2008 SPIROMETRY BUYERS GUIDE

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Boehringer Laboratories LLC

500 E. Washington St. Norristown, PA 19404 (610) 278-0900; (800) 642-4945 Fax: (610) 278-0907 Email:stadler@boehringerlabs.com Website:www.boehringerlabs.com Product line: Model 8800 adult handheld spirometer Customer support: In-services available; toll-free support

Futuremed

15700 Devonshire St. Granada Hills, CA 91344 (818) 830-2500; (800) 222-6780 Fax: (818) 891-4755 Email:info@futuremedamerica.com Website:www.futuremedamerica.com Product line: Portable and PC-based spirometers Company description: For

nearly 30 years, Futuremed has equipped health care professionals with spirometers, EKGs, and fluidwarmers. The company also offerscost-effectivefilters, noseclips, mouthpieces, electrodes, and related supplies.

Jones Medical Instrument Co. 200 Windsor Dr. Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 571-1980; (800) 323-7336 Fax: (630) 571-2023 Email: info@jonesmedical.com Website: www.jonesmedical.com Productline:Satellite,Satellite/Base Station, Satellite Plus, Flow-Volume calibrator

Customer support: On-site training andinstallationincluded; directaccess to toll-free customer service; online 24/7 product training video. Company description: Jones Medical has more than 90 years of spirometrydesignandmanufacturing experience.

Medical Graphics Corp. 350 Oak Grove Pkwy. St. Paul, MN 55127 (651) 484-4874; (800) 950-5597 Fax: (651) 484-8941 Website: www.medgraphics.com Product line: CPFS/D USB spirometers Customer support: CD-based training;trainingmanual;quickstart guide;operatormanual;phonesupport Company description: Medical GraphicsCorp.designs,manufactures, and distributes noninvasive cardiorespiratory diagnostic systems for medicalandfitnessmanagement.lts patentedtechnologyissoldgloballyto hospitals,clinics,andphysicianoffices.

Micro Direct Inc.

803 Webster St. Lewiston, ME 04240 (207) 786-7808; (800) 588-3381 Fax: (207) 786-7280 Email: sales@micro-direct.com Website: www.micro-direct.com Product line: MicroLab, MicroLoop, SpiroUSB, MicroDL, MicroGP, MicroPlus, Micro spirometers plus a full line of disposable mouthpieces, viral/bacterialfilters,andprinterpaper Customersupport:On-sitein-service is available if necessary; telephone support from a staff with more than 100 years of spirometry experience Company description: Micro Direct offerstotalspirometrysolutionswith seven different models, priced from \$395 to \$2,395, all designed to meet your specific needs.

ndd Medical Technologies Inc.

2 Dundee Park Andover, MA 01810 (978) 470-0923; (877) 904-0090 Fax: (978) 470-0924 Email:salessupport@nddmed.com Website: www.nddmed.com Product line: Spirometry Company description: ndd strives to set new standards in pulmonary functiontestingandtooffereasy-touseproductswithexcellentcustomer service.

nSpire Health Inc.

1830 Lefthand Circle Longmont, CO 80501 (303) 666-5555; (800) 574-7374 Fax: (303) 666-5588 Email: sales@nspirehealth.com Website: www.nspirehealth.com Product line: KoKo spirometers, HDpft 1000, ZAN100 Company description: nSpire Health develops and manufactures respiratory care products and providesrelatedservices.ltisfocused on cardiopulmonary diagnostics, respiratory core lab services, and disease management solutions.

QRS Diagnostic

14755 27th Ave. N. Plymouth, MN 55447 (763) 559-8492; (800) 465-8408 Fax: (763) 559-2961 Email: info@qrsdiagnostic.com Website: www.qrsdiagnostic.com Product line: SpiroCard PC-based spirometer; SpirOxCard PC-based spirometer/pulseoximeter; Sensaire handheld spirometer

Customer support: One year free technicalsupport;softwareupgrades and training

Company description: QRS manufactures and resells PC-based medical devices. Its product line includes PC-based EKG, spirometry, pulse oximetry, blood pressure, and ultrasound and vitals.

SDI Diagnostics Inc.

