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## **Description**

R package **rspiro** implements multiple spirometry equations: currently the GLI-2012 (Quanjer) and NHANES III (Hankinson), with potentially more to be added later. It offers a convenient interface to calculate predicted or LLN (Lower Limit of Normal) values given demographic data, or to convert absolute spirometry values to percent (predicted or z-scores.

#### **Details**

To ensure a consistent interface, package functions are named with a prefix indicating the functionality and a suffix indicating the spirometric equations used, for example LLN\_GLI calculates Lower Limits of Normal using the GLI-2012 equations. The suffix is currently one of 'GLI' or 'NHANES3'. The prefix is one of 'LLN\_', 'pred\_', 'pctpred\_' or 'zscore\_'.

Functions prefixed 'LLN\_' or 'pred\_' accept as input demographic information (age, gender, height, ethnicity) and calculate the Lower Limit of Normal and the predicted value, respectively, for a given spirometry parameter (FEV1, FVC, etc). Functions prefixed 'pctpred\_' or 'zscore\_' accept absolute spirometry values (plus demographics) and convert those to percent (z-scores, respectively. Please note the difference between 'pred\_' and 'pctpred\_' above.

For detailed information, refer to the respective function documentations.

The development version of **rspiro** is available on GitHub https://github.com/thlytras/rspiro. To report problems and bugs, or to request a feature, please go there and open an issue. Alternatively, send an email to Theodore Lytras <thlytras@gmail.com>.

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Calculate LLN of spirometry parameters using GLI-2012 equations

#### **Description**

This function calculates LLNs (Lower Limits of Normal) for the various spirometry parameters, using the GLI-2012 equations. It accepts as input age, height, gender and ethnicity.

## Usage

```
LLN_GLI(age, height, gender = 1, ethnicity = 1, param = "FEV1")
```

#### **Arguments**

age	Age in years
height	Height in meters
gender	Gender (1 = male, 2 = female) or a factor with two levels (first = male). Default is 1.
ethnicity	Ethnicity (1 = Caucasian, 2 = African-American, 3 = NE Asian, 4 = SE Asian, 5 = Other/mixed). Default is 1.
param	A character vector, containing one of more of the following parameters (case insensitive): "FEV1", "FVC", "FEV1FVC", "FEF2575", "FEF75", "FEV075", "FEV075FVC"

#### **Details**

Arguments age, height, gender and ethnicity are vectors of equal length, or of length one, in which case the value is recycled; if the four vectors are not of equal length, the function stops with an error.

#### Value

If param has length one, the function returns a numeric vector. If param has length >1, it returns a data.frame with length(param) columns.

## **Examples**

```
\# Find LLN of FEV1 and FVC for Caucasian women aged 20 to 70 and with a height of 1.70 meters. LLN_GLI(20:70, 1.7, 2, param=c("FEV1", "FVC"))
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LLN_NHANES3	Calculate predicted values of spirometry parameters using NHANES III equations

## Description

This function calculates LLNs (Lower Limits of Normal) for the various spirometry parameters, using the NHANES III equations. It accepts as input age, height, gender and ethnicity.

## Usage

```
LLN_NHANES3(age, height, gender = 1, ethnicity = 1, param = "FEV1")
```

#### **Arguments**

age	Age in years
height	Height in meters
gender	Gender (1 = male, 2 = female) or a factor with two levels (first = male). Default is 1.
ethnicity	Ethnicity (1 = Caucasian, $2$ = African-American, $3$ = Mexican-American). Default is 1.
param	A character vector, containing one of more of the following parameters (case insensitive): "FEV1", "FVC", "FEV1FVC", "PEF", "FEF2575", "FEV6", "FEV1FEV6"

#### **Details**

Arguments age, height, gender and ethnicity are vectors of equal length, or of length one, in which case the value is recycled; if the four vectors are not of equal length, the function stops with an error.

#### Value

If param has length one, the function returns a numeric vector. If param has length >1, it returns a data.frame with length(param) columns.

## **Examples**

