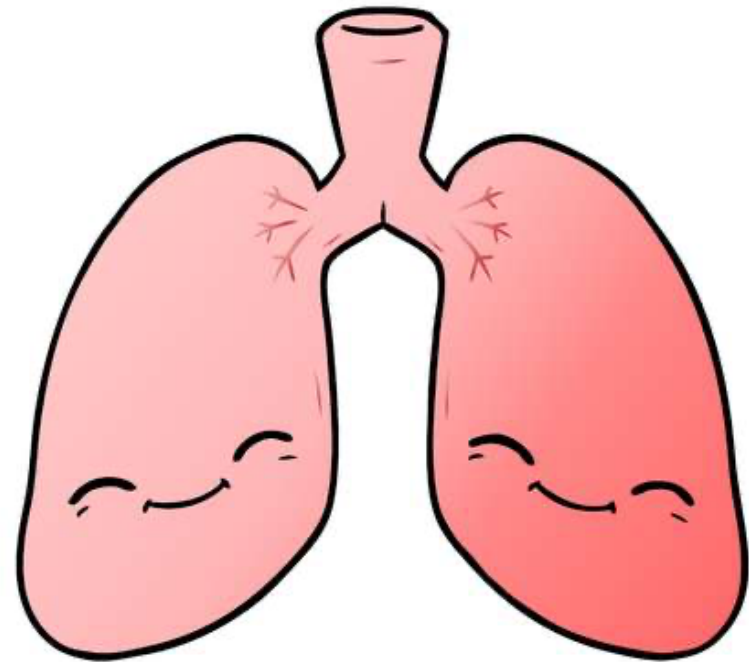


Respiratory
with Naomi
and
Savannah



The plan



The basics of respiratory conditions



Investigations

History
Examination
Peak flow
ABG
CXR

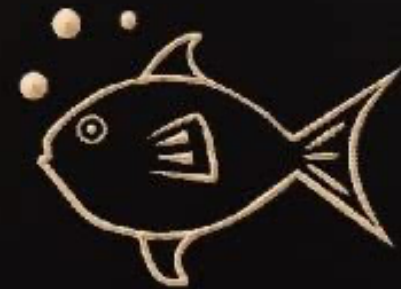


Key conditions to know!

Suggested take
home/approach

- Use as guide
- Take what you want from it
- Find your style of learning

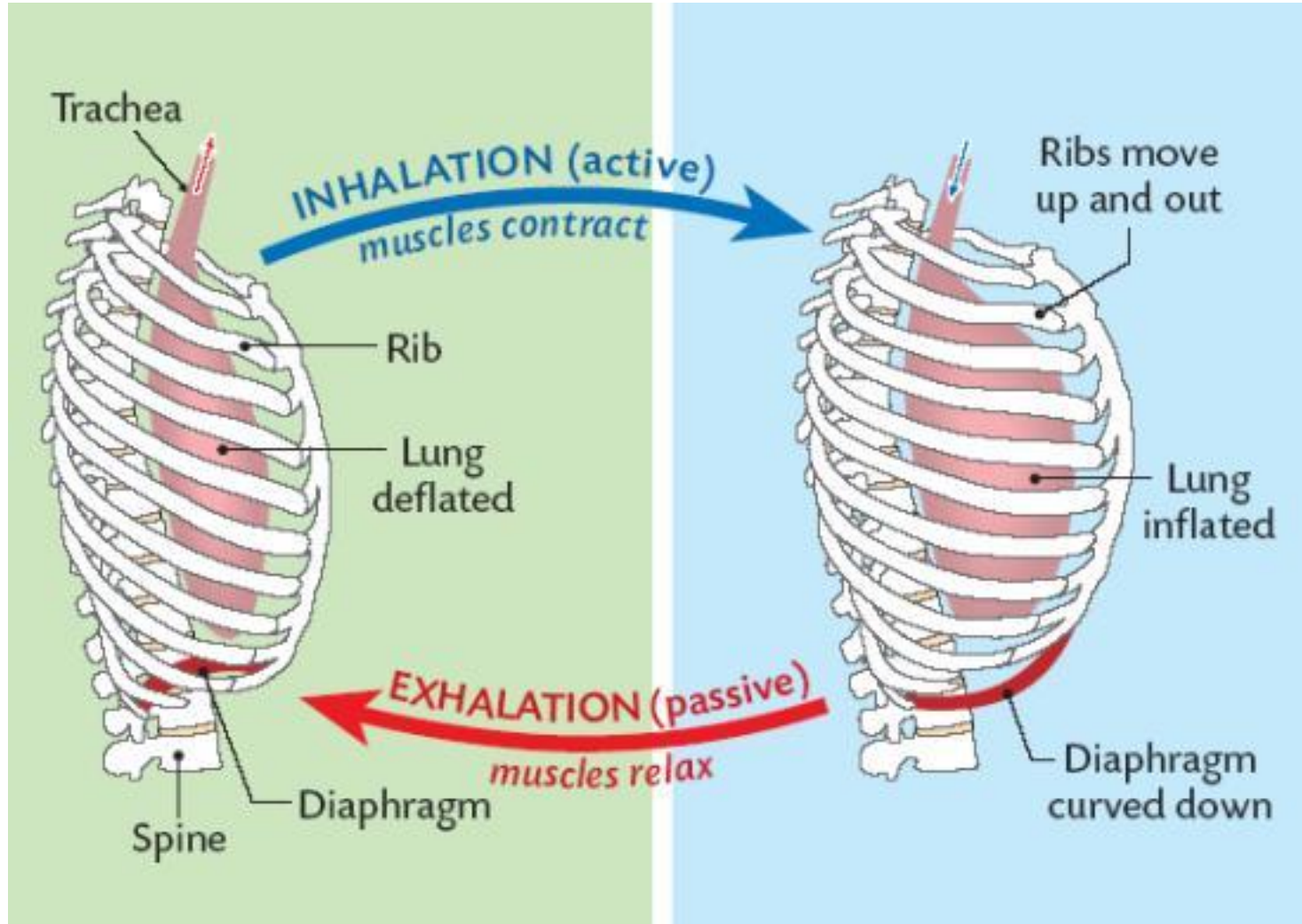
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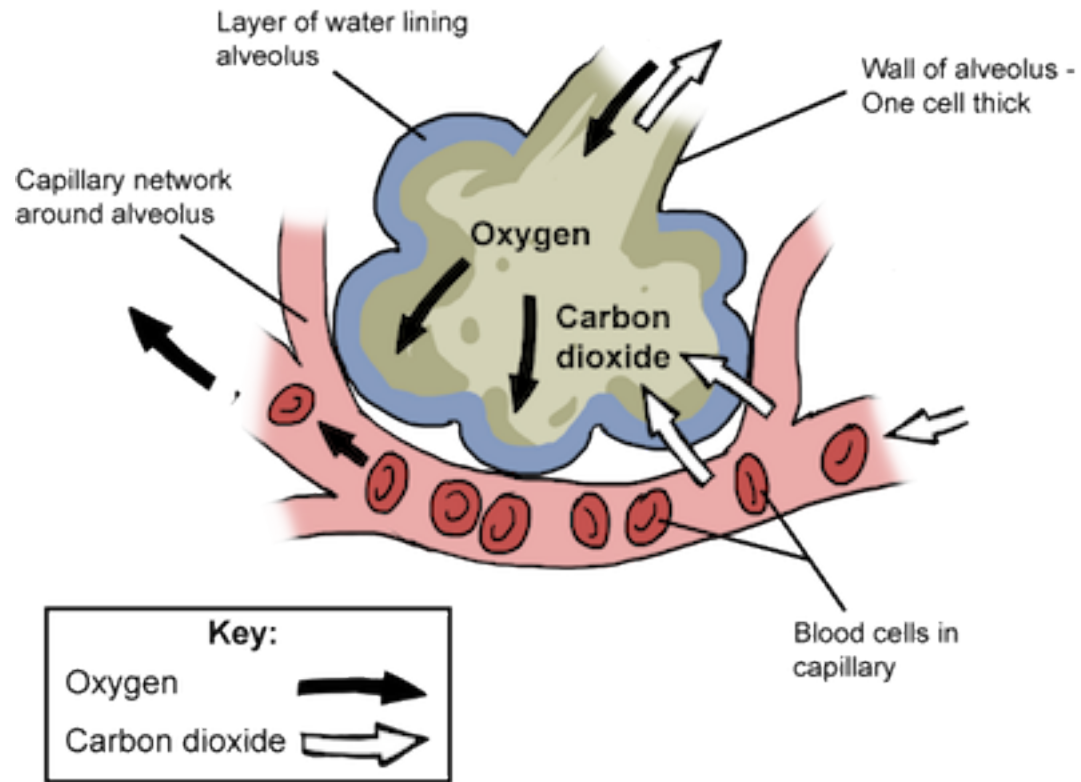


