



Evolving Approaches in PAH: Keys to Management and Transitioning Care



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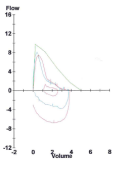
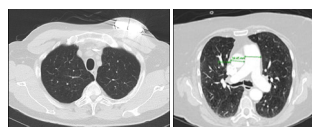
The COPD-PH Consult...

52-year-old white male with COPD, HTN, presents with progressive DOE

Current Meds:

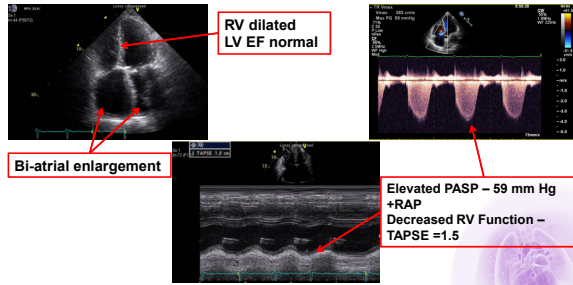
- LABA/LAMA x 5 years
- ACEI x 1 year
- 2 exacerbations in last year
- 2 LPM oxygen x 6 mo
- An echo is ordered...

Pulmonary Function Testing		
FVC	3.79 (75%)	3.87 (77%) +2
FEV1	2.39 (62%)	2.56 (66%) +7
FEV1/FVC ratio	63	66
TLC	7.01 (103%)	
RV	3.05 (136%)	
DLCO (adj)	7.01 (23%)	

DOE, dyspnea on exertion; HTN, hypertension; LPM, liters per minute; LABA, long-acting beta-agonist; LAMA, long-acting muscarinic antagonist; ACEI, ACE inhibitor; TLC, total lung capacity; RV, residual volume; DLCO, diffusing capacity of lungs for carbon monoxide

The COPD-PH Consult...



**RV dilated
LV EF normal**

Bi-atrial enlargement

**Elevated PASP – 59 mm Hg
+RAP
Decreased RV Function –
TAPSE =1.5**

RV, right ventricle; LV, left ventricle; EF, ejection fraction; PASP, pulmonary artery systolic pressure; RAP, right atrial pressure; TAPSE, tricuspid, annular plane systolic excursion

When to Consider Pulmonary Vascular Disease

<p><u>Pulmonary Consult</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate obstructive lung disease stable Abnormal echo Continue present management of COPD <p style="text-align: center;">IT'S NOT THE LUNGS IT'S THE HEART</p>	<p><u>Cardiology Consult</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal left ventricular systolic function Abnormal PFTs Continue present management of HTN <p style="text-align: center;">IT'S NOT THE HEART IT'S THE LUNGS</p>
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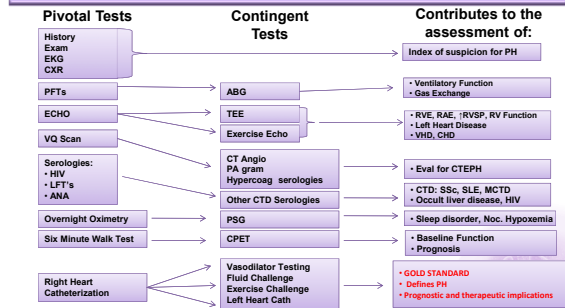
WHO Clinical Classification of PH Guidelines 2013 (Nice, France)

<p>Group 1—PAH</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Idiopathic PAH Heritable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> BMPR2 ALK-1, endoglin, SMAD 9, CAV-1, KCNK3 Unknown Drug- and toxin-induced PAH associated with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Connective tissue diseases HIV infection Portal hypertension Congenital systemic to pulmonary shunts Schistosomiasis Persistent pulmonary hypertension of newborn Pulmonary veno-occlusive disease or pulmonary capillary hemangiomatosis 	<p>Group 2—PH owing to left heart disease</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Systolic dysfunction Diastolic dysfunction Valvular disease
<p>Group 3—PH owing to lung diseases or hypoxia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease Interstitial lung disease Other pulmonary diseases with mixed restrictive and obstructive pattern <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sleep-disordered breathing Alveolar hypoventilation disorder Chronic exposure to high altitude Developmental abnormalities 	<p>Group 4—Chronic thromboembolic PH</p>
<p>Group 5—PH with unclear multifactorial mechanisms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hematologic disorders: Chronic hemolytic anemia, MPD, Systemic disorders: sarcoid Metabolic disorders Others 	

The 6th World Symposium on Pulmonary Hypertension was held in Nice, France from February 27 to March 1, 2018 and updates derived from this meeting are expected to be released in late 2018 or early 2019.

