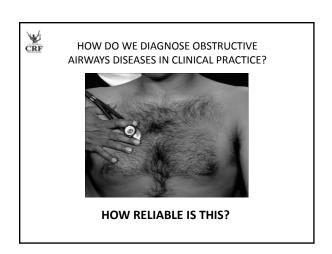


Prevalence of Asthma and COPD is very high and is going on increasing!

HOW GOOD ARE WE AT DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF OADS?



UNDERDIAGNOSIS OF OLD IN OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND COMMUNITY SURVEYS

- American Study NHANES III, >20,000 US adults underwent spirometry (1988-1994)
 Prevalence of OAD – 8.5%
 63.3% under-diagnosis
- (NHANES Study, Mannino et al, Arch Int Med 2000; 160: 1683-1689)
- Similar observations in UK, France, Spain and other European countries

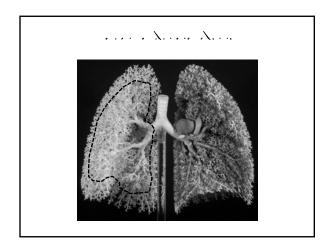
(Huchon, ERJ 2002; Pena, Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2001)

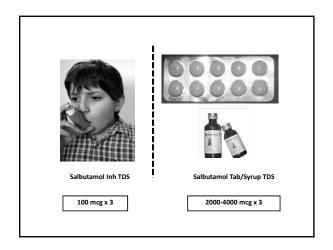
If you rely on history and clinical examination for the diagnosis of OADs, chances are that you will miss over 50% of the cases

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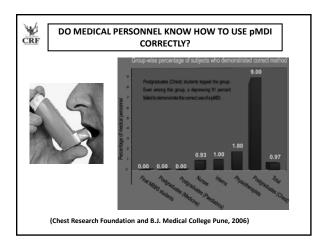
USE OF SPIROMETRY IN INDIA

- More than 75% of patients with OAD have never had a spirometry done in their life
- · Spirometry is poorly utilized in India
- Myths about of Spirometry in India –
- Not really necessary for diagnosis of OAD
- Expensive test for the patients
- Difficult test to perform
- Difficult test to interpret
- Doesn't make any difference in the management of OAD



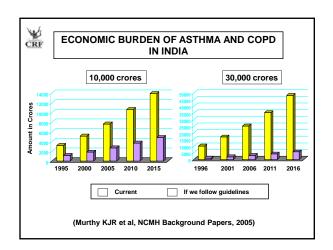








Not diagnosed
Wrongly diagnosed
Poorly treated
Wrongly treated



SUMMARY

- Obstructive Airways Diseases are a major health burden in India.
- The prevalence of OAD is only going to increase in the future
- A large number of OADs remain undiagnosed in clinical practice because of want of use of Spirometry
- Inhalation therapy is poorly used in India
- Patients suffering with OAD in India remain poorly managed
- Doctors do not communicate effectively with patients suffering with OADs
- OADs contribute to a huge economic loss in India

