**Remote Respiratory Consultation COPD – English Transcript**

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Hello Pilar

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Hello

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How are you? Can you hear me? I'm fine.

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Me? Perfect.

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Well, I can see you perfectly and I hear you well.

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Okay.

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It's strange that the internet works properly.

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Well, this one does.

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But well, don't worry

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if there was a problem. I'll see you again.

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We'll reconnect. Okay?

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Okay. I have been reviewing your medical records and I've seen it's been going more or less well lately,

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that there wasn't much of a problem

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So, are you... Are you on your own?

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Are you okay?

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Yes.

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Okay. Because I'll make a note of what we talk about in your medical record

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and it'll be all written down today.

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Is that okay for you?

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So, tell me how is it going?

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Because we had agreed that it's difficult for you to come here because of work,

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that you're so busy with work that you can't come here often.

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Yes, because I don't have a very fixed schedule.

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Some days I finish earlier, some days I finish later.

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So, you are at work now, aren't you?

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I'm at work, yes I am.

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Okay, so here's the benefit that online consultation gives us.

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If we see that there's something that we need to do here

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you can come in and we can arrange.

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So now I'm going to try to do the visit,

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I sent you the CAT.

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Did you complete it?

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Yes.

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Okay, send it to me by email and then I will take a look and I will attach it to your clinical files

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What was your score on this one?

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11

00:02:09:18 - 00:02:11:03

11?

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Well, that's a little bit too high. You know that below ten is the best,

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but well, 11 is not so bad.

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And especially…

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Tell me. Tell me.

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Well, it's not mostly climbing stairs, or hills

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I get very tired. It's true that I do very little exercise,

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I mean, I hardly do any exercise.

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And of course, it's very hard for me, do you know?

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So, basically the worst thing is dyspnea, shortness of breath.

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Yes, in that specific case, because

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I don't usually have any problems.

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Ah, I guess you're a little bit worse lately.

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Yes when I climb stairs I get really tired.

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Well, okay. What about coughing and expectoration, phlegm?

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Nothing.

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Perfect.

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And have you had any worsening that made you come to the emergency room or the hospital that we haven't been aware of?

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I didn't have no, just many years ago, at the time when I was diagnosed.

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But not anymore,

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I mean, I only went to the ER

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when I was first diagnosed with COPD.

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Okay, and another time when I had COVID,

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but no, I didn't have any problems.

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I mean, I did feel very tired.

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For about a month or so I felt more tired.

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No acute respiratory symptoms?

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No problem, no.

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Okay, are you taking your medication?

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Yes.

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Tell me how you take it, let’s see if you've got it right.

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Well, I take the.

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What is it called?

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The dry powder inhaler?

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 Yes. I take a breath.

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I exhale all the air out, I take a very deep breath

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taking the product,

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I stay without breathing as long as I can hold it.

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And in the evenings again.

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Okay, you hold your breath for about ten seconds and…

I hold on.

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About five to ten seconds.

They recommend that.

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Okay. And do you take it every day in the morning and in the...

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evening, every day.

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Your physical activity is poor,

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but maybe we can improve

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that a little bit.

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Sure.

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Yes.

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You know the more exercise capacity

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we give to the lungs,

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the body will get better.

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What about your sleep?

Do you sleep well, don't wake up at all?

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I usually have no problems, but at the moment yes, because of the warm nights.

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How is your mood?

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Do you have anxiety,

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or a bad mood or anything like that?

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No.

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Still one important thing.

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What about tobacco, anything at all?

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Zero. No since I quit smoking in 2010,

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October 4, excuse me, October 14, 2010 I have never picked up a cigarette again.

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Great, great.

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That's perfect.

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 I don't even think you will have a problem with it.

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Not anymore, no.

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Is it still in your mind after so many years?

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No, no, sometimes I dream about it,

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but I'm very conscious that I won’t do it because once I take one cigarette….

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Would be a lost cause? Exactly.

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That's it.

00:05:56:01 - 00:05:58:11

Not even touch it.

Nothing.

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Well,

00:06:00:19 - 00:06:08:06

I can see that you are having a little bit more fatigue,

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let's try some more rescue medication.

Do you have salbutamol or any other?

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I have.

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Or ipratropium?

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I don't remember Let’s see.

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I have it right here.

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Salbutamol?

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Yes, salbutamol.

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I try not to take it.

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I don't take too much.

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I mean, sometimes when I'm climbing stairs

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or I'm feeling very tired and

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then I take it.

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I try not to take it too much.

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Okay,

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one thing we could take advantage of would be to take a little bit more

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to improve physical activity.

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So you're going to try to walk a little bit more.

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Now, in summertime it's hard, because of the heat.

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But maybe in the late afternoon you could take the opportunity to walk

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for a while or go for a swim

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And if you have to use your rescue inhaler to help you do a little bit more activity, that would be perfect.

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You'll use it before exercise, not after, when you're already tired, but before.

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Okay.

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I think this will be the only change

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and I am going to give you a call back in 15 days or so, okay?

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And you can tell me how it goes, if you still feel bad or not.

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And maybe you will come for a spirometry

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to see if there is any change in your lung function.

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Do you feel comfortable with the plan?

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Fine

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Well, I think that's it.

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 Is there anything else you want to tell me or ask me?

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I think, I don't know,

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I just feel this tiredness,

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but I attribute it more to the lack of physical exercise,

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which is that I get more tired, but the rest I don't really have much of a problem.

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Well, I think that remote consultation is faster and easier for you.

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We have improved something then.

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Let's see if we can make some progress.

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I will call you back in 15 days or so.

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Please note down in your calendar,

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two weeks from today, at this same time.

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Let's see if we can improve that dyspnea a little bit. Okay.

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Okay.

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All right.

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Nice talking to you.

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Nice to talk to you.

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Yes, I'll talk to you in two weeks.

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Okay, goodbye.