Simonneau et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2013;62(25 suppl D):D34-D41.

Diagnostic Algorithm for Pulmonary Hypertension



Pivotal Tests

- History Exam, EKG, CXR
- PFTs
- ECHO
- VQ Scan
- Serologies: HIV, LFTs, ANA
- Overnight Oximetry
- Six Minute Walk Test
- Right Heart Catheterization

Contingent Tests

- ABG
- TEE
- Exercise Echo
- CT Angio, PA gram, Hypercoag serologies
- Other CTD Serologies
- PSG
- CPET
- Vasodilator Testing, Fluid Challenge, Exercise Challenge, Left Heart Cath

Contributes to the assessment of:

- Index of suspicion for PH
- Ventilatory Function, Gas Exchange
- RVE, RAE, RVSP, RV Function
- Left Heart Disease, VHD, CHD
- Eval for CTEPH
- CTD: SSC, SLE, MCTD
- Left Heart Disease, HIV
- Sleep disorder, Noc. Hypoxemia
- Baseline Function, Prognosis
- GOLD STANDARD**
- Defines PH
- Prognostic and therapeutic implications

PFTs, pulmonary function tests; ECHO, echocardiogram; VQ, ventilation/perfusion; LFTs, liver function tests; ANA, anti-nuclear antibody; ABG, arterial blood gases; TEE, transthoracic echocardiography; PA gram, pulmonary angiogram; CTD, connective tissue disease; PSG, polysomnogram; CPET, cardiopulmonary exercise testing; RVE, right ventricle enlargement; RAE, right atrial enlargement; RVSP, right ventricle systolic pressure; SSC, systemic sclerosis; SLE, systemic lupus erythematosus; MCTD, mixed CTD

Clinical Classification of Pulmonary Hypertension

Class 1: PAH	Class 2: PVH	Class 3: PH associated with lung disease
mPAP at rest ≥ 25 mm Hg	mPAP at rest ≥ 25 mm Hg	mPAP at rest > 25 mm Hg
PCWP ≤ 15 mm Hg	PCWP ≥ 15 mm Hg	Underlying chronic lung disease
PVR > 3 Wood		

Class 4: PH CTEPH
mPAP at rest > 25 mm Hg
PCWP ≤ 15 mm Hg
Evidence of chronic perfusion defects

Smooth Muscle Hypertrophy, Neointima formation neovascularization, Endothelial Cell Proliferation (monoclonality), Medial Thickening, Occlusive Venopathy, Factor VIII Staining, Smooth Muscle Hypertrophy, Chronic PE, Perfusion, Ventilation

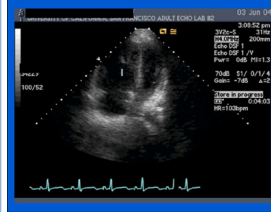
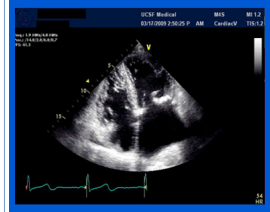
mPAP, mean pulmonary artery pressure; PCWP, pulmonary capillary wedge pressure; PVR, pulmonary vascular resistance; PAH, pulmonary arterial hypertension; PVH, pulmonary venous hypertension