```
\# Find LLN of FEV1 and FVC for Caucasian women aged 20 to 70 and with a height of 1.70 meters. LLN_NHANES3(20:70, 1.7, 2, param=c("FEV1","FVC"))
```

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pctpred_GLI Convert spirometric values to % predicted using GLI-2012 equations
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## Description

This function takes absolute spirometry measurements (FEV1, FVC, etc) in lt plus demographic data (age, height, gender and ethnicity) and converts them to percent (%) predicted based on the GLI-2012 equations.

## Usage

```
pctpred_GLI(
   age,
   height,
   gender = 1,
   ethnicity = 1,
   FEV1 = NULL,
   FVC = NULL,
   FEV1FVC = NULL,
   FEF2575 = NULL,
   FEF75 = NULL,
   FEV075 = NULL,
   FEV075FVC = NULL)
```

## Arguments

age	Age in years
height	Height in meters
gender	Gender (1 = male, 2 = female) or a factor with two levels (first = male). Default is 1.
ethnicity	Ethnicity (1 = Caucasian, 2 = African-American, 3 = NE Asian, 4 = SE Asian, 5 = Other/mixed). Default is 1.
FEV1	Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second (lt)
FVC	Forced Vital Capacity (lt)
FEV1FVC	FEV1 / FVC ratio
FEF2575	Forced Expiratory Flow between 25% and 75% of FVC (lt/s)
FEF75	Forced Expiratory Flow at 75% of FVC (lt/s)
FEV075	Forced Expiratory Volume in 0.75 sec (lt)
FEV075FVC	FEV0.75 / FVC ratio

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#### **Details**

At least one of the spirometric measurement arguments must be set (i.e. be non-NULL). Arguments age, height, gender and ethnicity must be vectors of length equal to the length of the spirometric measurement vector(s), or of length one, in which case their value is recycled. If any input vector is not of equal length, the function stops with an error.

#### Value

If only one spirometry argument is supplied, the function returns a numeric vector. If more are supplied, the function returns a data.frame with the same number of columns.

#### **Examples**

pctpred\_NHANES3

Convert spirometric values to % predicted using NHANES III equations

#### **Description**

This function takes absolute spirometry measurements (FEV1, FVC, etc) in lt plus demographic data (age, height, gender and ethnicity) and converts them to percent (%) predicted based on the NHANES III equations.

#### Usage

```
pctpred_NHANES3(
   age,
   height,
   gender = 1,
   ethnicity = 1,
   FEV1 = NULL,
   FVC = NULL,
   FEV1FVC = NULL,
   PEF = NULL,
   FEF2575 = NULL,
   FEV6 = NULL,
   FEV1FEV6 = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

age Age in years height Height in meters

gender Gender (1 = male, 2 = female) or a factor with two levels (first = male). Default

is 1.

ethnicity (1 = Caucasian, 2 = African-American, 3 = Mexican-American). De-

fault is 1.

FEV1 Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second (lt)

FVC Forced Vital Capacity (lt)

FEV1FVC FEV1 / FVC ratio

PEF Peak Expiratory Flow (lt)

FEF2575 Forced Expiratory Flow between 25% and 75% of FVC (lt/s)

FEV6 Forced Expiratory Volume in 6 seconds (lt)

FEV1FEV6 FEV1 / FEV6 ratio

#### **Details**

At least one of the spirometric measurement arguments must be set (i.e. be non-NULL). Arguments age, height, gender and ethnicity must be vectors of length equal to the length of the spirometric measurement vector(s), or of length one, in which case their value is recycled. If any input vector is not of equal length, the function stops with an error.

#### Value

If only one spirometry argument is supplied, the function returns a numeric vector. If more are supplied, the function returns a data.frame with the same number of columns.

#### **Examples**

pred_GLI	Calculate predicted values of spirometry parameters using GLI-2012
	equations

#### **Description**

This function calculates the mean normal (predicted) values for the various spirometry parameters, using the GLI-2012 equations. It accepts as input age, height, gender and ethnicity.

