LESSON 2: RESPIRATORY EXPLORATORY

Exploratory Laboratory 2B: Under Pressure!

In this lab, you will consider the problem: how do changes in volume affect lung function? Using a simple model made of a syringe and marshmallow, you will test and observe the impact of pressure changes and extrapolate how this relates to lung function.

Materials:

- > 1 100 ml syringe (no needle)
- > 1 miniature marshmallow

Procedure:

- 1. Remove the plunger from the syringe.
- 2. Put the marshmallow into the syringe.
- **3.** Put the plunger back into the syringe and <u>gently</u> push down until the marshmallow is at the "needle" end of the syringe. **Caution: Do not squash the marshmallow!**
- 4. Cover the end of the syringe with your finger and pull back on the plunger without pulling it out of the syringe.
- 5. Release the plunger and observe.

Observations:



