



PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

Pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a collection of different conditions, that requires individualized therapy/treatment for each group.



Epidemiology

PH is very common and affects **1% of the general population**



The prevalence of PH rises to **10% in patients over 65 yo**



WHO group II and III PH are by far **the most common categories**

PAH targeted therapies are NOT indicated for WHO group II and III PH

Types/Groups

Updated clinical classification of PH

Group 1: PAH

- 1.1 Idiopathic PAH
- 1.2 Heritable PAH
- 1.3 Drug- and toxin-induced PAH
- 1.4 PAH associated with: associated with: connective tissue disease, HIV infection, portal hypertension, congenital heart disease, schistosomiasis
- 1.5 PAH long-term responders to calcium channel blockers
- 1.6 PAH with overt features of venous/capillaries (PVOD/PCH) involvement
- 1.7 Persistent PH of the newborn syndrome



Group 2: PH due to left heart disease

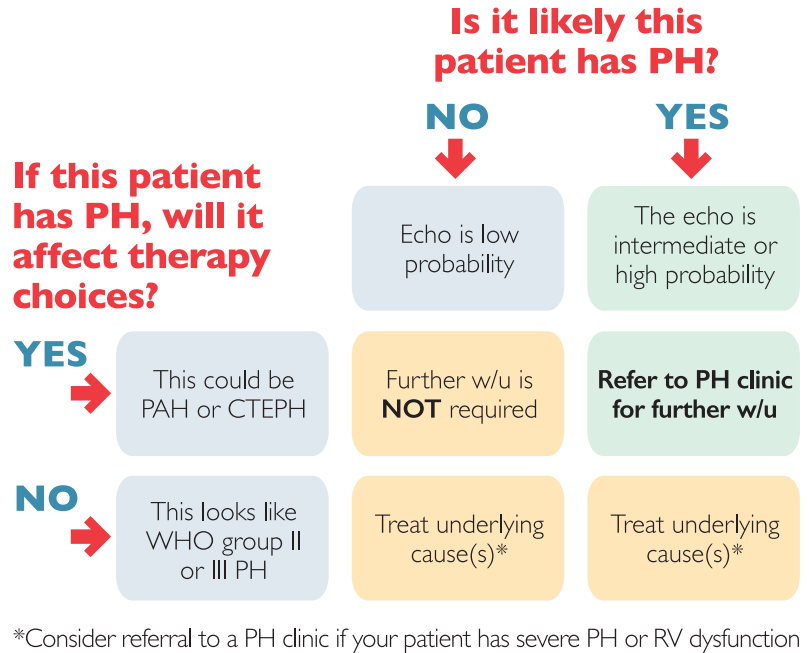
Group 3: PH due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia

Group 4: PH due to pulmonary artery obstructions

Group 5: PH with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms

Echocardiographic probability of PH

Peak tricuspid regurgitation velocity (m/s)	Presence of other echo "PH signs" ^a	Echocardiographic probability of pulmonary hypertension
≤2.8 or not measurable	No	Low
≤2.8 or not measurable	Yes	Intermediate
2.9-3.4	No	
2.9-3.4	Yes	High
>3.4	Not required	



Is this group II PH?

PH suspected by history and exam

PH on echocardiography

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| 1. Age >60 years? | 4. LV systolic dysfunction? |
| 2. Comorbidities (DM, HTN, CAD, obesity) | 5. Echo abnormalities (LAE, LVH, or significant DD) |
| 3. Valvular heart disease? | 6. BNP markedly elevated? |

↓ All no

↓ 1-2 yes

↓ ≥3 yes

PAH

Probable PH from LHD

PH from LHD

↓ Required

↓ Consider

↓ Consider in select cases

Catheterization to confirm diagnosis

Is this group III PH?

LIMITED CLD

Obstructive LD: FEV₁ >60%
Restrictive LD: FVC >70%

Physiologic severity

Minimal parenchymal CT changes

Radiographic severity

SEVERE CLD

Obstructive LD: FEV₁ <60%
Restrictive LD: FVC <70%

Extensive parenchymal CT changes

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Group 1 (PAH)/classification unclear

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Group 3 PH

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