



College Connector submission from DAP

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Pulmonary Function Level 2 (Spirometry) Accreditation Awards

Since 2014, spirometry facilities in BC have participated in a quality control (QC) program coordinated by the Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP). The calibration, linearity, biological quality control (Bio QC) data, and interpreted cases that are submitted twice each year are anonymized and sent to spirometry consultants for independent assessment. The expert feedback is reported back to the submitting facility to support ongoing quality improvement.

We have seen continuous improvement throughout the course of these last few years and we commend the BC spirometry community for its great work. In fact, the BC program has been profiled at international conferences (including the American Thoracic Society and European Respiratory Society) and is identified as an exemplary model for a spirometry QC program.

While the DAP has historically provided accreditation awards to level 3 pulmonary function facilities as a result of on-site assessments, the same was not true for level 2 pulmonary function facilities that only performed spirometry testing. We are delighted to report that the DAP Committee has approved accreditation awards to all level 2 pulmonary function facilities that successfully comply with the provincial spirometry QC program performance requirements. The accreditation certificates will be issued in October this year and renewed every 4 years automatically with continued successful participation in the program.

We congratulate our diagnostic spirometry community for their focus on quality!