## INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO RECORD YOUR PEAK EXPIRATORY FLOW RATE (PEFR)

## When to do the PEF record:

Please record your peak flow first thing in the morning when you wake up. In the evening record it at a convenient time, but preferably do it at the same time every day.

## How to perform Peak Flow measurement:

- Zero the PEF monitor
- Stand up straight
- > Inhale completely, the **inhalation should be rapid** but not forced.
- Place PEF monitor in your mouth and close your lips around the mouthpiece
- Exhale with maximal force as soon as lips are sealed around mouthpiece (please do not wait before blowing out)
- Write down the result
- Repeat two more times (three trials in total)
- Record all three values
- choose the best of the three values to record in the table below.

If you were not asked to use an inhaler, just record the peak flow in the morning and evening.

**If you have been asked** to record your peak flow before and after an inhaler, It would be helpful to record your peak flow before and 30 minutes after taking Ventolin/salbutamol (or another bronchodilator) inhaler. Thus there will be four sets of records every day.

## Recording peak flow after using inhaler:

- Take your bronchodilator inhaler.
  - Wait for 30 minutes.
  - Repeat the peak flow manoeuvre

	Morning value		Evening value		Comments
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