

PULMONARY FUNCTION CATEGORY LIST

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This list provides the fee items that are contained within the Pulmonary Function categories. The MSC Payment Schedule should be referenced for complete fee item descriptions.

Note: All credentialing requirements referenced below reflect those established through the BC Medical Quality Initiative (BCQMI) 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 for physicians providing service solely in a community setting.

Categories I*, IIA, IIB and IVA may be billed by private physician offices (or health authority facilities) approved to bill the Medical Services Plan.

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
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

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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 and/or all following Pulmonary Function 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
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>

All following categories may be provided/billed only by (health authority) hospital facilities approved to bill the Medical Services Plan.

CATEGORY III - Includes Category I, IIA, & IIB

00910 - Overnight home oximetry - professional fee

00911 - Overnight home oximetry - technical fee

00928 - Simple screening spirometry without bronchodilator

00929 - Spirometry - before and after bronchodilators

00930 - Peak expiratory flow rate

00931 - Lung volumes - professional fee

00932 - Lung volumes - technical fee

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

00942 - Diffusion studies with carbon monoxide - professional fee

00943 - Diffusion studies with carbon monoxide - technical fee

00945 - Pulmonary function studies - detailed - professional fee

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00946 - Pulmonary function studies - detailed - technical fee

CATEGORY IVB – Exercise Studies

00950 - Progressive exercise test - professional fee

00951 - Progressive exercise test - technical fee

00954 - Exercise in a steady state - professional fee

00955 - Exercise in a steady state - technical fee

00956 - Exercise in a steady state - AA gradients - professional fee

00957 - Exercise in a steady state - AA gradients - technical fee

CATEGORY IVC – Exercise Induced Asthma

00958 - Exercise Induced Asthma - professional fee

00959 - Exercise Induced Asthma - technical fee

CATEGORY IVD – Inhalation Challenge

00968 - Inhalation Challenge - professional fee

00969 - Inhalation Challenge - technical fee

CATEGORY IVE – C02/02 Responsiveness

00972 - C02/02 Responsiveness of respiratory centers - professional fee

00973 - C02/02 Responsiveness of respiratory centers - technical fee

CATEGORY IVF – Plethysmography

00964 - Plethysmography and airway resistance - professional fee

00965 - Plethysmography and airway resistance - technical fee

CATEGORY IVH – Precipitin Tests

00970 - Precipitin Tests - professional fee

00971 - Precipitin Tests - technical fee

CATEGORY IVI – Oximetry

11960 - Oximetry at rest, with or without Oxygen – professional fee

11961 – Oximetry at rest, with or without Oxygen – technical fee

11962 – Oximetry at rest and exercise, with or without Oxygen – professional fee

11963 – Oximetry at rest and exercise, with or without Oxygen – technical fee

CATEGORY IVK – Inspiratory & Expiratory Muscle Strength

00974 - Inspiratory & Expiratory Muscle Strength - professional fee

00975 - Inspiratory & Expiratory Muscle Strength - technical fee