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Dear Physician:

COPD CLINIC NOW AVAILABLE

It is with great pleasure that I announce the inclusion of a COPD Clinic at the Garneau Lung Laboratory. Attached, please find our updated Requisition which now includes a COPD Clinic for your patients. Please feel free to make copies of this form for your office’s use.

As you know, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a major cause of disability and more people will die from this disease than diabetes, kidney disease and chronic liver disease combined. The burden of COPD is underestimated because it is not usually recognized and diagnosed until it is clinically apparent and moderately advanced. COPD develops slowly. Symptoms often worsen over time and can limit a person’s ability to do routine activities. Most of the time, COPD is diagnosed in middle-aged or older people and contributes to high hospitalization admissions.

The purpose of this clinic is to take a **systemic approach** to the management of patients with COPD. Therefore, in partnership with you, we will be able to optimize management, educate and improve outcomes for COPD patients.

The COPD clinic is a service we are offering in addition to our other tests/services (e.g. PFT, ABG, AST, oximetry, asthma and COPD education etc.) at the Garneau Lung Laboratory. We look forward to working in partnership with you to improve the lung health of your patients. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Neil Brown
Medical Director

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