

# PULMONARY FUNCTION TEST



**Appointment Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION:** Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Canton

**DEPARTMENT:** Pulmonary Function Lab

## SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

A Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) is an evaluation of lung function. The results are used by a doctor to look for the presence of lung disease or abnormal lung function. PFT results can also be used to assess the extent of abnormalities and disease progression.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

You will sit in a chair and be instructed by a respiratory care practitioner to breathe in different ways into a mouthpiece during the test. The test is painless, but you could feel a little lightheaded during the test.

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Dress in comfortable clothes.
- If you are on any inhalers or nebulized medication, please do not use them for at least four hours before your appointment.*** You should take your other medication unless instructed otherwise by your doctor.
- You may eat and drink as usual.

**LENGTH OF EXAM:** Plan on spending about one hour at the hospital for the PFT.

**AFTER THE EXAM:** You may eat and resume your normal activities.

## QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call 330-363-3937 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

## **SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION**

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

## **HOSPITAL PARKING**

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Deck parking is available on 7<sup>th</sup> Street for a fee, based on your length of stay.

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT (MAIN HOSPITAL)**

The Pulmonary Function Lab (7<sup>th</sup> Street parking deck is the closest parking) is located in the Main Hospital on the third floor. From the main hospital lobby, take the lobby elevators to the third floor and then follow the signs.