Echocardiographic Features of PAH vs PVH

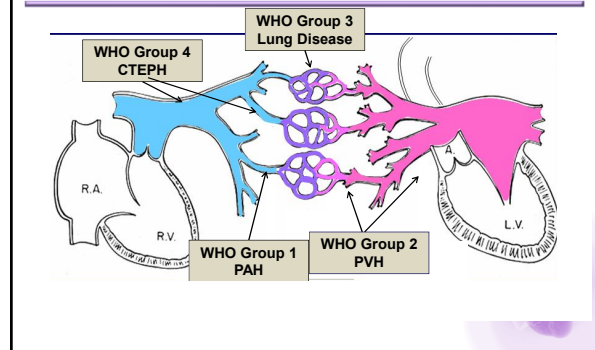
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	Pulmonary Venous Hypertension
2-D echo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal LA, LV size; small LV (<3.5 cm) No LVH Normal to high ejection fraction Septal bowing (systole > diastole) Pericardial effusion Doppler: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable PASP No MR Grade 1 diastolic dysfunction (E<A) 	2-D echo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dilated LA Normal of dilated LV \pm LVH Variable LV ejection fraction RV/LV ratio <1 LV remains round in short axis Doppler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable PASP > 2+ MR E>A diastolic dysfunction (Grade 2-3)

LA, left atrium; LV, left ventricle; LVH, left ventricle hypertension; RV, right ventricle; PASP, pulmonary artery systolic pressure; MR, mitral regurgitation

Echocardiographic Features of PAH vs PVH

Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	Pulmonary Venous Hypertension
	

Where is the Lesion?



How Common is Pulmonary Hypertension?

WHO Group I PAH

- Prevalence 10–20 cases/million population*
- US population 311 million
 - US cases of PAH: 4,665 (orphan disease <200K in US)
- Worldwide population: 6 billion
 - Worldwide cases of PAH: 90,000

**WHO Group I PAH is a rare, orphan disease
But PH is not...**

*Humbert M et al. AJRCCM. 2006; 173(9):1023-30.
Hoepfer M et al. ERR, 2014 23: 450-457.

How Common is Pulmonary Hypertension?

WHO Category	Estimated US prevalence (n)
Group I (PAH)	4,665
Group II (PVH)	millions
Group III (PH due to \downarrow O ₂)	>200,000
Group IV (chronic PE)	90,000

* <http://www.pubmed.org>; ** <http://www.google.com>; † <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>

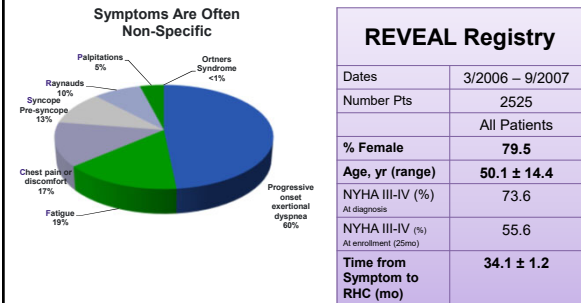
How Common is Pulmonary Hypertension?

WHO Category	Estimated US prevalence (n)	Pubmed citations* (n)	Google hits** (n)	Clinical trials† (n)*	
				Completed (N=330)	Ongoing (n=194)
Group I (PAH)	4,665	36,629 (6,134)	1.18 million (586,000)	140 (42%)	58 (30%)
Group II (PVH)	millions	4,724	64,900	8 (2%)	28 (14%)
Group III (PH due to ↓O ₂)	>200,000	5,186	355,000	74 (22%)	34 (17%)
Group IV (chronic PE)	90,000	3,129	38,100	33 (10%)	5 (3%)

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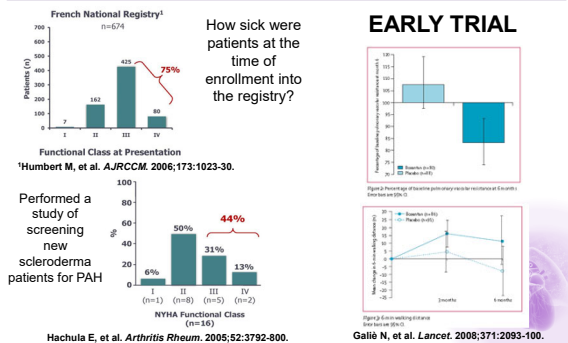


Presenting Symptoms of PAH



RHC, right heart catheterization
Badesch D, et al. CHEST. 2010;137:376-87.