10 Hampden Dr. Easton, MA 02375 (508) 238-7033; (800) 678-5782 Fax: (508) 230-8497 Email: sales@sdidiagnostics.com Website: www.sdidiagnostics.com Product line: Astra100, Astra200, Astra300, Spirolab II spirometers; PulmoguardlineofPFTbarrierfilters; FloSense pneumotachs for P-B spirometers; Filtrette filters for ndd spirometers

Customersupport:Phonein-service fromfactorytechnicians;onlineand phoneguidanceandsupportavailable 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. M-F; manufacturer representativesavailableinmanyparts of the U.S.

Company description: SDI Diagnostics manufactures and distributes spirometers and consumable products used in respiratory care.

Smiths Medical PM Inc. N7W22025 Johnson Dr. Waukesha, WI 53186 (262) 542-3100; (800) 558-2345 Fax: (262) 542-0718 Email:info.pm@smiths-medical.com/bci Productline:spirobankG,spirobank II, spirotel, spirolab III, MiniSpir, winspiroPRO software Customer support: Training/CD; CEprograms;clinical/technicalsupport; online software upgrades; product support materials Company description: Smiths Medicaldesigns, manufactures, and distributes the BCI[®] brand of patient monitoringequipment, and distributes a line of easy-to-operate, patientfriendly spirometers.

Vitalograph Inc.

13310 W. 99th St. Lenexa, KS 66215 (913) 888-4221; (800) 255-6626 Fax: (913) 888-4259 Email: vitcs@vitalograph.com Website: www.vitalograph.com Productline:Spirometers, peakflow meters, consumables Company description: Vitalograph has more than 40 years experience designing,manufacturing,andselling spirometry,asthmamanagement,and smoking cessation equipment and accessories.

Accessories only

Hans Rudolph Inc.

8325 Cole Pkwy. Shawnee, KS 66227 (913) 422-7788; (800) 456-6695 Fax: (913) 422-3337 Email: hri@rudolphkc.com Website: www.rudolphkc.com Product line: Respiratory and sleep products;volumecalibrationsyringes Companydescription:HansRudolph manufacturesspirometryaccessories, respiratory masks, valves for CPAP, bilevel,NIV,PFT,HBO₂T,andoffersnew full face, silicone, rubber V2 masks.

MVAP Medical Supplies Inc.

1415 Lawrence Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320 (805) 376-8100; (877) 735-6827 Fax: (877) 735-7213 Email: info@mvapmed.com Website: www.mvapmed.com Product line: Respiratory and sleep products; disposables Customersupport:Phoneandonline support — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (PST) Monday to Friday Company description: MVAP MedicalSuppliesInc.offersacomplete lineofrespiratoryandsleepsupplies.

