PULMONARY FUNCTION CATEGORY LIST FOR PRIVATELY-OWNED FACILITIES (PHYSICIAN OFFICES, CLINICS)

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This list provides the fee items that are contained within the Pulmonary Function categories available to privately-owned facilities. For complete fee item descriptions, please refer to the Medical Services Commission's (MSC) Payment Schedule.

Note: All credentialing requirements referenced below reflect those established through the BC Medical Quality Initiative Privileging Dictionaries (for physicians privileged in a health authority facility) and accepted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC's Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) for physicians providing service solely in a community setting.

The following categories and/or fee items may be provided/billed by privately-owned facilities (physician offices, clinics) approved by the MSC's Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities to bill the Medical Services Plan (MSP):

CATEGORY I

00930 - Peak expiratory flow rate

*Category I fee may be provided and billed by any appropriately credentialed physician; no MSP approval required.

CATEGORY IIA – Includes Category I

00928 - Simple screening spirometry without bronchodilator 00929 - Spirometry - before and after bronchodilators 00930 - Peak expiratory flow rate

CATEGORY IIB – Includes Category I & IIA

- 00928 Simple screening spirometry without bronchodilator
- 00929 Spirometry before and after bronchodilators
- 00930 Peak expiratory flow rate
- 00933 Spirometry forced expiratory without bronchodilators professional fee
- 00934 Spirometry forced expiratory without bronchodilators technical fee
- 00935 Spirometry forced expiratory before and after professional fee
- 00936 Spirometry forced expiratory before and after technical fee

To provide Category IIA and IIB tests, the physician must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Be a registrant in the specialty class of respirology, pediatric respirology, occupational medicine, or clinical immunology and allergy; or

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- 2. Be a registrant of the specialty class of internal medicine, pediatrics, critical care medicine, or general/family practice class, AND has completed appropriate training reflective of the scope of the privileges requested to the satisfaction of the appropriate health authority or DAP committee if the physician is not privileged within any British Columbia health authority; or
- 3. Been approved for Spirometry by the DAP prior to January 1, 2011.

CATEGORY IVA – Flow Volume Loops

00937 - Flow volume loops without bronchodilators - professional fee 00938 - Flow volume loops without bronchodilators - technical fee 00940 - Flow volume loops before and after bronchodilators - professional fee 00941 - Flow volume loops before and after bronchodilators - technical fee

To provide Flow Volume Loops the physician must meet one of the following requirements:

- 1. Be a registrant in the specialty class of respirology, pediatric respirology, occupational medicine, or clinical immunology and allergy; or
- 2. Be a registrant of the specialty class of general internal medicine, pediatrics, critical care medicine, AND has completed appropriate training reflective of the scope of the practice requested to the satisfaction of the appropriate health authority or DAP committee if the physician is not privileged within any British Columbia health authority.

For further detail please see:

http://bcmqi.ca/credentialing-privileging/dictionaries/view-dictionaries