



## **Pulmonary Function Laboratory Scheduling Instruction Sheet**

The Pulmonary Function Laboratory is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. The last appointment is taken at 1. Evening and weekend hours may be available upon request.

Patients should follow these instructions prior to testing:

- Do not take any breathing medications four hours prior to testing.
- Do not ingest any caffeine six hours prior to testing.
- If a patient smokes, smoking should be stopped 24 hours prior to testing.

A complete pulmonary function test takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. An additional 45 minutes is needed to complete a Methacholine Challenge. Arterial blood gas takes approximately 30 minutes.

Testing provided by the laboratory includes:

1. Spirometry
  - a. With Bronchodilator
  - b. Without Bronchodilator
2. Lung Volumes
3. Diffusion Capacity
4. Rest and Exercise Oximetry
5. Home Oxygen Evaluation
6. Arterial Blood Gas
7. Methacholine Challenge (must be scheduled with the department at least 24 hours in advance)

All requests for reports should be made to **(773) 564-5640**. Patients are instructed to leave their name, number, fax number of requesting physician, and date of testing on voicemail.

### **Additional Information:**

Reports are delivered to the ordering physician in three to five business days.