

Pulmonary Functions in Punjabi Type 2 Diabetics: Based on Chronicity of Disease

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Abstract

Aim: To observe pulmonary functions in two groups of Punjabi population, group 1 having type-2 diabetes between 5 to 10 years and group 2 having type-2 diabetes for more than 10 years. **Method:** Fifty type-2 diabetics (between 5 to 10 years) and fifty type-2 diabetics (more than 10 years) in the age range of 40-60 years participated in the study. The spirometry was performed to observe forced vital capacity (FVC), Forced Expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1), (FEV1/FVC), peak expiratory flow rate (PEFR) and Forced expiration time (FET). **Results:** The mean age, height, weight and BMI of type-2 diabetics (between 5 to 10 years) and type-2 diabetics (more than 10 years) was 49.60 ± 5.08 years & 52.58 ± 4.69 years, 172.16 ± 5.72 cm & 172.08 ± 6.30 cm, 73.18 ± 9.44 kg & 70.36 ± 9.16 kg and 24.72 ± 3.33 kg/m² & 23.74 ± 2.68 kg/m². The mean FVC, FEV1, FEV1/FVC, PEF and FET of type-2 diabetics (between 5 to 10 years) and type-2 diabetics (more than 10 years) was $3.84 \pm .57$ liters & $3.95 \pm .59$ liters, $3.35 \pm .44$ liters & $3.43 \pm .50$ liters, 87.68 ± 6.28 % & 87.12 ± 5.12 %, 8.52 ± 1.14 liters/sec & 8.73 ± 1.22 liters/sec, $2.82 \pm .78$ sec & $3.09 \pm .71$ sec respectively. **Conclusion:** It was concluded that with chronicity of type 2 diabetes, the various pulmonary function variables were reduced in Punjabi type-2 diabetics. The reduced pulmonary functions in diabetics may be due to microangiopathy of the alveolar capillary network in the lungs.

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