

INTERPRETING FeNO READINGS

ATS/ERS CLINICAL GUIDELINES SUMMARY FOR INTERPRETING FeNO LEVELS

Diagnosis using the Fenom Flo Device			
FeNO (ppb) Levels	LOW <25ppb (<20ppb in children)	INTERMEDIATE 25-30ppb (20-35 ppb in children)	HIGH >50ppb (>35ppb in children) or rise in FeNO of >40% from previously stable levels
Symptomatic (chronic cough, and/or wheeze and/or shortness of breath during past 6 weeks)	Eosinophilic airway inflammation unlikely Alternative diagnosis Unlikely to benefit from ICS	Be cautious Evaluate clinical context Monitor change in FeNO over time	Eosinophilic airway inflammation present Likely to benefit from ICS

Alternative considerations (if Allergic Asthma has been dismissed)

Non-Allergic Asthma	Chronic Cough	Vocal Cord Dysfunction	Gerd
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Monitoring (in patients with diagnosed asthma) using the Fenom Flo device			
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Symptomatic (chronic cough and/or wheeze)	Possible alternative diagnosis Unlikely to benefit from increase in ICS	Persistent allergen exposure Inadequate ICS dose Poor adherence Steroid resistance	Persistent allergen exposure Poor adherence or inhaler technique Inadequate ICS dose Risk of Exacerbation
Symptoms Absent	Adequate ICS dose Good adherence ICS taper	Adequate ICS dosing Good adherence Monitor change in FeNO	Steroid resistance ICS withdrawal or dose reduction may result in relapse

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