bronchiale
- CHOPN
- tumor

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Restrictive lung disease

 $(FVC=\downarrow; FEV_1=N/\downarrow; T.I.=N)$

- pulmonary fibrosis ascites
- lung resection
 kyphoscoliosis
- pulmonary edema burns

- Pulmonary etiology Extrapulmonary etiology
- pneumonia high diaphragm condition

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Maximal respiratory flow - volume curve

Principle: the measurement of the air flow velocity according to the speed of the turbine and the volumes are calculated (Cosmed).

- -PEF peek expiratory flow; the highest speed of air flow at peak of exhale
- MEF maximum expiratory flow rates at different FVC levels, which is still to be exhaled (75 %, 50 % and 25 % of FVC)



Pneumothorax

According to etiology:

- **traumatic** pneumothorax (due to an injury) occurs if the chest wall is perforated or during an injury of the esophagus, bronchi, and during rib fractures.
- **spontaneous** pneumothorax
- **primary** idiopathic pneumothorax (without any known cause) may occur in tall healthy young men with an incidence of pneumothoraxes in the family,
- secondary pneumothorax arises as a consequence of lung diseases (such as COPD or cystic fibrosis),
- iatrogenic pneumothorax (due to medical procedures) occurs during invasive medical examinations such as transparietal aspiration biopsy, subclavian vein catheterization, or mechanical ventilation with positive pressure.
- artificially induced (deliberate) pneumothorax is used during thoracoscopy, an endoscopic examination the thoracic cavity.

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- According to the communication of the pleural space with its surroundings

- open pneumothorax (when the hole in the pleural space remains open, the air in the pleural cavity moves back and forth with each breath of the patient)
- closed pneumothorax (when a small opening through which air enters the pleural cavity closes)
- valvular pneumothorax (the tissue of the lungs or the chest wall covers the hole in such a way that a valve emerges, this valve allows air to flow inside during inspiration, but it prevents the air from leaving the pleural cavity during exhalation).