# Inter-Atrial Shunts for Pulmonary Hypertension: Group I and Group II

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### **RV and LV Mechanics in WHO I PAH**



Small LV, Large RV ↑↑ PAP, ↑↑PVR ↑↑CVP, ↓PCWP, ↓CO





# **RV and LV Mechanics in PAH vs PH HFpEF/HFrEF**



Normal LV, Normal RV ↑PAP; nl or mild ↑PVR NI CVP, ↑↑PCWP, ↓CO at peak Ex





# Interatrial Shunts in WHO I and II PH Treatment Goals

#### WHO I

- Right→Left shunt to increase LV filling and CO
- Reduce CVP

#### WHO II

• Left→Right shunt to reduce PCWP, especially during exercise





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### ACCF/AHA 2009 Expert Consensus Document on Pulmonary Hypertension



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#### Treatment Algorithm for PAH: ESC/ERS (2016)

Recommendations	Class - Level						
Measure/treatment		WHO-FC II		WHO-FC III		WHO-FC IV	
Hospitalization in intensive care unit is recommended in PH patients with high heart rate (>110 b/min), low blood pressure (Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg), low urine output and rising lactate levels due or not due to comorbidities.	-	-	-	-	I	с	
Inotropic support is recommended in hypotensive patients.	-	-	I	С	I	C	
Lung transplantation is recommended soon after inadequate clinical response on maximal medical therapy.			I	С	I	С	
Balloon atrial septostomy may be considered where available after failure of maximal medical therapy.			IIb	C	IIb	e	

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**European Heart Journal 2016** 

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# Acute Hemodynamic Effects After Septostomy

Parameter	Before	After	р
mRAP, mmHg	14.6 ± 8.0	11.6 ± 6.3	0.001
mLAP, mmHg	5.7 ± 3.3	8.1 ± 4.0	0.001
Cl, L/min/m <sup>2</sup>	2.04 ± 0.69	<b>2.62 ± 0.84</b>	0.001
SaO <sub>2</sub> %	93.3 ± 4.1	83.0 ± 8.5	0.001
mPAP, mmHg	$64.3 \pm 17.6$	65.7 ± 18.3	0.169

Rich and Lam, AJC1983; 51: 1550-51

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# Graded balloon dilation atrial septostomy in severe primary pulmonary hypertension

	1 year	2 year	3 year
	Survival	survival	survival
Atrial septostomy	92%	92%	92%
Historical Controls	73%	59%	52%
NIH Registry	61%	49%	38%

Sandoval, et al. JACC 32:1998;297-304

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### **Comments (courtesy of Stuart Rich, Northwestern):**

- Clinical response is unpredictable. Some patients have a dramatic improvement, others may not.
- Hypoxemia is generally well tolerated
- Guidelines suggest do not do AS if RA pressure >20 mmHg or O2 sat on room air <90%</li>
- Staged procedures may be preferred: start with small hole and increase as tolerated if no clinical response
- Currently underutilized as physicians think drugs work better which they usually do not

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# **Interatrial Shunt for PAH-HFpEF?**

#### **REDUCE LAP-HF TRIAL II (Corvia)**

- NYHA II/III/IVa
- LVEF ≥ 40%
- PCWP > CVP by ≥5 mmHg
- RAP < 14 mmHg
- PVR < 4 WU
- TAPSE > 14 mm

#### **RELIEVE HF (V-Wave)**

• NYHA III/IVa

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- No EF restriction
- PAS <70 mmHg / PVR<4 WU</li>
- TAPSE > 12 mm

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# Continuous L → R Flow

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#### 45 Days after implant

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# **REDUCE LAP-HF I RCT: Results**

CONTROL

IASD

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Feldman et al, Circulation 2018

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# **ΔPCWP: Baseline vs 1 Month**

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Feldman et al, Circulation 2018

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# **Interatrial Shunts**

#### WHO I

- R→L to increase LV filling and CO and decrease CVP
- Arterial desaturation limiting factor
- No randomized trials, but improved outcomes vs historical controls

#### WHO II

- Subgroup of WHO II patients included in trials
  - Upper limits to PVR, RVF and CVP for inclusion
- L→R to reduce PCWP
- Hemodynamic studies show ↓PCWP despite ↑Ex Tol
- Randomized studies underway
- Multiple device-based options under development and investigation

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