



Specific challenge testing for occupational asthma: revised handbook

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Specific inhalation challenge is considered a reference standard in the diagnosis of occupational asthma. An updated handbook of challenge techniques for a large number of sensitising agents from 11 European centres is now available. <http://bit.ly/2XVpW1P>

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When undertaken carefully, and in experienced hands, specific inhalation challenge (SIC) testing is widely considered to be the reference standard in the diagnosis of occupational asthma. In 2013 the European Respiratory Society commissioned a pan-European task force to produce standards for the conduct and interpretation of SIC with the aim of sharing expertise among those centres who offer the service and with centres who wish to develop a new service. The findings and recommendations of the taskforce were published in the *European Respiratory Journal* [1].