Lung Sounds Chart

Patient information

Name:	Gender: Date of birth:	
Contact information: _	Patient medical number:	
Date:		

Normal breath sounds

Sounds	Duration	Expiration	Location
Vesicular	Louder inspiratory and no gap	soft low pitch	over the whole lungs bottom of lungs
Bronchovesicular	Louder than vesicular inspiratory and expiratory, same loudness and no gap.	medium loud medium pitch	persisternal interscapular
Bronchial	Same loudness of inspiratory and expiratory, longer gap of expiratory	loud, strong high pitched	above clavicle manumbrumsterni
Tracheal	Equal sound of expiratory and inspiratory	very loud high pitched	above trachea

Abnormal breathing sounds

Sound	Frequencies	Expiration	Location
Stridor	usually about 400 Hz	high pitch, distant	larynx, trachea, bronchi
Rhonchi	about 200 Hz or less	coarse, rattling, low pitch, cleared by cough	trachea, bronchi
Wheezes	400 Hz or more	high pitch; musical sound	all lung fields
Squawk	200 - 300, 500 Hz	discontinuous, high or low pitch fine, short crackling; change with cough	deflated lung zones
Crackles	Fine crackles About 650 Hz Coarse crackles About 350 Hz	high pitch sounds	lung bases

Interpretation	
Specific findings	
Potential causes/consideration	
Additional notes	
Physician's name:	
License number:	_ Date:
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