

University of Washington has “safety-net” scholarships/sponsored licenses available for the evidence-based spirometry training and quality improvement program, Spirometry 360™, a \$1500 value. The deadline for applications is October 1<sup>st</sup> for the program running January-May 2011.

Here is a link to the application:

<https://catalysttools.washington.edu/webq/survey/rains/104394>

These scholarships/sponsored licenses are funded through the National Asthma Control Initiative (NACI) program at NHLBI/National Institutes of Health. As this program is entirely web-based, no travel is required and any US-based “safety-net” practice can apply. (\*serving > 60% Medicaid or uninsured patients)

The course includes three components: 1) *Spirometry Fundamentals* online tutorial covers foundational knowledge. 2) The webinar (Learning Lab) series focuses on how to perform, interpret and implement spirometry in primary care. They feature a nationally recognized faculty who deliver these interactive, case-based webinars. 3) *Spirometry Feedback* provides each practice with customized monthly feedback reports of curve quality and specific, technique-based suggestions for improvement. This customized feedback is a key component of practice change in this distance-training model. For four years, the program has been helping practices across the United States integrate spirometry into daily practice, thereby improving care for patients with asthma and COPD.

Among the 23 practices participating in the 2010 course, the percent of spirometry sessions that met all 2005 ATS quality criteria *doubled* from baseline. The course and its components were overwhelmingly rated as “very good” or “excellent” by its participants, and 100% would recommend *Spirometry 360* to a colleague.

The Spring 2011 course will be a great opportunity for those who are new to spirometry or for those wishing to expand their knowledge, skill and confidence in this procedure. It is designed to train all office staff (MDs, PAs NPs, RNs, MAs, health educators etc.) who are performing or interpreting spirometry. A description of this offering is attached. CMEs and CNEs are available.

This program qualifies for MOC Part 4 credit for the American Board of Pediatrics towards recertification. Additional specialty board applications are pending.

For more information about our training activities and spirometry in general, visit [www.spirometrytraining.org](http://www.spirometrytraining.org) where you’ll find many related tools and resources, as well as more summary results from our 2010 training, on our website blog page.