



PULMONARY DISEASES • SLEEP MEDICINE • LUNG HEALTH

Pulmonary Function Test and Arterial Blood Gas (ABG)

Dr. Orjioke has instructed you to attend a pulmonary function test with/without an arterial blood gas on behalf of your health. The purpose of the pulmonary function testing is to identify the severity of any lung impairment. Pulmonary function tests are a group of tests designed to measure how well the lungs take in and release air. It also tests the strength and volumes of each breath. This test will help the doctor determine the best therapeutic treatment for your lung problem(s).

- Pulmonary function tests are done to:
- Diagnose certain types of lung diseases such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema
- Determine the cause of shortness of breath
- Measure whether exposure to chemicals at work or at home has affected your lung function
- Assess the effect of respiratory medication
- Measure the progression of lung disease and its therapeutic treatments
- Check lung function before surgery

An arterial blood gas (ABGs) is a diagnostic test performed on blood taken from an artery which contains oxygen and carbon dioxide. This blood measure how well the lungs can provide adequate oxygen to the body and subsequently remove carbon dioxide. A needle stick will be performed in order to obtain the blood sample.

Do not take your respiratory medications 4 hours before the breathing test.

There will be a \$25.00 charge for all no show patients. We are asking for you to please give us a courtesy call 24 hours in advance if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment. To confirm, reschedule, or cancel any scheduled appointment, please call our office at (404)323-6608. Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

Signature _____ Date: _____