

Easy-to-use *EasyOne Pro* can boost practice income, delivers quick ROI, improves patient experience

Industry: Pulmonary Clinic

Solution: *EasyOne PRO®/PRO LAB*



Previous clinic PFT device was often erroneous, requiring multiple attempts

Solution

Quick and complete PFT results in under 20 minutes achievable. Results instantly available for on the spot physician overread.

Malfunctioning devices contributed to testing delays, reducing the clinic's ability to see patients efficiently and effectively

Easy to learn and use making it more quickly integrated in a clinic's workflow, preventing additional burden on staff.

Due to these various frustrations, patient experience was negatively affected Superior, reliable **TrueFlow** and **TrueCheck** technology, reducing the risk of device malfunction.

Additional issues compounded due to inadequate technical support from the PFT manufacturer Efficient and effective, leading to a quick return on investment and improvement in patient experience.



The Challenge

Austin Pulmonary is a thriving seven-physician practice that operates three clinics serving Greater Austin, Texas. As a growing pulmonary practice in a metropolitan area, efficient and accurate pulmonary function tests are crucial to ensure the patient community is best served.

The staff at Austin Pulmonary see upwards of 20 patients a day with a variety of lung conditions. With their current cabinless PFT equipment, they were experiencing a number of frustrations:

- Device was unreliable, often freezing up during testing. Reboots were lengthy.
- Patients requiring pulmonary function tests may not have the best lung health. With repeat testing, it increased patient exertion and exhaustion, making it more difficult for patients to perform their PFTs acceptably. This further increased the risk of unreliable exams.
- Patients coming to the clinic experienced disruption to their visits. With a primary medical device malfunctioning frequently that led to patient visits being disrupted, the relationship between Austin Pulmonary could become negative.
- Technical support was slow and at times unavailable, reducing Austin Pulmonary's confidence that issues would be resolved reliably, further damaging the clinic's confidence in their medical device









The Solution

After discussion with his colleagues and respiratory therapy staff, Dr. Shenil Shah took the lead. His research led him to ndd Medical Technologies' *EasyOne Pro®*, a portable PFT device using ultrasound *TrueFlow™* and *TrueCheck™* technology to perform all the pulmonary function testing the practice requires – spirometry, lung volumes and diffusing capacity of the lungs (DLCO).

The decision to standardize on the *EasyOne Pro* was made after evaluation and testing at their busiest office. The *EasyOne Pro* was chosen due to its ease of use, accuracy, portability, and cost. The devices are now being utilized in all three of Austin Pulmonary's offices, providing patients and their physicians with high quality PFT results. *EasyOne Pro*'s efficiency and accuracy are attributable to the patented TrueFlow and TrueCheck technology, which eliminate common sources of error and save time.

- Patient and user friendly, leading to more positive experiences for the staff and patients
- Self-Quality Control through TrueCheck Technology, ensuring DLCO trials are accurate and validated each time
- Easy to maintain healthcare providers can perform annual maintenance themselves in just 10 minutes
- Compact, lightweight design

The *EasyOne Pro'*s portability is especially important in one of Austin Pulmonary offices, which does not have a dedicated room for pulmonary function testing. Taking up only one square foot of space, the *EasyOne Pro* is easily transported from room to room on a cart.

Results

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results quickly, but also greatly improves the patient experience.

"I do an average of 20 PFTs a day in this office alone, and speed is important," says clinic manager Stacie MacGregor, RRT, RCT. "For me, a major benefit is how quickly I can get them done now."

She adds, "I like the idea that we can combine lung volumes and diffusion in one maneuver. That's a time savings for us because I do so many."

Despite her 30 years of respiratory therapy experience, MacGregor finds she is having more success with DLCO testing while also improving the patient experience. "Holding their breath can be very difficult for patients. With the EasyOne Pro's visuals, I can see if they're not holding that breath and why, and I can coach them better," she says, adding "I can turn the screen and show patients the maneuver, making it easier for them to see and understand what I'm looking for. That's encouraging for the patient."

Ease-of-use and "amazing" tech support are also appreciated. "There is no maintenance, no calibration, and when they're needed, ndd's tech support is amazing", she says. "They're very quick to respond, which has made a big difference."

About ndd Medical Technologies

ndd Medical Technologies is a global innovator in lung function testing devices that provide early detection and accurate diagnosis for the hundreds of millions of people globally suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other lung diseases. The company offers the *EasyOne®* Product family of easy-to-use pulmonary function testing (PFT) instruments that can help healthcare providers rapidly diagnose and treat lung disease with great precision at the point of care. *EasyOne* portable instruments take lung testing wherever it is needed, from the office or hospital to the bedside, measuring DLCO, FRC, LCI and FVC.

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