

Pulmonary Hypertension Symptoms and Diagnostic Procedures

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Abstract

Pulmonary hypertension is a type of elevated blood pressure that influences the arteries in your lungs and the right side of the heart. In one form of pulmonary hypertension, called pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), blood vessels in the lungs are brought down, obstructed, or destroyed. The impairment decelerates the blood flow through the body of lungs, and blood pressure in the lung arteries rises. The heart must work harder to pump the blood through the lungs and body. The extra attempt equally causes heart muscle to become sick and fail. In some people, pulmonary hypertension slowly gets very bad, and it can be life-threatening. Although there is no cure for some types of pulmonary hypertension, treatment can help bring down symptoms and improve the quality of life.

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Introduction

The signs and symptoms of pulmonary hypertension improve slowly in the body. The patient may not notice them for months or even years. Symptoms get inadequate as the disease progresses. Pulmonary hypertension symptoms include: Stoppage of breath (dyspnoea), at first while exercising and equally while at rest, Fatigue, Dizziness, or fainting spells (syncope), Chest pressure or pain, swelling (edema) in your ankles, both in legs and eventually in your abdomen (ascites), Bluish color to your lips and skin areas (cyanosis), increase of pulse rate or heart palpitations. The heart has two upper chambers called as atria and two lower chambers called as ventricles. Each time blood flows through the heart, the lower right chamber i.e., right ventricle pumps the blood to lungs through a wide blood vessel i.e., pulmonary artery. In lungs, the blood secretes carbon dioxide and picks up oxygen amount. The blood commonly flows easily through the blood vessels in lungs like the pulmonary arteries, capillaries, and veins to the left side of the heart. However, the replacement in the cells that line your pulmonary arteries can originate from the walls of the arteries to become stiff, swollen, and thick. These replacements may slow down or stop the blood flow through the lungs, causing pulmonary hypertension. Pulmonary hypertension is divided into five regions, depending on the cause. Growing older can increase

your risk of improving the pulmonary hypertension. The condition is more often determined in people ages 40 to 70. Idiopathic PAH is more normal in younger adults. Other things that can raise the risk of pulmonary hypertension include: A family history of the situation, being overweight, Blood-clotting disorders or a family history of blood clots in the lungs, Exposure to asbestos, Genetic disorders, including congenital heart disease, living at a high altitude, use of certain weight-loss drugs, use of illegal drugs usage such as cocaine, use of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, used to treat depression and anxiety.

Conclusion

Scientists accept that the operation starts with injury to the layer of cells that line the small blood vessels of the lungs. This injury condition, which occurs for unknown reasons, may cause changes in the way these cells interrelate with the smooth muscle cells in the vessel wall. As a result, the smooth muscle contracts and grows additional than is normal and narrows the vessel. Appropriate diagnosis and analysis of the problem is obligatory before starting any therapy. Treatment varies by patient, based on the contrast underlying causes.