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Company name	Boehringer Laboratories	Futuremed			Jones Medical Instrument Co.		
Spirometer model/name	Model 8800	Discovery-2	P8000-PowerComboECG-Spirometer	SpiroVision-3+	Satellite	Satellite/Base Station	Satellite Plus
Handheld, desktop, or laptop	Handheld	Desktop, laptop	Desktop	Handheld, desktop, laptop	Handheld	Handheld, desktop	Handheld
 Warranty/cost	One year/\$1,285.90	Two years	Two years	One year	Three years parts and labor/\$1,495	Three years parts and labor/\$1,995	Threeyearspartsandlabor/\$1,
Dimensions (H x W x D) in inches	3.25 x 2.25 x 1.5	7.8 x 9.4 x 3	15 x 13 x 3.9	6 x 2 x 1.8	7.5 x 3.75 x 2	3 x 10 x 9	7.5 x 3.75 x 2
Weight (computer excluded)	12 oz.	2.6 lb.	8.8 lb.	2.8 oz.	1 lb.	4 lb.	1 lb.
 Display	Analog	Backlit color LCD	Backlit LCD	Real time, on VGA or laptop monitor	LCD	LCD	LCD
Power source(s)	n/a	AC/DC, rechargeable NiMh battery	AC/DC (rechargeable lead acid)	Powered through PC	Rechargeable batteries	Rechargeablebatteriesforhandheld; 110V for base station	Rechargeable batteries
	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Fleisch	Turbine (rotating vane)	Multi-stage fixed orifice	Multi-stage fixed orifice	Multi-stage fixed orifice
Calibration syringe (3.0 L)/cost	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Incentive monitor	n/a	Bubbles pediatric cartoon		Bubbles pediatric incentive			
			1		1	1	
Permanent	х	х					
Disposable/cost for box of 100			\$300		\$129	\$129	\$129
Reference values						a -	
Predicted normals		NHANES III, ITS, Knudson, Morris, Bass, ERS, LAM, Cutierrez, Zapletal, and more	Crapo,Morris,Polgar,Knudson76,ERS, and more	Knudson,NHANESIII,ITS,ECCS83 (ERS93),and other predicted sets	Morris, Crapo, Knudson, Polgar, NHANES III	Morris, Crapo, Knudson, Polgar, NHANES III	Morris, Crapo, Knudson, Pol <u>o</u> NHANES III
Default value, adults					NHANES III	NHANES III	NHANES III
Default value, pediatrics					NHANES III	NHANES III	NHANES III
Parameters measured		1	1	1	1	1	
	Х	Х	X	x	X	x	X
FEV ₁ /FEV ₆ with NHANES LLN		X		X	x	x	x
FIVC		X	x	X	x	x	x
Can FIVC be performed separately from FVC?		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Slow VC (SVC, TV, and IC, up to 30 secs.)	Х	х	x	x			
MCT (inhalation challenges)		х	X	X			
MVV (15 seconds)		x	x	x			
Post-BD comparisons (bronchodilator response)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FVC quality checks	-		'			'	
BEV		х	x	x	X	x	Х
PEFT		х	x	x	x	x	Х
Cough		х	x	x	x	x	х
FET		x	x	x	x	x	Х
EOTV		х	x	x	x	x	Х
dFEV ₁		х	x	x	x	x	Х
dFVC		х	x	x	x	x	х
dPEF		х	x	x	x	x	Х
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Graphs	Volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time
Storage capacity	1	200-pluswithabilitytostoremoreonPC	40	Thousands using PC hard drive	25	25	25
Database format	n/a	Microsoft Access		Proprietary;canbeexported to other formats	Proprietary	Proprietary	Proprietary
Interface/output	n/a	USB and serial to PC	Interfacefor external printer or VGA monitor	USB			
Printer type/printout width	n/a	External;integrated-thermal/4.5in.	External; integrated - thermal/8.5 x 11 in.	External	External	Integrated - thermal/8.5 x 11 in.	External
Other features	GuaranteedforFVCmaneuvers; turbine can be sterilized; interchangeable counter and turbinereducecost;nomercury seals	Real-time, side-by-side display of F/V and T/V graphs; alphanumeric keyboard; software included for file archiving and/or performing tests directly on PC in real time; optional pulse ox and airway resistance		Operatorcanaddpredictednormals sets or modify existing ones; customizablereports,trendgraphs, and network compatibility	Inexpensivedisposablesensors;lifetime software upgrades; made in the U.S.	Inexpensivedisposablesensorsminimize cost;fastprint and test speed; lifetime software upgrades; made in the U.S.	lifetimesoftwareupgrades;ma

	Medical Graphics Corp.	Micro Direct Inc.
	CPFS/D USB	MicroDL
	Desktop, laptop	Handheld
\$1,595	One year/\$1,256	Three years parts and labor/\$995
	3x3x6	2 x 2.5 x 6.5
	1.25 lb.	8 oz.
	Computer monitor	0.5" x 2" LCD
	USB port	9V battery
	Pitot tube	Turbine (rotating vane)
	Yes/\$464	No
	Four selectable graphs	
	Х	Х
	Can be reused or used with a filter	
olgar,	User-selectable-28spirometryauthors	Knudson, ECCS
	NHANES III	Knudson
	Knudson/Zapletal	Knudson
	Х	Х
	х	Х
	Х	
	Yes	
	х	
	Х	
	Х	
	Yes	No
	Х	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	
	Х	
20	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time
ne	Unlimited	500
	Microsoft Access, SQL	Microsoft Access, SQL
	USB	RS232
	External	External
ensors; ;;made	Meets or exceeds ATS/ERS standards; real-time F/V and V/T graphs; HIPAA security;networking;databasequeries; bronchial provocation; pulmonary consults; trend and disability reports	Spida 5 PC software and hard plasticcarrycaseincluded;choice ofdisposablemouthpiecesorfilters