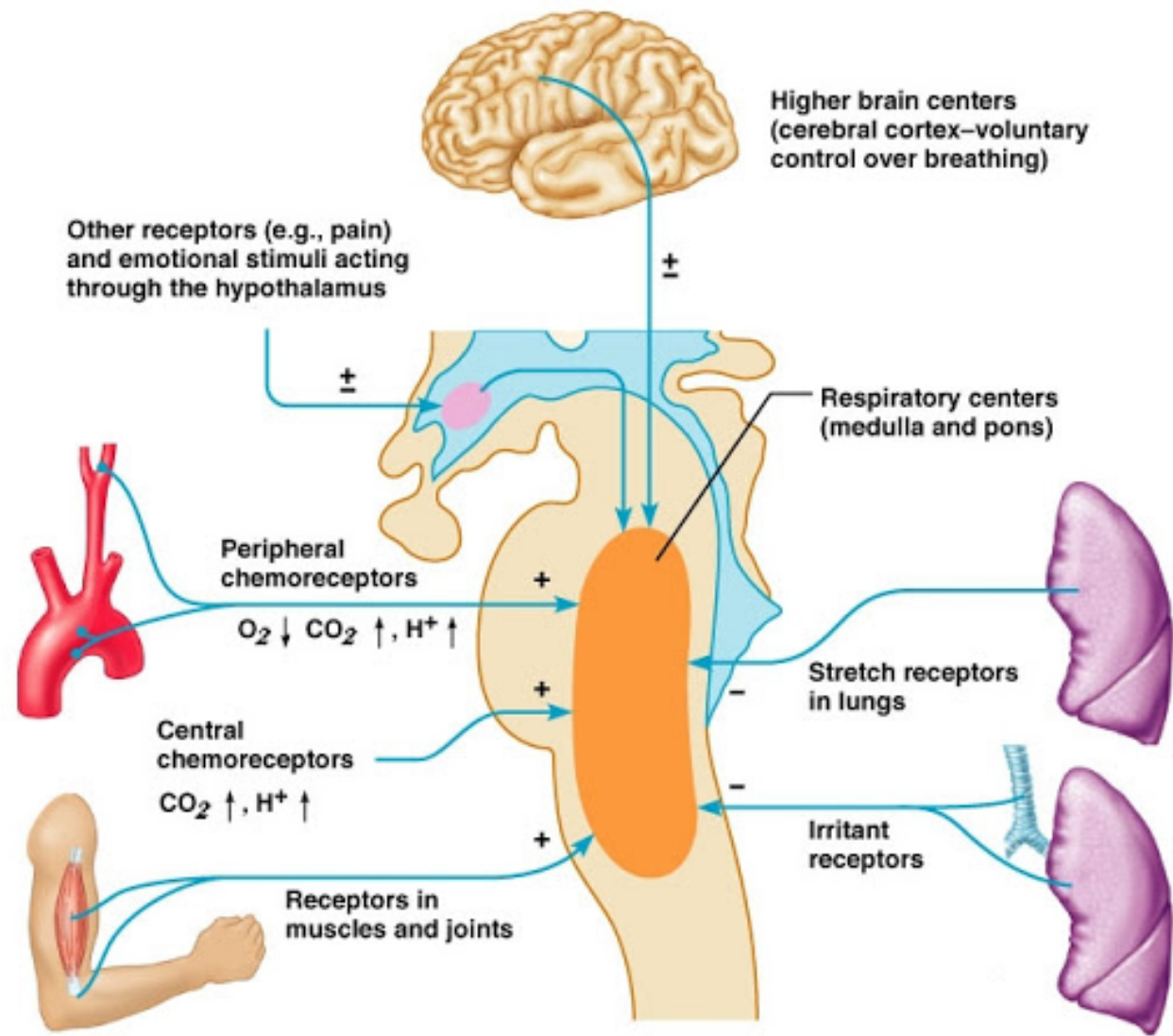
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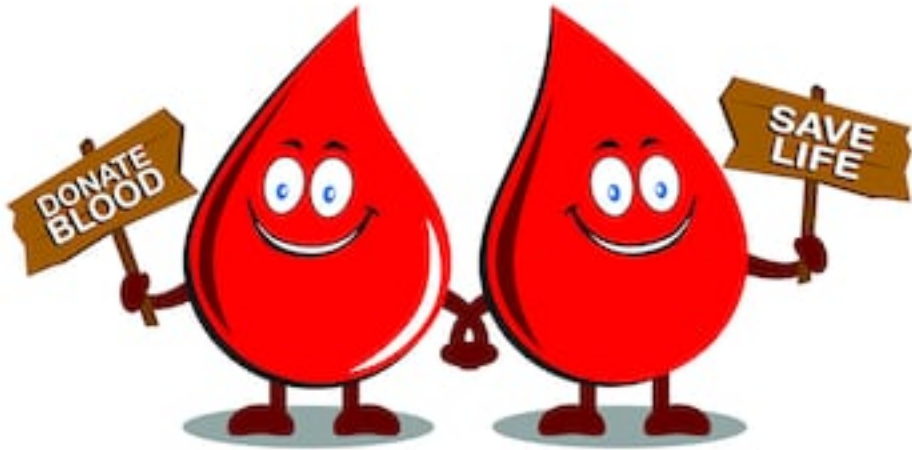
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Other bits to think of ...