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#### Usage

```
pred_GLI(age, height, gender = 1, ethnicity = 1, param = "FEV1")
```

#### **Arguments**

age Age in years
height Height in meters

gender Gender (1 = male, 2 = female) or a factor with two levels (first = male). Default

is 1.

ethnicity (1 = Caucasian, 2 = African-American, 3 = NE Asian, 4 = SE Asian,

5 = Other/mixed). Default is 1.

param A character vector, containing one of more of the following parameters (case

insensitive): "FEV1", "FVC", "FEV1FVC", "FEF2575", "FEF75", "FEV075",

"FEV075FVC"

#### **Details**

Arguments age, height, gender and ethnicity are vectors of equal length, or of length one, in which case the value is recycled; if the four vectors are not of equal length, the function stops with an error.

#### Value

If param has length one, the function returns a numeric vector. If param has length >1, it returns a data.frame with length(param) columns.

#### **Examples**

# Find LLN of FEV1 and FVC for Caucasian women aged 20 to 70 and with a height of 1.70 meters. LLN\_GLI(20:70, 1.7, 2, param=c("FEV1","FVC"))

pred_NHANES3	Calculate predicted values of spirometry parameters using NHANES
	III equations

#### **Description**

This function calculates the mean normal (predicted) values for the various spirometry parameters, using the NHANES III equations. It accepts as input age, height, gender and ethnicity.

## Usage

```
pred_NHANES3(age, height, gender = 1, ethnicity = 1, param = "FEV1")
```

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## **Arguments**

age	Age in years
height	Height in meters
gender	Gender (1 = male, 2 = female) or a factor with two levels (first = male). Default is 1.
ethnicity	Ethnicity (1 = Caucasian, 2 = African-American, 3 = Mexican-American). Default is 1.
param	A character vector, containing one of more of the following parameters (case insensitive): "FEV1", "FEV1FVC", "PEF", "FEF2575", "FEV6", "FEV1FEV6"

#### **Details**

Arguments age, height, gender and ethnicity are vectors of equal length, or of length one, in which case the value is recycled; if the four vectors are not of equal length, the function stops with an error.

#### Value

If param has length one, the function returns a numeric vector. If param has length >1, it returns a data.frame with length(param) columns.

#### **Examples**

```
# Find predicted FEV1 and FVC for Caucasian women aged 20 to 70 and with a height of 1.70 meters. pred_NHANES3(20:70, 1.7, 2, param=c("FEV1", "FVC"))
```

zscore_GLI	Convert spirometric values to z-scores using GLI-2012 equations

## **Description**

This function takes absolute spirometry measurements (FEV1, FVC, etc) in lt plus demographic data (age, height, gender and ethnicity) and converts them to z-scores based on the GLI-2012 equations.

#### Usage

```
zscore_GLI(
   age,
   height,
   gender = 1,
   ethnicity = 1,
   FEV1 = NULL,
   FVC = NULL,
   FEV1FVC = NULL,
```

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```
FEF2575 = NULL,
FEF75 = NULL,
FEV075 = NULL,
FEV075FVC = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

age Age in years height Height in meters

gender Gender (1 = male, 2 = female) or a factor with two levels (first = male). Default

is 1

ethnicity (1 = Caucasian, 2 = African-American, 3 = NE Asian, 4 = SE Asian,

5 = Other/mixed). Default is 1.

FEV1 Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second (lt)

FVC Forced Vital Capacity (lt)
FEV1FVC FEV1 / FVC \* 100%

FEF2575 Forced Expiratory Flow between 25% and 75% of FVC (lt/s)

FEF75 Forced Expiratory Flow at 75% of FVC (lt/s)
FEV075 Forced Expiratory Volume in 0.75 sec (lt)

FEV075FVC FEV0.75 / FVC \* 100%

## **Details**

At least one of the spirometric measurement arguments must be set (i.e. be non-NULL). Arguments age, height, gender and ethnicity must be vectors of length equal to the length of the spirometric measurement vector(s), or of length one, in which case their value is recycled. If any input vector is not of equal length, the function stops with an error.

#### Value

If only one spirometry argument is supplied, the function returns a numeric vector. If more are supplied, the function returns a data.frame with the same number of columns.

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