Company name	Micro Direct Inc.					ndd Medical Technologies nSpire Health Inc.			
Spirometer model/name	MicroGP	MicroLab	MicroLoop	MicroPlus	SpiroUSB	EasyOne	КоКо PFT	KoKo Legend	KoKo Trek
Handheld, desktop, or laptop	Handheld	Desktop	Handheld	Handheld	Laptop	Handheld	Laptop	Desktop	Laptop
Warranty/cost	Threeyearspartsandlabor/\$795	Threeyearspartsandlabor/\$2,395	Three years parts and labor/\$1,995	Three years parts and labor/\$595	Three years parts and labor/\$1,595	Three years/\$1,890	One year parts and labor/\$2,495	Oneyearpartsandlabor/\$1,995	Oneyearpartsandlabor/\$1,795
Dimensions (H x W x D) in inches	2 x 2.5 x 6.5	1.37 x 4.72 x 10	4.5 x 3 x 1	2 x 2.5 x 6.5	1.9 x 2.3 x 3.5	3.3 x 6.2 x 1.7	7.1 x 3.9 x 2	9.25 x 10 x 2.75	7.1 x 3.9 x 2
Weight (computer excluded)	8 oz.	1.5 lb.	6.75 oz.	8 oz.	4 oz. (flow head only)	9 oz.	0.7 lb.	3.6 lb.	0.7 lb.
Display	0.5" x 2" LCD	Color touchscreen	Color touchscreen	0.5" x 2" LCD	Laptop or computer screen	64 x 160	Computer	Touchscreenhigh-resolutioncolor LCD 320 x 240 pixels	Computer
Power source(s)	9V battery	AC, rechargeable NiMH battery	AC, rechargeable lithium polymer battery	9V battery	Laptop or computer	Two AA batteries	Computer, USB	Rechargeable battery/AC	Computer USB
Measurement method	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Ultrasonic	Fleisch	Variable orifice	Fleisch
Calibration syringe (3.0 L)/cost	No	No	No	No	No	Yes/\$325	Yes/\$290	Yes/\$350	Yes/\$290
Incentive monitor						Yes	Fourgraphicincentives(candles,three pigs, brick wall, sailboat)	Sailboat, candles	Fourgraphicincentives(candles, three pigs, brick wall, sailboat)
Flow sensors									
Permanent	Х	Х	Х	Х	X		х	X	Х
Disposable/cost for box of 100						\$185			
Reference values									
Predicted normals	Knudson, ECCS	User-selectable, 16 authors	User-selectable, 16 authors		User-selectable, 16 authors	NHANESIII, Knudson, Crapo, Morris, Cherniak, ERS (ECCS), ROCA, Austria, Zapletal, Dockery, Hsu, Polgar	28 sets, including NHANES III, Wang, Polgar, Crapo, Knudson, ECSC	14 sets, including NHANES III, Wang, Crapo, ECSC/ERS	28 sets, including NHANES III, Wang,Polgar,Crapo,Knudson, ECSC
Default value, adults	Knudson	NHANES III	NHANES III			NHANES III	NHANES III	NHANES III	NHANES III
Default value, pediatrics	Knudson	NHANES III	NHANES III			None	Wang	Wang	Wang
Parameters measured					1		1	1	<u>'</u>
FVC	Х	Х	Х	Х	x	х	х	X	Х
FEV ₁ /FEV ₆ with NHANES LLN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	x	Х	Х
FIVC		Х	Х		Х	Х	х	Х	Х
Can FIVC be performed separately from FVC?		No	No		No		No	No	No
Slow VC (SVC, TV, and IC, up to 30 seconds)		х	Х		Х	Х	Х	X	
MCT (inhalation challenges)							х		
MVV (15 seconds)						Х	х		
Post-BD comparisons	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
(bronchodilator response)									
FVC quality checks		X	X				X		
BEV		X	Х		X	X	X	X	X
PEFT		v	v		v	X	X	X	X
Cough FFT		X	X		X	× ·	×	X	X
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EOTV dFEV ₁						X	X	X	Y
dFVC						X	X	X	X
dPEF						X	X	X	X
Features									
Graphs	Flow-volume	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time		Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time
Storage capacity			2,000		Unlimited (based on PC)	8	8	8	8
Database format		Microsoft Access, SQL	Microsoft Access, SQL		Microsoft Access, SQL	Microsoft Access	Proprietary, MS-SQL if transmitted to centralized Raptor database	Proprietary	Proprietary
Interface/output	RS232	USB	USB	RS232	USB	USB	USB	USB	USB
Printer type/printout width	External	External; integrated - thermal/4.25 in.	External		External	External	External	External; integrated - thermal/4.5 in.	External
Other features	Hardplasticcarrycaseincluded; optionalPCsoftware;choiceof disposablemouthpiecesorfilters	Spida 5 PC software and hard plasticcarrycaseincluded;meets 2005ATS/ERSstandards;choiceof disposablemouthpiecesorfilters	Spida5PCsoftwareandhardplastic carrycaseincluded;meets2005ATS /ERSstandards;choiceofdisposable mouthpieces or filters	CanmeasurePEFandFEF ₂₅₋₇₅ ;hardplastic carrycaseandpredictednormalssliderule included;choiceofdisposablemouthpieces or filters	Comes with hard plastic carry case, deskstandforflowsensorhead, and choice of disposable mouthpieces or filters	Pediatric incentives	Interfaces to EMR via HL7; allows comparisontobesthistoricaltest;trend reports; report designer	Can automatically send tests to KoKo PFT software; internal softwarescreensin11languages	iTrend reports

