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Indications and ICD-9 Codes For Spirometry

Spirometry has been used extensively to measure lung function capability and to recognize and treat many diseases associated with the impairment of healthy lung functions. Spirometry today provides great insight into the status of any person's health.

Generally speaking, spirometry is a simple diagnostic tool used to define a subject's lung condition. The major indications for spirometry are:

- ✓ Dyspnea (shortness of breath)
- ✓ Exercise induced coughing
- ✓ Chest tightness
- ✓ Smokers over 45 years of age (NLHEP recommendations)
- ✓ Obesity
- ✓ Pre-operative testing
- ✓ Occupational exposure to dust and/or chemicals
- ✓ Ongoing assessment of patients receiving bronchodilator treatments
- ✓ Determination and/or documentation of pulmonary disability
- ✓ Asthma diagnosis
- ✓ Pre-existing pulmonary disease
- ✓ Frequent colds
- ✓ Assessment of congestive heart failure

ICD-9 Codes for Spirometry	
Diagnosis	ICD-9-CM Codes
Smokers over 40	491.0
Shortness of Breath	518.82
Chronic Cough	464.4, 493.9
Frequent Coughs	460 or 465, 465.0, 465.8, 465.9
Allergic Rhinitis	477, 477.0, 477.8, 477.9
Occupational Exposure to Dust or Chemicals	506, 506.0, 506.1, 506.2, 506.3, 506.4, 506.9
Scoliosis	737, 737.0, 737.1, 737.10, 737.11, 737.12, 737.19, 737.2, 737.20, 737.21, 737.22, 737.29, 737.3, 737.30, 737.31, 737.32, 737.33, 737.34, 737.39, 737.4, 737.40, 737.41, 737.42, 737.43, 737.8, 737.9
Pigeon Chest	738.3, 754.82
Barrel Chest	783.3
Diagnosis of Asthma	493, 493.0, 493.1, 493.2, 493.9
Diagnosis of Bronchitis	491, 491.0, 491.1, 491.2, 491.8, 491.9
Diagnosis of other COPD	496
Pre-Operative Evaluation	518.5
Wheezing	786.09
High Risk Medication	V58.69