**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Lung function tests**

Roaming across the internet I came across your very complete and well-done site. To my knowledge lung function tests are still frequently carried out by people who have received little training, and many of them do not have access to vital information relating to quality assurance and the like. I have recently been responsible, with Dr. Paul Enright, for the quality control in a worldwide clinical trial, and alas, it was obvious that in many laboratories the quality of spirometry was not up to standards. I have been very much engaged in the field of promoting good quality of spirometric tests, and I am the author of extensively used and cited reports issued by the European Respiratory Society\(^1\), and have also contributed to reports by the American Thoracic Society\(^2\). With Prof. Tammeling I am also author of "Contours of Breathing", which was distributed by Boehringer Ingelheim\(^3\) and, I am told, still used for educational purposes. Arising from this background maybe you are interested to know that I have started a site (www.spirxpert.com) where I provide extensive information about spirometry, the (patho)physiological backgrounds, how to perform tests, bronchodilatation, interpretation of test results, etc. It also include the paediatric age range. If you wish you can provide a link on your site (How to perform, assess and interpret spirometry: www.spirxpert.com). I have no commercial interests, the site is accessible for free to anyone.

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