Company name	nSpire Health Inc.	QRS Diagnostic			SDI Diagnostics Inc.				Smiths Medical PM Inc.
Spirometer model/name	HDpft1000	Sensaire	SpiroCard	SpirOxCard	Astra100	Astra200	Astra300 Touchscreen	Spirolab II Multifunction	spirobank™G
Handheld, desktop, or laptop	Laptop	Handheld	Laptop	Laptop	Handheld	Handheld	Handheld	Desktop	Handheld
Warranty/cost	One year parts and labor/\$2,495	Three years/\$1,995	Three years/\$1,495	Three years/\$1,995	Two years/\$995	Two years/\$1,459	Two years/\$1,795	One year/\$2,429	One year/\$1,386
Dimensions (H x W x D) in inches	7.1 x 3.9 x 2	7 x 3.25 x 1.6	0.63 x 2.2 x 5.5	1 x 2.2 x 5.5	3.25 x 5.75 x 1.75	3.25 x 5.75 x 1.75	3.25 x 5.75 x 1.75	2.63 x 12 x 7.75	1.3 x 1.9 x 6.4
Weight (computer excluded)	0.7 lb.	0.79 lb.	0.12 lb.	0.19 lb.	9 oz.	9 oz.	9 oz.	4 lb.	6.3 oz. with battery
Display	CRT	LCD	PC monitor	PC monitor	LCD	LCD	Alphanumeric LCD	FSTN LED 240 x 320	Graphic LCD, 120 x 32 pixel
Power source(s)	USB	Rechargeable battery	РС	PC	Two AA alkaline or NiMH batteries	Two AA alkaline or NiMH batteries	TwoAAalkalineorNiMHbatteries	120VAC, rechargeable NiMH battery	9V, DC (PP3 battery)
Measurement method	Fleisch	Pneumotach	Pnuemotach	Pnuemotach	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)
Calibration syringe (3.0 L)/cost	Yes/\$350	Yes/\$345	Yes/\$345	Yes/\$345	Yes/\$345	Yes/\$345	Yes/\$345	Yes/\$345	No
Incentive monitor	None	Adult, pediatric	Adult, pediatric	Adult, pediatric			Incentive in AstraPro software	Incentive in winspiroPro software	
Flow sensors									
Permanent	Х				x	Х	Х	x	Turbines
Disposable/cost for box of 100		\$195	\$195	\$195					Turbines/\$260
Reference values									
Predicted normals	28sets, including NHANESIII, Wang, Polgar, Crapo, Knudson, ECSC	Crapo, Cherniack, Morris, Knudson 1983, Polgar, Hsu, Roberts, Warwick, ECCS/ERS	Crapo, Cherniack, Morris, Knudson, Polgar,Hsu,Roberts,Warwick,ECCS/ERS, NHANES III, Zapletal, Quanjer, Wang	Crapo, Cherniack, Morris, Knudson, Polgar, Hsu, Roberts, Warwick, ECCS/ERS, Zapletal, NHANES III, Quanjer, Wang	NHANES III	14selectable, including Crapo, NHANES III, Knudson	14 selectable, including Crapo, NHANES III, Knudson	Five selectable, including Knudson, Morris, Crapo	
Default value, adults	NHANES III	Сгаро	NHANES III	NHANES III	NHANES III	Selectable	Selectable	Selectable	Knudson, ERS, Crapo, Bass, Morris
