

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
What is Pulmonary Hypertension

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
Nats of blood pressure cuff	WE'VE ALL BEEN TO THE DOCTOR AND HAD OUR BLOOD PRESSURE TAKEN. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A BLOOD PRESSURE IN YOUR LUNGS TOO?
Michael McGoon, M.D. Track 1 (:26)	"PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IS REFERRED TO AS THE OTHER HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE."
	AND ITS EFFECTS ARE MUCH MORE IMMEDIATE, SAYS MAYO CLINIC DR. MICHAEL MCGOON. UNDIAGNOSED AND UNTREATED, MANY PATIENTS DIE IN TWO TO THREE YEARS. BUT PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IS TOUGH TO DETECT...THERE'S NO CUFF YOU

	<p>CAN SLIP ON TO MEASURE THE PRESSURE. SO IT'S NOT UNTIL SYMPTOMS DEVELOP THAT PATIENTS SEEK HELP.</p>
<p>Dr. McGoon Track 2 (3:20)</p>	<p>"100 PERCENT OF THE CIRCULATION GOES THROUGH THE LUNGS. IF WE GET A PROBLEM, THE CONSEQUENCES ARE FELT THROUGHOUT THE BODY, SO SHORTNESS OF BREATH, FATIGUE, ANGINA."</p>
	<p>WE CAN'T CURE PULMONARY HYPERTENSION, BUT MEDICATIONS CAN HELP EXTEND LIFE, AND KEEP PATIENTS BREATHING EASIER.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>