



The puzzles of lung function interpretation

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It is time to open a frank discussion about important discrepancies between lung function and clinical documents on respiratory diseases <https://bit.ly/3VJeMLY>

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To the Editor:

The publication of the recent European Respiratory Society/American Thoracic Society technical document on lung function interpretation [1] marks a fundamental step in respiratory medicine that consolidates the scientific work initiated in 1983 and regularly updated over the following years up to the present. Briefly, the new document [1], along with the analogous document from 2005 [2], are grounded on objective scientific principles that remove opinion-based sources of bias in the analysis and interpretation of the data. As in other medical disciplines, this is a prerequisite for optimising the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, planning robust clinical trials, implementing health policy and containing healthcare costs. Recognition of this service all over the world is a marker of the top quality of the commitment of the European Respiratory Society to respiratory medicine.