Default value, pediatrics	Wang		NHANES III and Wang	NHANES III and Wang	Polgar	Polgar	Selectable	Selectable	Knudson
Parameters measured					: 	: 	: 	: 	;
FVC	Х	Х	Х	x	x	X	Х	x	x
FEV ₁ /FEV ₆ with NHANES LLN	Х	Х	Х	Х	x	Х	Х	x	
FIVC	Х	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	x	
Can FIVC be performed separately from FVC?	Yes					No	No	No	
Slow VC (SVC, TV, and IC, up to 30 seconds)	х	х	Х	X		х	х	Х	х
MCT (inhalation challenges)	Х					X	Х	x	х
MVV (15 seconds)	Х	Х	Х	Х		X	Х	x	x
Post-BD comparisons (bronchodilator response)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FVC quality checks									
BEV	Х		Х	х	x	X	x	x	х
PEFT	Х		Х	X	x	X	Х	x	х
Cough	Х				Х	Х	Х	Х	x
FET	Х		Х	x	Х	Х	Х	Х	x
EOTV	Х		Х	x	Х	х	Х	Х	x
dFEV ₁	Х				Х	х	х	х	
dFVC	Х		Х	х	х	x	x	X	
dPEF	Х		Х	X	Х	X	X	X	<u> </u>
Features					1	1		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
Graphs	Flow-volume, volume-time		Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume;flow-volumeandvolume- time with software
Storage capacity	8	300	Unlimited	Unlimited	1	5	5	8	100
Database format	MS-SQL	Proprietary	SQL	SQL		Proprietary	Proprietary	Microsoft Access, proprietary	Propriety, can be converted to MSA ccess
Interface/output	HL7, XML				USB2	USB2toprinter/PC,Bluetooth [*] to PC optional	USB2toprinter/PC,Bluetooth [®] to PC optional		RS232 to USB
Printer type/printout width	External	External	External	External	External	External	External	External;integrated-thermal/4.25in.	External
Other features	Interfaces to EMR via HL7; allows comparison to best historical test; trend reports; report designer	Patented pre-calibrated mouthpiece; 25-plus parameters; plain paper reports	lung age; 25-plus parameters; 12-plus predicted norms; plain paper reports;	ATS/ERS2005;pre-calibratedmouthpiece; 25-plus parameters; 12-plus predicted norms;plainpaperreports;integrateswith EMRs; connects via PC card or USB port; records SpO ₂	Entry-level spirometry using NLHEP guidelines; AccuFlo digital turbine virtually elimates the need for calibration	Allows user to configure the spirometer based on facility's needs; all Astras feature tidal breathing prior to testing	Offers a high degree of configuration;touchscreenallows easy navigation; features tidal breathing prior to testing	Offers large-screen viewing and an alphanumerickeyboard;tidalbreathing beforetestingdesignedforeasypatient cooperation; portable	Softwareandcableincludedwithdevice; automatic BTPS conversion

