

**AQuIRE- Bronchoscopy Module**  
**Policy on Levels of Participation and Commitment Form**

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**I. Initial Commitment to an AQuIRE Bronchoscopy Module Level of Participation**

Individuals participating in the AQuIRE Bronchoscopy Module have the option to participate at six different levels. These levels are listed in section IV of this policy.

- Commitment to participate at one level must be at the time of enrollment in the registry.
- Participants will be given a 30-day trial period at their selected level of participation to determine if they are able to fulfill the obligations required at the particular level.
- At the end of the 30-day trial period, AQuIRE participants will have the option of (1) continuing at their level of participation; (2) changing their level of participation; or (3) discontinuing participation with the AQuIRE Bronchoscopy Module.
  - If the participant chooses not to continue participation, all data entered during the 30-day trial period will be eliminated from the registry.

**II. Annual Recommitment of AQuIRE Bronchoscopy Module Level of Participation**

At the end of quarter 3 of each year, all participants will be required to recommit for the upcoming year.

- During this period, participants may choose to commit at a different level of participation for the coming year.
- The ACCP will make record of the date to ensure that appropriate steps are taken with regard to data analysis.

**III. Modifying AQuIRE Bronchoscopy Module Levels of Participation**

Under extenuating circumstances a participant may request in writing to change their level of participation.

- All requests must be submitted to Joyce Bruno Reitzner, MBA, MIPH, at [jbruno@chestnet.org](mailto:jbruno@chestnet.org).
- The Bronchoscopy Module Executive Committee will review all requests and make a determination as to whether the request will be approved.
- Upon approval of such a request, the ACCP will make record of the date to ensure that appropriate steps are taken with regard to data analysis.

**IV. Bronchoscopic Procedures and Interventions Collected**

*Diagnostic Procedures*

- BAL - Bronchoalveolar Lavage
- Transbronchial Biopsy
- Wash
- Cytology Brushing
- Endobronchial Forceps Biopsy
- Transbronchial Needle Aspiration (TBNA)
- Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS)

*Interventional Procedures*

- Ablative Therapy (Laser, APC, electrocautery, PDT, etc)
- Dilation
- Stent Placement
- Stent Removal
- Valve Placement
- Valve Removal

**V. AQuIRE Bronchoscopy Module Levels of Participation**

Individuals participating in the AQuIRE Bronchoscopy Module have the option to participate at six different levels. Participants may choose a combination of two levels.

- For instance, a participant may choose to participate in Level 3- interventional procedures and Level 6, where only data on select diagnostic procedures are collected and reported.

*Level 1-*

*Full Level - **Without** Interventional Health Status Data*

- Physicians must aim to collect and enter data on 100% of their diagnostic and interventional bronchoscopic case volume. The ultimate goal is to enter a complete, unbiased, and scientifically valid cohort of patients.
- All diagnostic and interventional procedures must be collected and entered unless the center does not offer a particular procedure at their facility.

*Level 2-*

*Full Level - **With** Interventional Health Status Data*

- Requirements outlined in Level 1.
- The participating physician also aims to collect and enter follow-up health status data on 100% of their interventional bronchoscopic case volume. The ultimate goal is to enter a complete, unbiased, and scientifically valid cohort of patients.

*Level 3-*

*Interventional Only- **Without** Health Status Data*

- Physicians aim to collect and enter data on 100% of their therapeutic bronchoscopic case volume. The ultimate goal is to enter a complete, unbiased, and scientifically valid cohort of patients.
- All interventional procedures must be collected and entered unless the center does not offer the procedure at its facility.
- AQuIRE currently collects data on the following interventional procedures:
  - Ablative Therapy (Laser, APC, electrocautery, PDT, etc)
  - Dilation
  - Stent Placement
  - Stent Removal
  - Valve Placement
  - Valve Removal

*Level 4-*

*Interventional Only - **With** Health Status Data*

- Requirements outlined in Level 3
- The participating physician also aims to collect and enter follow-up health status data on 100% of their interventional bronchoscopic case volume. The ultimate goal is to enter a complete, unbiased, and scientifically valid cohort of patients.

*Level 5-*

*Diagnostic Only*

- Physicians aim to collect and enter data on 100% of their diagnostic bronchoscopic case volume. The ultimate goal is to enter a complete, unbiased, and scientifically valid cohort of patients.
- All diagnostic procedures must be collected and entered unless the center does not offer the procedure at its facility.
- AQuIRE currently collects data on the following diagnostic procedures:
  - BAL - Bronchoalveolar Lavage
  - Transbronchial Biopsy
  - Wash
  - Cytology Brushing
  - Endobronchial Forceps Biopsy
  - Transbronchial Needle Aspiration (TBNA)
  - Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS)

*Level 6-*

*Diagnostic- Procedure Basis*

- Physicians aim to collect and enter data on 100% of any one of the diagnostic procedural cases featured in the registry.
- The ultimate goal is to enter a complete, unbiased, and scientifically valid cohort of patients.
  - For instance, if you perform EBUS at your institution, you must enter 100% of your EBUS cases.