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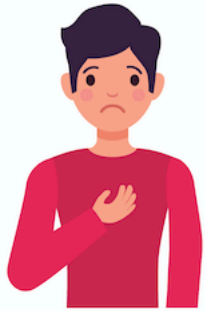


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A patient presenting with a respiratory problem...



Wheezing



Cough



Shortness of Breath



Common Cold



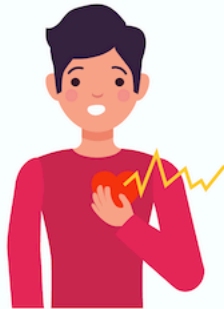
Chest Pain



Night Cough



Difficulty Breathing



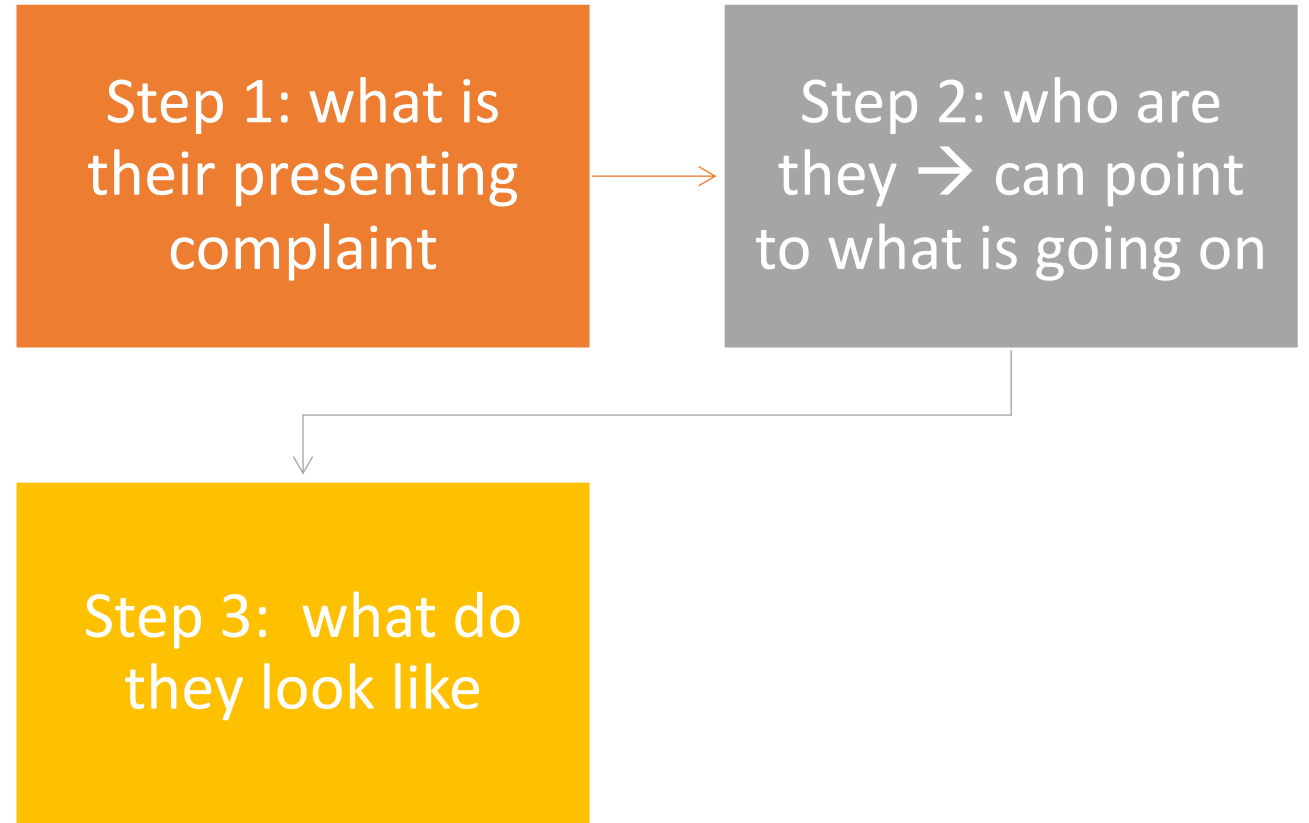
Tachycardia



Dyspnea



Find how your
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Examination findings



