

RESPTrec[®] adds new Spirometry Module!

Canadian and international consensus guidelines for the management of asthma and COPD call for routine use of spirometry for the diagnosis and appropriate management of these diseases. RESP Trec[®] launched Spiro Trec[®] in March of 2009.

The course learning objectives and curriculum outline have been established by a national expert committee with representation of key groups: Canadian Thoracic Society (CTS), Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals (CRHP), Family Physicians Airways Group of Canada (FPAGC) and various disciplines, in addition to expertise in: guidelines development, technical skills, teaching, and conducting spirometry.

The goal of the course is: To improve diagnosis and management of chronic respiratory diseases by increasing access to quality spirometry. The objective of the course is: To deliver a training course to teach individuals how to conduct quality spirometry including: knowledge of spirometers, understanding of the ATS/ERS standards for spirometry, quality control, patient instruction and basic interpretation of the results.

Participant criteria include:

- must confirm that they are working in an environment where they are performing spirometry on a regular basis; and
- work with or under the supervision of a physician(s) who is able to interpret the spirometry results.

The course will take 4 months to complete. The Course components include:

Pre-workshop distance learning: a Participant's manual and web-based component (instruction and pre-test)

Workshop: One-day hands-on workshop (workshops offered in various locations across the Canada)

Post-Workshop: Web-based test; submission of 5-10 spirometry tests per/month x 3 months; followed by a final web-based exam

Following successful completion of all the components, participants will be given a "certificate of completion". We are anticipating that participants will also be eligible to write an international spirometry certification examination.

Course fee is \$450 CAD per person. For program registration please visit www.resptrec.org. Registration questions may be directed to info@resptrec.org or contact Lori Kleiboer at 306-343-9640 ext 228. Additional workshop locations will be added in the near future.

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