

1-The inspiratory flow-volume curve is most valuable for:

- A. Detecting fixed upper airway obstruction.
- B. Measuring the response to bronchodilator drugs.
- C. Differentiating between chronic bronchitis and emphysema.
- D. Detecting resistance in small peripheral airways.
- E. Detecting fatigue of the diaphragm.

2- Concerning the single-breath nitrogen test:

- A. It is usually normal in mild COPD.
- B. The slope of phase 3 is increased in chronic bronchitis.
- C. In phase 3, well-ventilated units empty last.
- D. In normal subjects, the last expired gas comes from the base of the lung.
- E. The expiratory flow rate should be as fast as possible.

3-The closing volume as measured from the single-breath N₂ test:

- A. Decreases with age.
- B. Is highly reproducible.
- C. Is affected by the small, peripheral airways.
- D. Is most informative in patients with severe lung disease.
- E. Is normal in mild COPD.

4- A 72-year-old woman who is a heavy smoker complains of worsening dyspnea and a productive cough over a 9-month period. Spirometry shows an FEV₁ 1.1 liters, an FVC 2.8 liters, and an FEV₁/FVC ratio of 0.39. Which of the following mechanisms best accounts for the results of these tests?

- A. Decreased lung compliance
- B. Dynamic compression of the airways
- C. Increased radial traction on the airways
- D. Increased thickness of the blood-gas barrier
- E. Weakness of the diaphragm

5- A 61-year-old man with a 30-pack-year history of smoking complains of worsening dyspnea and a dry cough over a 6-month period. Spirometry shows an FEV₁ of 1.9 liters, an FVC of 2.2 liters, and an FEV₁/FVC ratio of 0.86. Which of the following diseases is consistent with this presentation?

- A. Asthma
- B. Chronic bronchitis
- C. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- D. Pulmonary fibrosis
- E. Pulmonary hypertension