Peripheral cyanosis



Tar staining

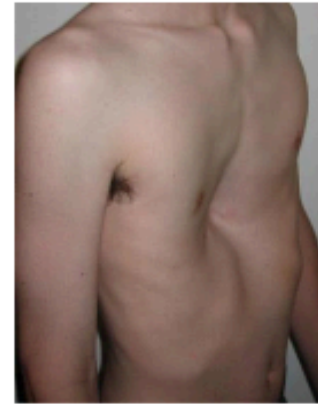


Nail clubbing

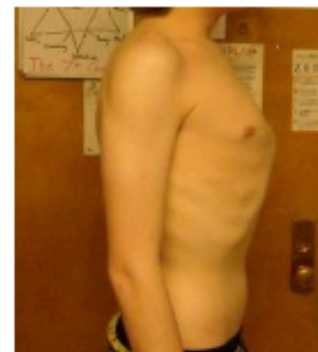


Horner's syndrome: ptosis, miosis, anhidrosis

Nautiyal A, Singh S, D'Salle M, O'Sullivan J (2005) Painful Horner Syndrome as a Harbinger of Silent Carotid Dissection. *PLoS Med* 2(2): e15 doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.0020019



Pectus excavatum: sunken chest. May be congenital or develop at puberty



Pectus carinatum: protrusion of sternum. May be congenital, post-surgical or develop at puberty



Peak Expiratory Flow Rate

- Measures how fast you can breathe out after you've taken a full breath in
- Measured with peak flow meter – in L/min

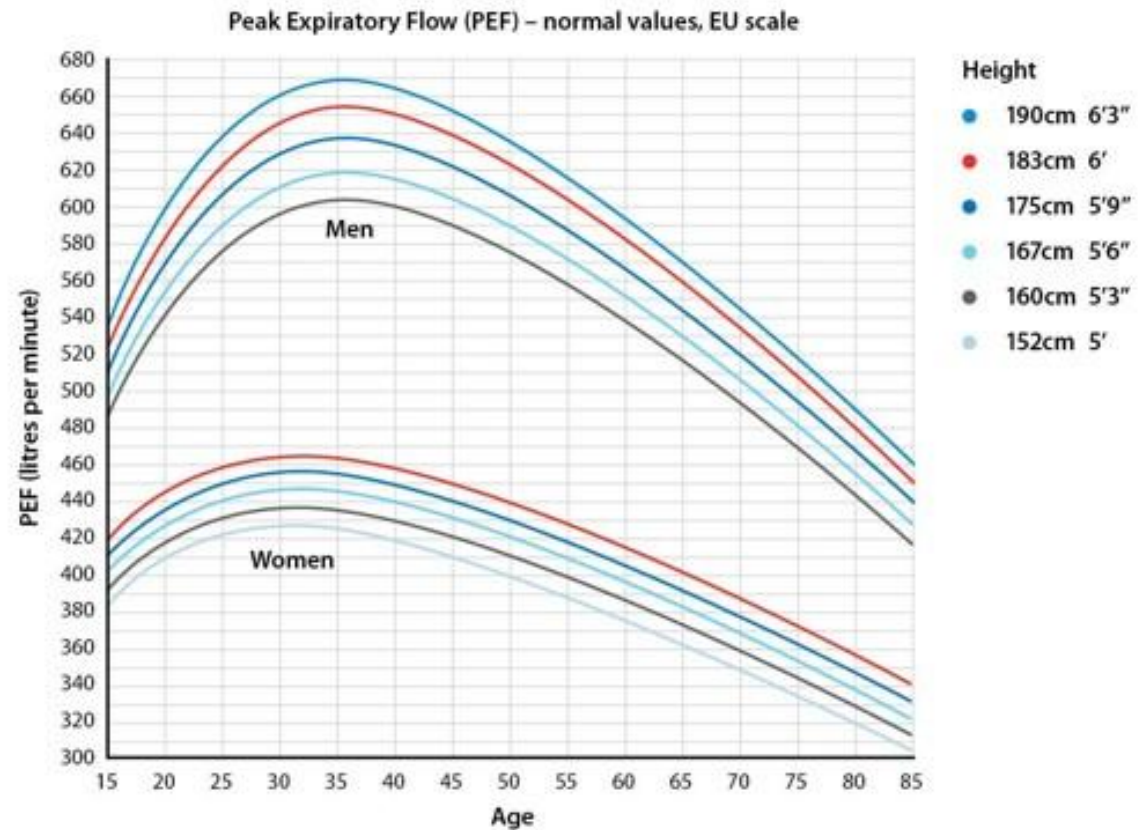
How to use:

- Deep breathe in
- Tight seal
- Short, fast blow
- Best of 3



How To Interpret PEFR

- Predicted values are dependent on sex, age, height and ethnicity
- Asthma and COPD
 - Spirometry
 - Reversibility testing



Respiratory failure

- Type 1 = 1 problem (hypoxaemia $P_{aO_2} < 8\text{kPa}$)
- Type 2 = 2 problems (hypoxaemia AND hypercapnia $P_{aCO_2} > 6\text{kPa}$)

Type 1 → V/Q mismatch – the ventilation does not match perfusion

Air in not matched with blood flow

2 possible causes... an air problem (bronchoconstriction) OR a perfusion problem (PE)

Type 2 → Hypoventilation

Breathing is not good overall...

