



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

# Position Statement

## Mobile Community Spirometry

### DETAILS

**Department/program:** Diagnostic Accreditation Program

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### PURPOSE

Position statements from the College provide background information and express or clarify the College's intent on a particular matter. They are intended as guidance for stakeholders in areas where events are evolving or changing, the implementation of processes and procedures may be premature, the implementation of a guideline or standard may not be necessary, another credible body (e.g. professional association) has already established guidelines or standards, or it is timely to communicate the College's broad intent before or as policies and procedures are developed.

This document addresses the provision of mobile community spirometry services.

### BACKGROUND

An accredited pulmonary function laboratory requested that the Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) allow mobile community spirometry services in rural health-care facilities to support the Ministry of Health's initiative for greater access to spirometry in these areas.

### POSITION

The DAP's position is that mobile community spirometry may be provided under the following conditions:

- The primary facility is a pulmonary function facility accredited by the DAP.
- The primary facility is responsible for:
  - The maintenance and storage of the mobile spirometers.
  - Participation in the DAP Quality Control (QC) program:
    - All interpreting physicians must participate in the QC program by submitting the required number of cases bi-annually.
    - Data for each spirometer and bio QC subject must be included in the submission.
- The primary facility has an accreditation certificate for mobile spirometry that includes all the facility addresses included in the service.

- All mobile sites must be health-care facilities.

## **CONTACT**

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