
nnd EasyOne on heavy duty in the ERS Spirometry Tent Glasgow, 04-05 September 2004

For the third year running, the ERS - in co-operation with Boehringer Ingelheim and nnd - together with the European Lung Foundation (ELF) hosted a 2-day Spirometry testing event in Glasgow.

With the theme, "Take ten minutes - Put your lungs to the test", this event aimed to raise public awareness about lung disease and, in particular, about COPD.

This initiative demonstrates the ERS commitment to promote better understanding of lung disease to the general public and the need for screening in the primary care level.

On Saturday and Sunday the local public was invited to come to the "Spirometry Tent" located in George Square, in the heart of the city center, to test their lungs.



ndd EasyOne the Spirometer of Choice

The Spirometry Tent, a large (162 sqm) tent, included 10 individual cabins, each equipped with ndd EasyOne for fast screening, diagnosis and documentation!

A team of volunteer respiratory nurses, technicians and doctors welcomed the public from 10:00–17:00 h on each of the 2 days. After each test, the printed result was discussed and given to participants.

An official letter was handed out to all people with impaired lung function advising to seek further guidance from their general practitioner (GP).

Respiratory nurses frequently commented that they were impressed how straight forward it was to operate the EasyOne!

And people were actually surprised how simple it was to test their lungs!

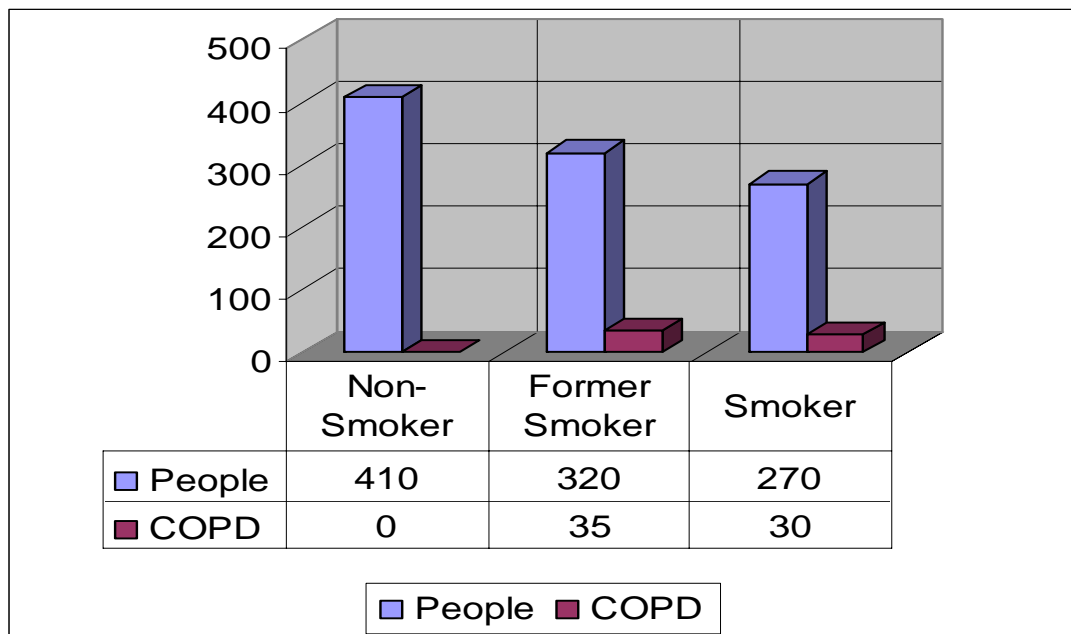


A Thousand People Tested

High profile media coverage on television, combined with extensive press and radio, drew over 2,000 people to the tent during the weekend.

Response from the public was very positive. People queued both days outside the tent well before its official opening time. Respiratory nurses and technicians were able to test about 1,000 people in total.

There was a wide range of ages.



More than 11% of tested Former Smokers and Current Smokers showed impaired lung function and were advised to seek further help.

Educating the Public

Documentation and display panels provided detailed information on lung disease, especially COPD.

Smoking cessation was one of the issues most frequently discussed with staff members, and trained advisers were on hand to give specific recommendations on quitting.