Company name	Smiths Medical PM Inc.				Vitalograph Inc.				
Spirometer model/name	spirobank II™	spirotel®	Spirolab [®] III	MiniSpir™	2120 Recording Spirometer	ALPHA Screening Spirometer	Micro Handheld	Spirotrac 6800 PC Spirometry System	Vitalograph Compact
Handheld, desktop, or laptop	Handheld	Handheld	Desktop	Laptop	Handheld, desktop	Desktop	Desktop	Laptop	Desktop
Warranty/cost	One year/\$1,819	One year/\$856	One year/\$2,488	One year/\$1,177	One year - renewable to five years/\$2,142	Oneyear-renewabletofiveyears/\$1,950	Five years/\$579	One year - renewable to five years/\$2,116	Oneyear-renewabletofive years/\$2,950
Dimensions (H x W x D) in inches	1.2 x 2.4 x 5.8	1.2 x 3.1 x 2.8	2.6 x 8.7 x 2.2	1 x 2 x 5	10.62 x 9.75 x 6.75	12 x 10 x 4.75	6 x 3 x 1.5	6.5 x 6.5 x 6.5	19.75 x 11.5 x 4.75
Weight (computer excluded)	6.35 oz.	3.53 oz. with battery	4.2 lb.	2.12 oz.	4 lb. (with cradle)	4 lb. 7 oz.	5.8 oz.	1 lb. 6 oz. (flow head)	5 lb.
Display	STW graphic, 128 x 64 pixel	STWLCD,2linesx16alphanumeric characters	FSTW graphic, 320 x 240 pixel		LCD	Color LCD	LCD	PC monitor	Color LCD
Power source(s)	4 x 1.5 V, AAA battery	3V lithium battery CR123A	Rechargeable battery and main power	Line-powered from USB port	110V mains power	110V mains power and rechargeable battery	9V battery	110V mains power	110V mains power
Measurement method	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Turbine (rotating vane)	Fleisch	Fleisch	Fleisch	Fleisch	Fleisch
Calibration syringe (3.0 L)/cost	No	No	No	No	Yes/\$509	Yes/\$509	Yes/\$509	Yes/\$509	Yes/\$509
Incentive monitor				Pediatricincentiveanimations				Several available	Several available
Flow sensors							1		
Permanent	Turbines	Х	Turbines	Turbines	X	X	Х	X	X
Disposable/cost for box of 100	Turbines/\$260		Turbines/\$260	Turbines/\$260			1		
Reference values									
Predicted normals					Several available	Several available	n/a	Several available	Several available
Default value, adults	Knudson, ERS, MC-Barcelona, NHANES		Knudson, ERS, MC-Barcelona		Several available	Several available	n/a	Several available	Several available
Default value, pediatrics	Knudson, Zapletal		Knudson, Zapletal		Several available	Several available	n/a	Several available	Several available
Parameters measured							i i		1
FVC	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X
FEV ₁ /FEV ₆ with NHANES LLN	X	X			X	X		X	X
FIVC					X	X		X	X
Can FIVC be performed separately from FVC?					No	No	No	No	No
Slow VC (SVC, TV, and IC, up to 30 seconds)	X		X	X					
MCT (inhalation challenges)	Х		Х	X	х			X	X
MVV (15 seconds)	Х		Х	X	х			X	X
Post-BD comparisons (bronchodilator response)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
FVC quality checks									
BEV	Х	Х	Х	x	х	х	X	X	X
PEFT	Х	Х	Х	x	х	x	X	X	X
Cough	Х		Х	X	х	x	Х	X	X
	Х		Х	X	х	Х	Х	X	X
EOTV	Х		Х	X	х	Х	Х	X	X
dFEV ₁					х	Х	Х	X	X
dFVC					x	Х	Х	X	X
dPEF					X	X	X	X	X
Features									
Graphs	Flow-volume;flow-volumeandvolume- time with software		Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume, volume-time		Flow-volume, volume-time	Flow-volume,volume-time
Storage capacity	6,000tests;1,000hoursoximeteroption		6,000 tests; 1,000 hours oximeter data	Based on computer memory	160	9		Database, hard-drive dependent	Thousands
Database format	Propriety, can be converted to MS Access/Excel	Propriety, can be converted to MS Access/Excel	Propriety, can be converted to MS Access/Excel	Propriety,canbeconvertedto MS Access/Excel				Paradox	
Interface/output	USB	RS232	USB	USB	USB	USB		USB	USB
Printer type/printout width	External	External	External (Bluetooth [°] , PC app); integrated - thermal/4.41 in.	External	External	Integrated - thermal	External	External	External;integrated-thermal
Other features	printing; acoustic data transmission;	conversion; acoustic data	Optional oximeter automatic BTPS conversion; software; USB cable; Bluetooth [*] printing;pediatricincentive animations;integrationandelectronic medical record	Automatic BTPS conversion; software; USB cable; integration and EMR; data and graphs export toemail; automatic interpretations; no batteries	PatientIDanddemographicsstored;optional SpirotracIVsoftwareprovidesinterfacewith PC computer		standards; rapid bedside		screenintroductorytutorial;