Can be due to obstruction, restriction, neuromuscular, central

Type 1 Pulmonary		Type 2 Extrapulmonary	
Disorder	Disease (Ex.)	Disorder	Disease (Ex.)
Alveolar hypoventilation	Pneumonia ARDS Pulmonary edema	Central	Coma Intracerebral hemorrhage
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Perfusion	Pulmonary embolism	Obstruction	COPD Asthma
		Restriction	Pulmonary fibrosis Pneumothorax
Type 3 Combined disorder			

Table 2: Types of respiratory insufficiency, modified from [1]

Interpreting ABGs

- Look at the pH
- Look at the CO₂
- *Is it a respiratory problem? I.e. is something wrong with the CO₂ and does this match what is happening with the pH*
- *Or is the CO₂ normal/not matching the pH*
- Look at the HCO₃⁻
- Is there compensation

Its not always this simple... check out [Geekymedics](#) for more information

	pH	CO ₂	HCO ₃ ⁻
Respiratory acidosis	↓	↑	Normal
Respiratory alkalosis	↑	↓	Normal
Respiratory acidosis with metabolic compensation	↓ / ↔	↑	↑
Respiratory alkalosis with metabolic compensation	↑ / ↔	↓	↓

	pH	HCO ₃ ⁻	CO ₂
Metabolic acidosis	↓	↓	Normal
Metabolic alkalosis	↑	↑	Normal
Metabolic acidosis with respiratory compensation	↓	↓	↓
Metabolic alkalosis with respiratory compensation	↑	↑	↑

Example ABG ninja question... Whats going on here?

Test	Value	Normals
pH:	7.30	7.35-7.45
PaCO ₂ :	29 mmHg	35-45 mmHg
[HCO ₃ ⁻]:	14 mEq/L	22-26 mEq/L

Test	Value	Normals	Analysis
pH:	7.30	7.35-7.45	Acidotic (low): Overall state is (still) an acidosis
PaCO ₂ :	29 mmHg	35-45 mmHg	Alkalotic (low): CO ₂ tension is low (respiratory alkalosis)
[HCO ₃ ⁻]:	14 mEq/L	22-26 mEq/L	Acidotic (low): HCO ₃ ⁻ concentration is low (metabolic acidosis)

How To Interpret A CXR

- Confirm details
 - Patient identifiers
 - Date and time of film
 - Previous imaging for comparison
- Assess the image quality - **RIPE**
 - **R**otation
 - **I**nspiration
 - **P**rojection
 - **E**xposure