The Importance of Early Diagnosis

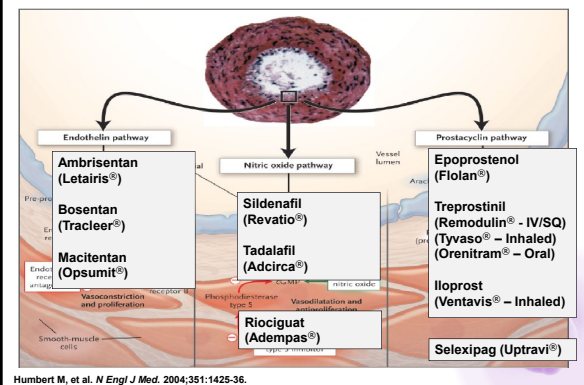


Treatment of PH

WHO Group 1 PAH
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Pulmonary Vasodilator Therapy
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Primary Indication



Treatment of Group 1 PAH



Treatment Goals in Group 1 PAH

Table 1 Goals recommended by the latest European Society of Cardiology/European Respiratory Society guidelines for pulmonary hypertension

Better prognosis	Determinants of prognosis	Worse prognosis
No	Clinical evidence of RV failure	Yes
Slow	Rate of progression of symptoms	Rapid
No	Syncope	Yes
I and II	WHO FC	IV
Longer (>500 m) [‡]	6MWT	Shorter (<300 m)
Peak V _{O₂} >15 mL·min ⁻¹ ·kg ⁻¹	Cardiopulmonary exercise testing	Peak V _{O₂} <12 mL·min ⁻¹ ·kg ⁻¹
Normal or near normal	BNP/NT-proBNP plasma levels	Very elevated and rising
No pericardial effusion TAPSE [‡] >2.0 cm	Echocardiographic findings [‡]	Pericardial effusion TAPSE [‡] <1.5 cm
RAP <8 mmHg and CI ≥2.5 L·min ⁻¹ ·m ⁻²	Haemodynamics	RAP >15 mmHg or CI ≤2.0 L·min ⁻¹ ·m ⁻²

RAP, right atrial pressure; CI, cardiac index; TAPSE, tricuspid annular plane systolic excursion
Sitbon O, Galiè N. Eur Respir Rev. 2010;19:272-8.

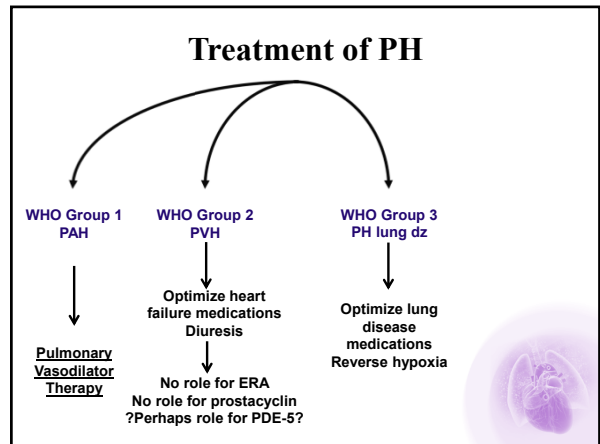
Pulmonary Vasodilators in Group 2: PVH

PDE-5 inhibitors:

- Most promising
- Small trials with encouraging results

PDE-5 Inhibitor	
TRIAL	OUTCOME
Lewis 2007	Improved exercise capacity and QOL in systolic HF with PH
Guazzi 2007	Improved exercise capacity, improved PAP, decreased hospitalization

Lewis GD, et al. *Circulation*. 2007;116:1555-62.
Guazzi M, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol*. 2007;50:2136-44.



Pulmonary Vasodilators in Group 3: PH lung disease

Theoretical risk of increasing VQ mis-matching and worsening hypoxemia

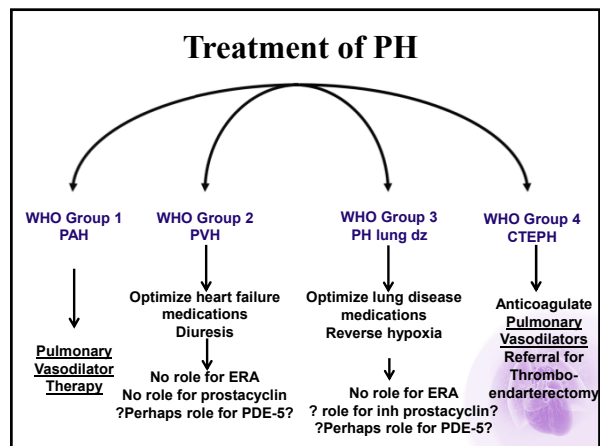
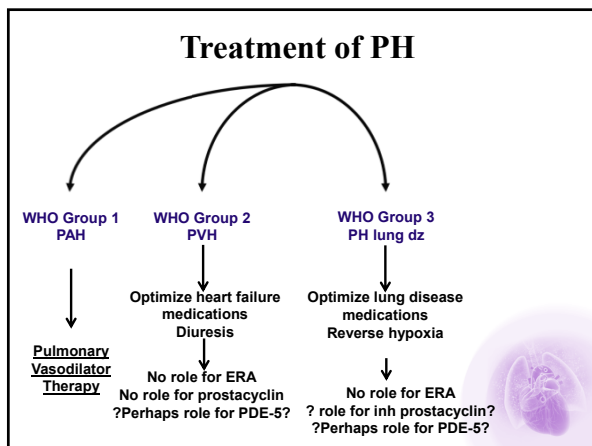
PH-ILD
No clear benefit from PAH specific therapy
Trend towards increased oxygen requirements*

VQ, ventilation/perfusion; ILD, interstitial lung disease
*Le Pavec J, et al. *Arthritis Rheum*. 2011;53:2456-64.

Pulmonary Vasodilators in Group 3: PH

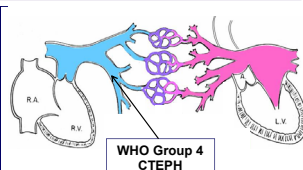
- PH-COPD
 - Multiple small studies, poorly-defined patients
 - Prostacyclins
 - IV showed worsening oxygenation^a
 - Inhaled showed improved oxygenation^b
 - ERA
 - Showed trends towards worsening oxygenation, decline in 6MWT, and worse QOL^c
 - PDE-5
 - Well tolerated, attenuated exercise, induced rise in mPAP^d

^aArcher SL, et al. *CHEST*. 1996;109:750-5.
^bDernaika TA, et al. *Respiration*. 2010;79:377-82.
^cStolz D, et al. *Eur Respir J*. 2008;32:619-28.
^dHolverda S, et al. *Pulm Pharmacol Ther*. 2008;21:558-64.




Pulmonary Vasodilators in Group 4: CTEPH

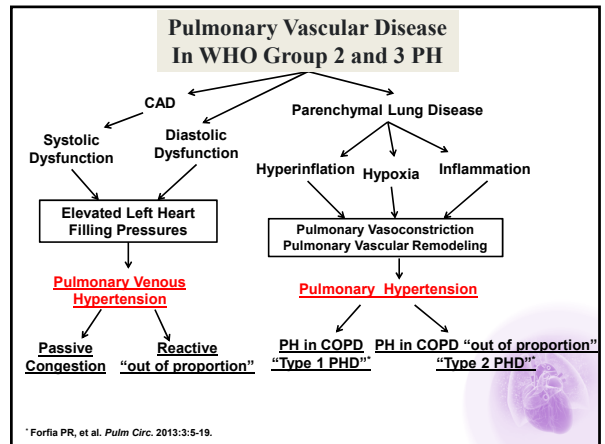
- Anticoagulation is the backbone
- Clear role for pulmonary vasodilators in non-operative candidates



WHO Group 4 CTEPH



Thromboendarterectomy is treatment of choice as it offers a durable cure.



