

Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension: Current Cardiovascular Therapy

What is Pulmonary Hypertension?

Pulmonary hypertension is a condition in which the blood pressure in the lungs is abnormally high. This can lead to a number of problems, including shortness of breath, chest pain, and fatigue. If left untreated, pulmonary hypertension can lead to heart failure and death.



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What Causes Pulmonary Hypertension?

There are a number of different things that can cause pulmonary hypertension, including:

- Lung diseases, such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and pulmonary fibrosis
- Heart diseases, such as heart failure and congenital heart defects

- Blood clots in the lungs
- Certain medications, such as cocaine and amphetamines
- Idiopathic pulmonary hypertension, which is a type of pulmonary hypertension that has no known cause

How is Pulmonary Hypertension Diagnosed?

Pulmonary hypertension is diagnosed with a physical exam, a chest X-ray, and an echocardiogram. An echocardiogram is a type of ultrasound that can be used to measure the blood pressure in the lungs.

How is Pulmonary Hypertension Treated?

The treatment for pulmonary hypertension depends on the cause of the condition. In some cases, the underlying cause can be treated, which can improve the pulmonary hypertension. In other cases, the treatment is focused on managing the symptoms of pulmonary hypertension.

There are a number of different medications that can be used to treat pulmonary hypertension, including:

- Diuretics, which help to remove excess fluid from the body
- Calcium channel blockers, which help to relax the blood vessels
- Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, which help to lower blood pressure
- Endothelin receptor antagonists, which block the effects of endothelin, a hormone that can cause blood vessels to constrict

In some cases, surgery may be necessary to treat pulmonary hypertension. Surgery can be used to remove blood clots from the lungs, repair heart defects, or remove lung tissue that is damaged.

Lifestyle changes can also help to improve the symptoms of pulmonary hypertension. These changes include:

- Losing weight
- Quitting smoking
- Eating a healthy diet
- Getting regular exercise

Prognosis for Pulmonary Hypertension

The prognosis for pulmonary hypertension depends on the cause of the condition and the severity of the symptoms. With early diagnosis and treatment, most people with pulmonary hypertension can live a full and active life.

Pulmonary hypertension is a serious condition, but it can be managed with proper treatment. If you have any of the symptoms of pulmonary hypertension, it is important to see your doctor right away.



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