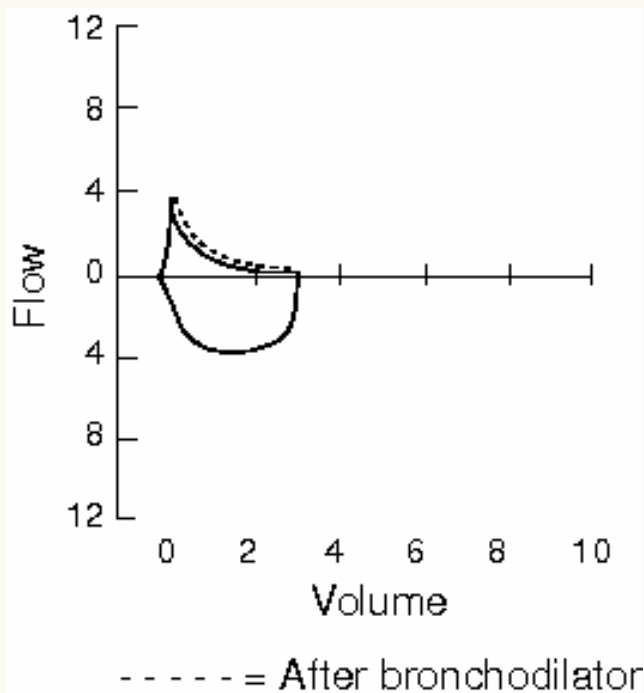




COPD Flow Volume Loop



This flow volume loop shows moderate reduction in airflow as identified by a non-linear decline in flow with decreasing volume. This is recognized as a “scooped out” curve with a reduced slope. Note lack of improvement in airflow following bronchodilator therapy, characteristic of irreversible airway disease (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease).