

# **Diaphragm Function – Sniff Test**

## **PURPOSE / CLINICAL INDICATION:**

• Determine diaphragm function

# **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS / CONTRAINDICATIONS:**

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	ORDERABLE NAME:	<b>EPIC BUTTON NAME:</b>	NOTES:
UTSW	XR Fluoroscopy Diaphragm		
PHHS	XR Fluoroscopy Chest		

## **EQUIPMENT / SUPPLIES / CONTRAST:**

None

## **PATIENT PREPARATION:**

- Standing position preferred
  - If not, sitting next preferred
  - If not, supine reverse Trendelenburg (as steeply as tolerated)

#### **PROCEDURE IN BRIEF:**

As below

# **COMPLETE PROCEDURE TECHNIQUE:**

- Observe the hemidiaphragms (together) in frontal and lateral projections during:
  - Quiet respiration label image
  - Deep inspiration label image
  - Full expiration label image
  - o Sniff maneuver label image

#### **IMAGE DOCUMENTATION:**

- Record diaphragm movement during breathing and sniff maneuver (with cine if available) in frontal and lateral projections.
  - o If recording is unavailable, take exposure in deep inspiration and full expiration.

# ADDITIONAL WORKFLOW STEPS:

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### **REFERENCES:**

- General Fluoroscopy Considerations
- Procedure Contrast Grid
- Radiographics: Imaging of the Diaphragm: Anatomy and Function https://doi.org/10.1148/rg.322115127

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