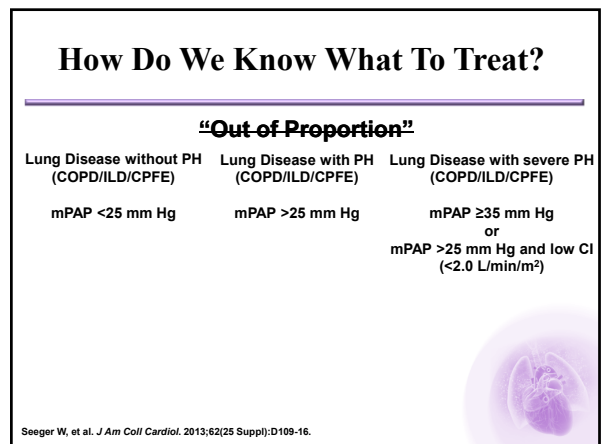
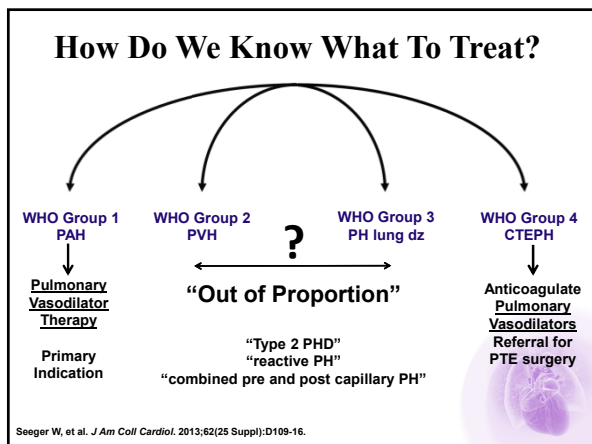
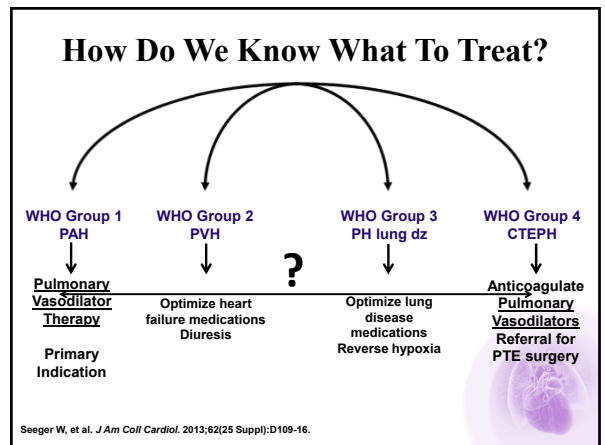
Pulmonary Vasodilators in "Select" COPD-PH?

CHEST Original Research

What is the difference between "severe COPD-PH" and "PAH with comorbid COPD"?

- COPD one of the most commonly reported comorbid conditions
- On average GOLD 2 severity
- 498/2959 – 17% reporting COPD

Poms AD, et al. *CHEST.* 2013;144:169-76.



Lung Disease with Severe PH

- Represents a minority of chronic lung disease patients suspected to have severe vascular abnormalities
- Circulatory impairment is primary driver of reduced exercise capacity rather than the ventilatory impairment related to the lung disease

Ventilatory and Cardiocirculatory Exercise Profiles in COPD

The Role of Pulmonary Hypertension

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Impact of pulmonary hemodynamics on 6-min walk test in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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Seeger W, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2013;62(25 Suppl):D109-16.
Boerrigter BG, et al. *CHEST.* 2012;142:1166-74.
Minai OA, et al. *Respir Med.* 2012;106:1613-21.



Conclusions

Pulmonary hypertension is a complex comorbid condition with many faces and therefore many potential treatment pathways.

- Hemodynamic distinctions (need for right heart catheterization)
- Pathologic distinctions (driving the question “where is the lesion”)
- Treatment distinctions (not all PH benefits from PH drugs)

Data to guide decision-making outside of WHO Group 1 PAH and CTEPH are limited. We need to better understand....

- how it develops?
- how the different faces effect patients?
- does intervention actually effect outcomes?

