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QUESTION 1

A patient\\'s vital capacity is slightly reduced, the FEWFVC is normal, and the uncorrected DLco is increased. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?

A. diffuse pulmonary fibrosis

B. diaphragmatic hemiparesis

C. kyphoscoliosis

D. polycythemia vera

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 2

During a linearity check of a flow sensor in a plethysmograph with a 3-liter calibration syringe, a pulmonary function technologist observes the following:

	Low	Medium	High
Volume (L)	2.99	3.01	3.06
Flow (L/sec)	1.60	4.50	8.10

Which of the following should the technologist do?

A. Perform an additional flow check at 10 L/sec.

B. Look for an obstruction in the flow sensor.

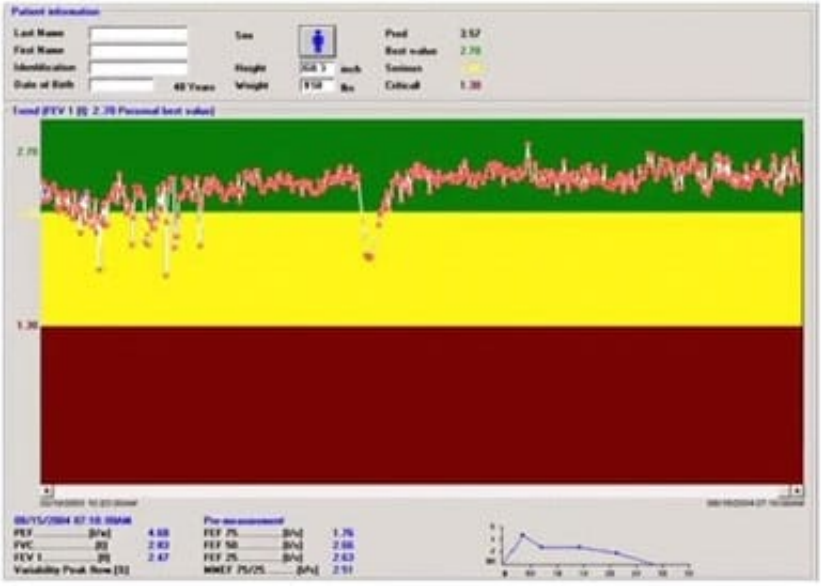
C. Record these results and begin testing.

D. Recalibrate and repeat the linearity check.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 3

A pulmonary function technologist reviews the following home monitoring spirometry results:



According to National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) guidelines, what feedback should the technologist give to the patient regarding test performance?

A. Ask the patient to blow out longer.

B. Encourage the patient to continue testing and monitoring the FEW

C. Ask the patient to recalibrate the spirometer.

D. Come into the office for further instructions on proper testing technique.

Correct Answer: B

QUESTION 4

Prior to an exercise study, a pulmonary function technologist finds that the patient\\'s RER is 1.13. Which of the following best explains this finding?

A. Carbohydrate metabolism

B. Protein metabolism

C. Hypoventilation

D. Hyperventilation

Correct Answer: D

QUESTION 5

The following results are obtained from an adult patient:

R_{aw}	1.00 cm H_2O/L/sec
V_{TG}	4.00 L
SG_{aw}	0.25 L/sec/cm H_2O/L

Which of the following is the best interpretation of these values?

A. Small airway disease

B. Normal values

C. Combined obstruction/restriction

D. Airways obstruction

Correct Answer: A