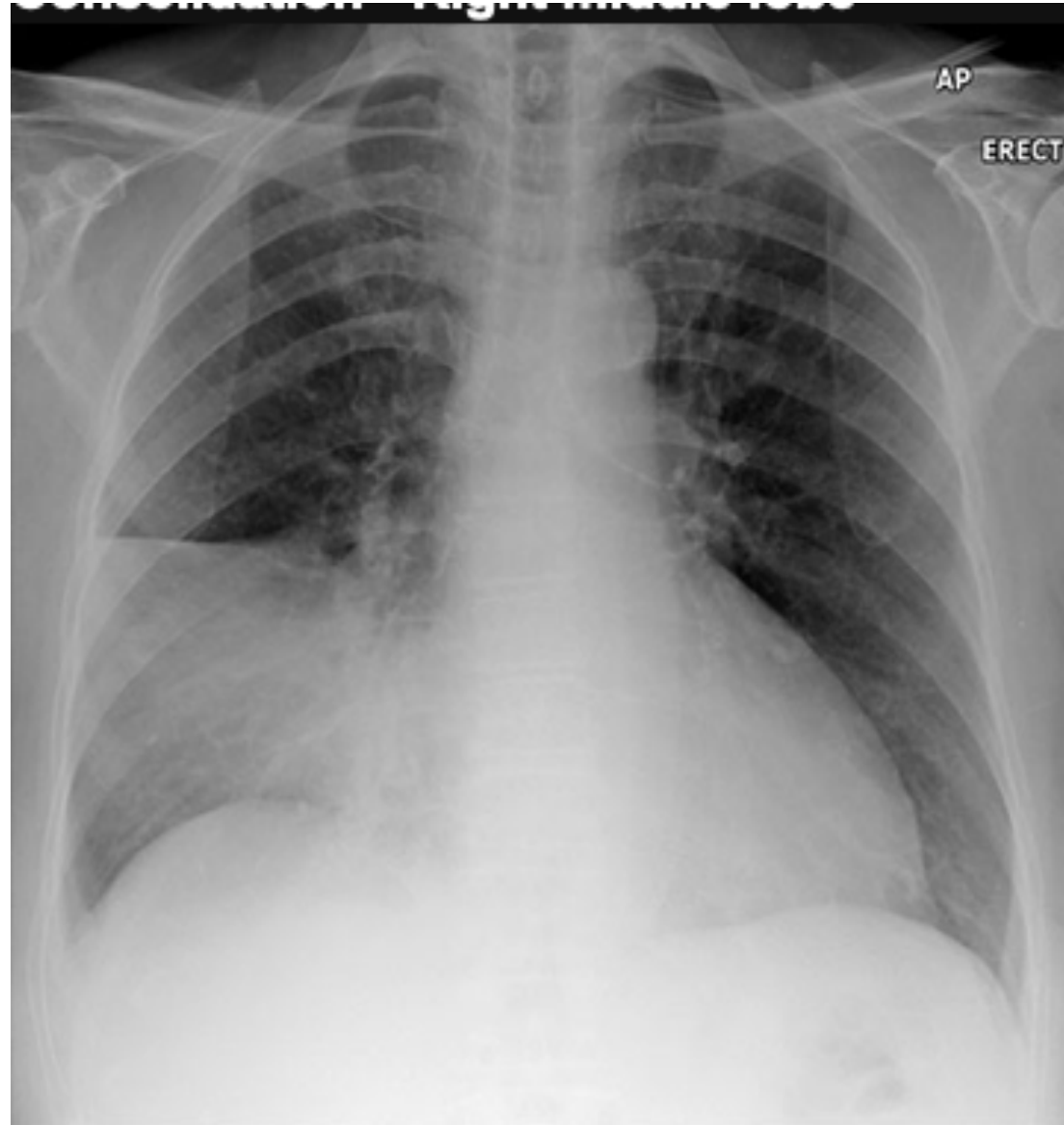


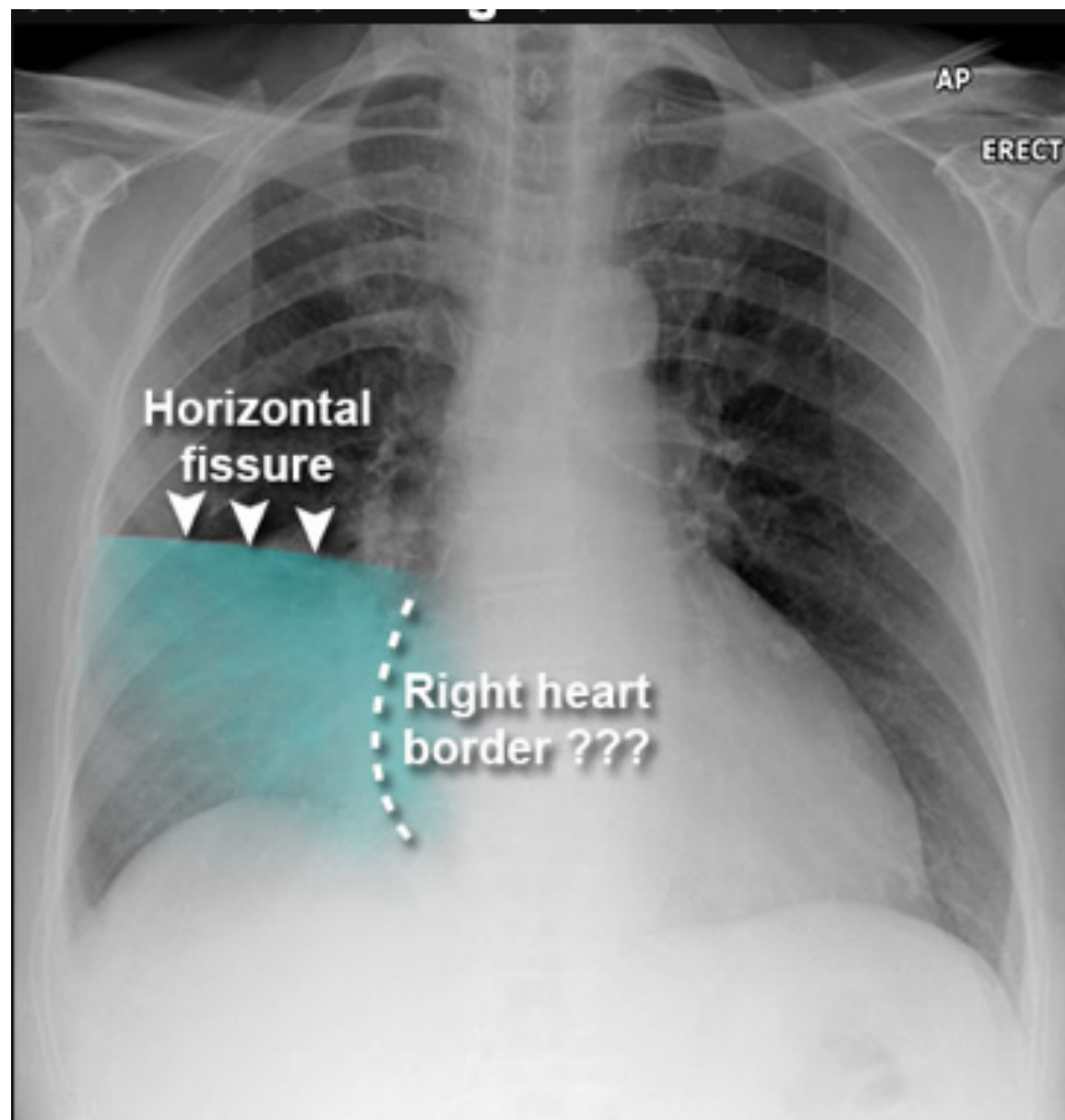
ABCDE approach

- Airway
 - Tracheal deviation
 - Carina and bronchi
 - Hilar structures
- Breathing
 - Lungs and pleura
- Cardiac
 - Size and borders
- Diaphragm
 - Costophrenic angles
- Everything else
 - Bones, soft tissues, tubes, valves etc

