

TWO INDEPENDENT RATING PATHS

The pulmonary-function result is not the only route through DC 6602.

FEV1 FLOW FVC 6602

RESPIRATORY FIELD NOTES

VERIFY EACH ROUTE

TEST

Pulmonary-function path

Compare the qualifying FEV-1 and FEV-1/FVC results with the schedule thresholds.

TREAT

Treatment path

Identify bronchodilator frequency, inhaled anti-inflammatory medication, systemic steroid courses, immunosuppressive therapy, and required exacerbation visits.

ATTACK

Attack path

For the 100 percent criterion, document more than one attack per week with episodes of respiratory failure.

OR

Alternative criteria

The schedule uses 'or.' Do not require a veteran to meet both the testing and treatment criteria.

