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Investigation

Some assessment of the pulmonary function is required, not only to assess the response to treatment. A few practitioners have invented a spirometer to measure forced expiratory volume and forced vital capacity... I have seen him with a PEF of 750 (his normal value).

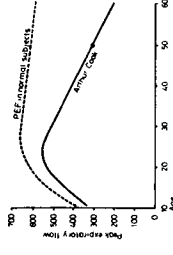


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Disease progress

The history of a patient with chronic bronchitis is usually a stereotyped one, the first recognisable symptom being a chronic cough. This is followed by a latent period that may last many years, during which there is gradual and progressive airway narrowing... I have seen him with a PEF of 750 (his normal value).

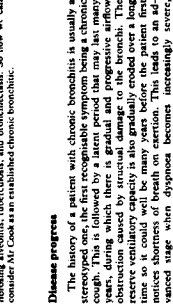


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Records

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