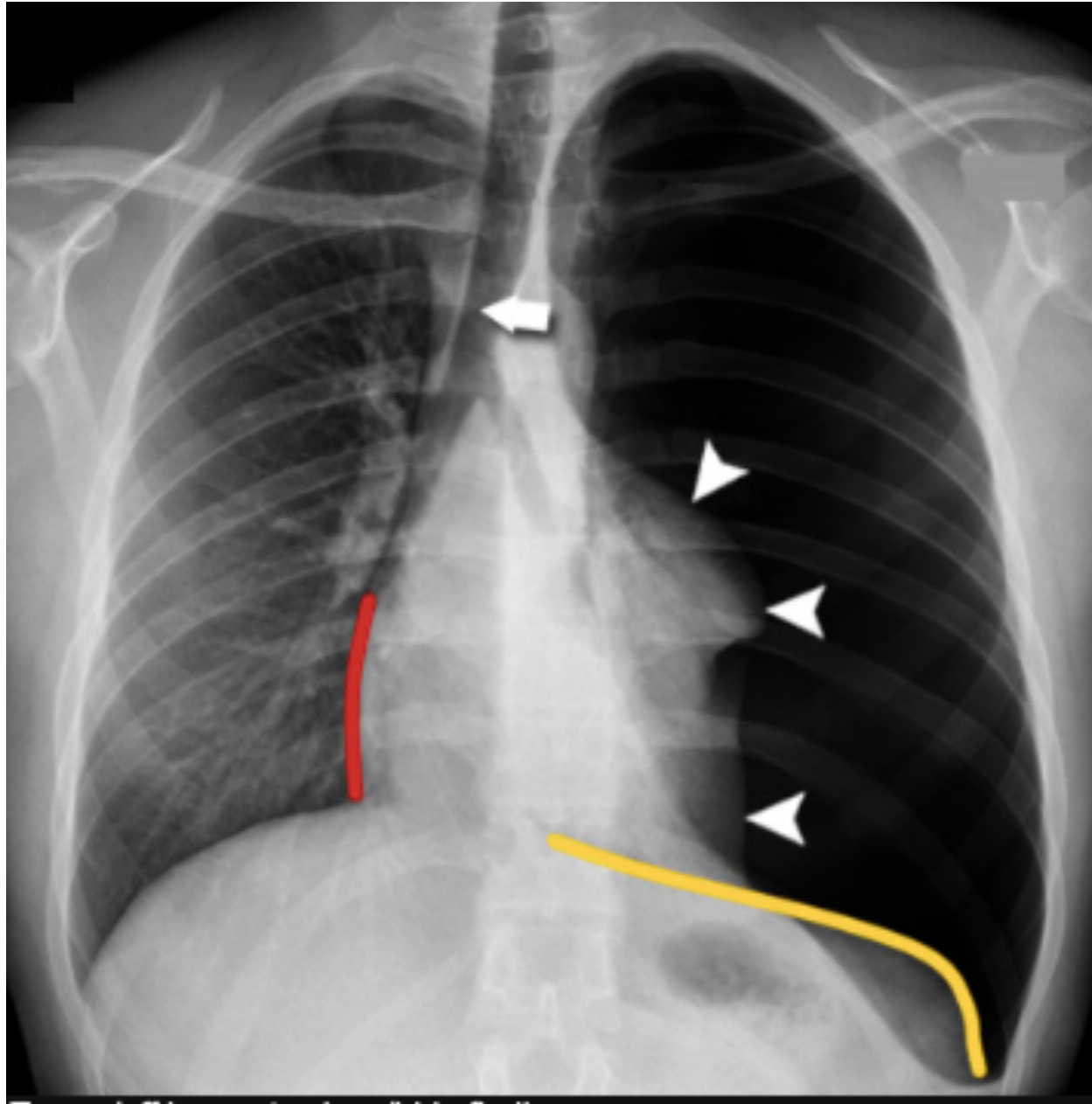


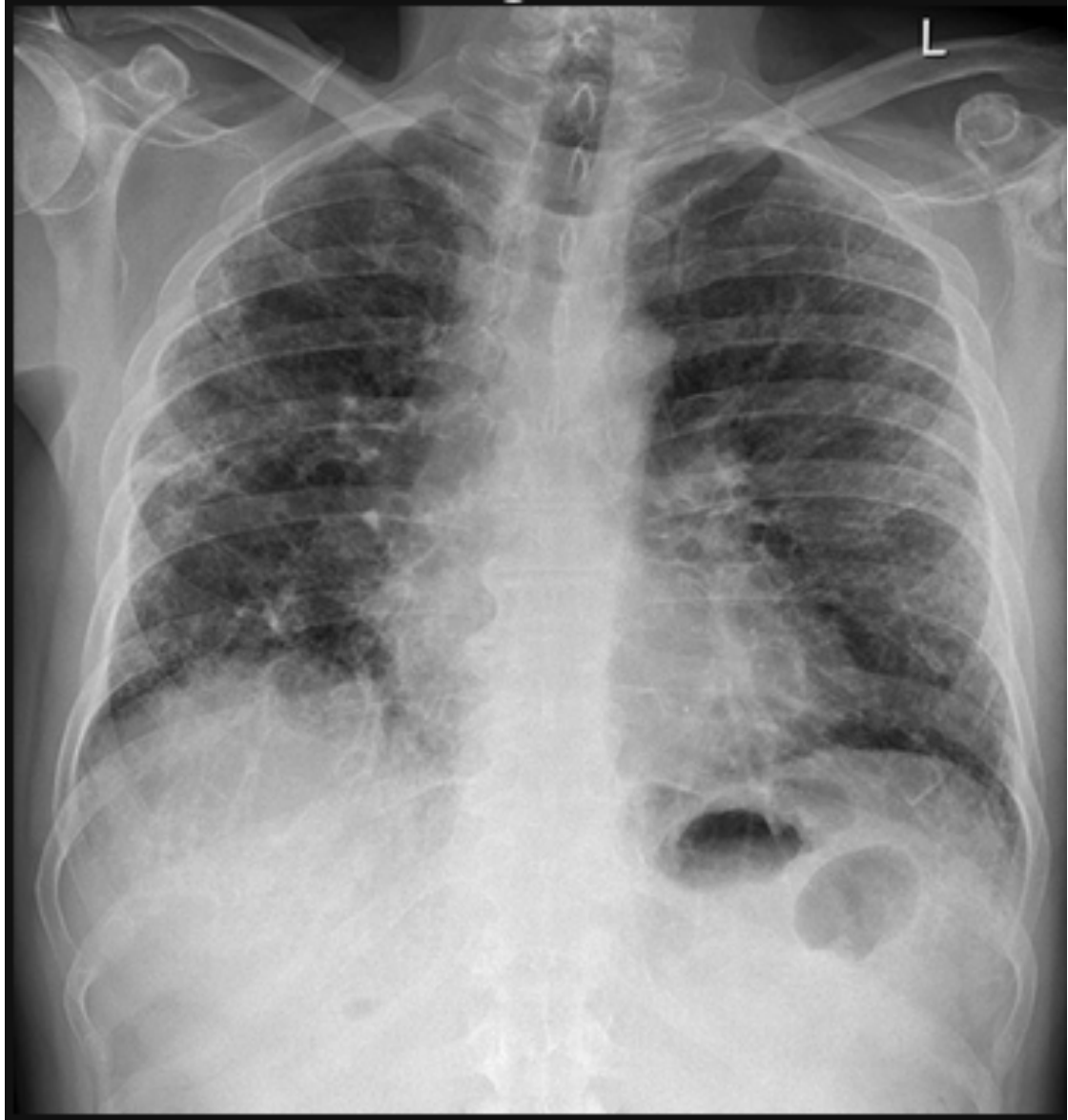
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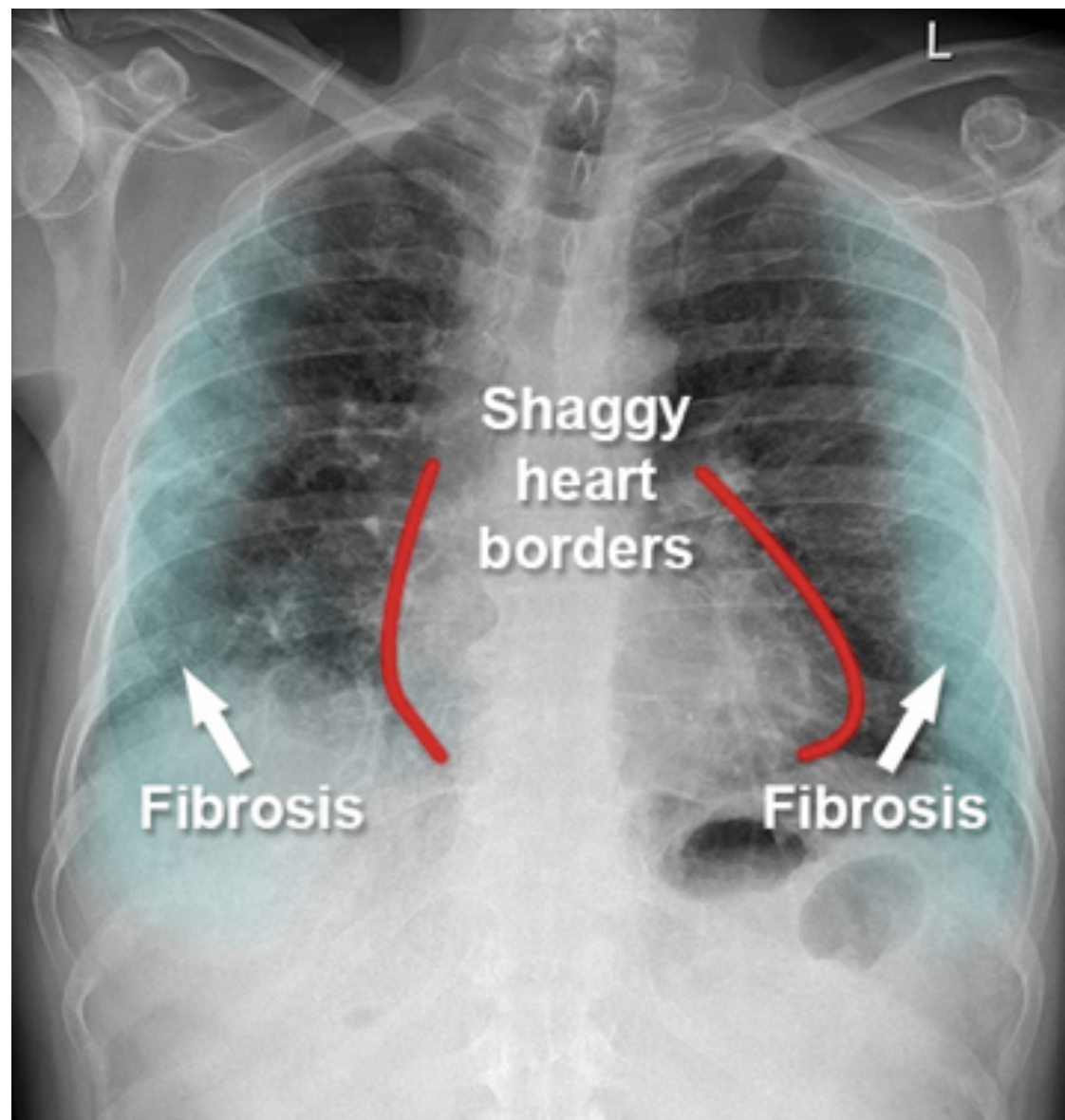












Why is all of this important

Asthma and COPD

- Know the differences
- Spirometry
- Reversibility testing
- Management*
- Presentation

Respiratory System		
1	Asthma	1*
2	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	1*
3	Respiratory Failure	1*
4	Pulmonary Embolus (PE)	1*
5	Pneumothorax	1*
7	Pneumonia	1
8	Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT)	1
9	Carcinoma of the Bronchus	2
10	Pulmonary Tuberculosis (TB)	2
12	Bronchiectasis and Cystic Fibrosis (CF)	3
14	Interstitial Lung Disease	3
Cardiovascular System		

ASTHMA

- More intermittent airflow obstruction
- Improvement in airways obstruction with bronchodilators and steroids
- Cellular inflammation with eosinophils, mast cells, T-lymphocytes, and neutrophils in more severe disease
- Broad inflammatory mediator response
- Airways remodeling

COPD

- Progressively worsening airflow obstruction
- Often presents in 6th decade of life or later in patients
- More permanent airflow obstruction; less reversibility and less normalization of airflow obstruction
- Cellular inflammation: neutrophils, macrophages, eosinophils and mast cells may occur
- Emphysema frequently found

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Resp failure:

- ABGs
- Know what are common causes of each

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Pneumothorax, COPD,
Lung cancer, TB,
Pneumonia, ILD

CXR interpretation!!!

Resources for you to check out

- Zero to finals
- Almost a doctor
- Medicine in a minute**
- OSCE stop
- Easy auscultation
- Osmosis *

- <https://oscestop.com/Respiratory%20condition%20signs.pdf>
- <https://www.easyauscultation.com/lung-sounds>
- <https://almostadoctor.co.uk/shortness-of-breath>

- Very cheeky but... Student Q and Study Hub (+all our incredible collaborators)