

Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors and Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

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INTRODUCTION

The definition and classification of pulmonary hypertension is updated in the current guideline released by European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and European Respiratory Society (ERS) in 2022. According to this guideline, measurement of hemodynamic parameters should primarily be performed with heart catheterization. Patient should be evaluated in detail and classified accordingly. As for the definition, pulmonary hypertension is defined as a mean pulmonary artery pressure of 20 mmHg or more at rest. This situation is expressed in detail in Table 1 based on basic data (1).

Table 1. Definition and classification of pulmonary hypertension

Pulmonary hypertension (PH)	mPAP >20 mmHg
Pre –capillar PH	mPAP >20 mmHg PAWP ?15 mmHg PVR >2 WU
Isolated post- capillary PH	mPAP >20 mmHg PAWP >15 mmHg PVR ?2 WU
Combined pre and post-capillary PH	mPAP >20 mmHg PAWP >15 mmHg PVR >2 WU
Exercise PH	mPAP/CO slope between rest and exercise >3 mmHg/L/min

CO, cardiac output; CpcPH, combined post- and pre-capillary pulmonary hypertension; lpcPH, isolated post-capillary pulmonary hypertension; mPAP, mean pulmonary arterial pressure; PAWP, pulmonary arterial wedge pressure; PH, pulmonary hypertension; PVR, pulmonary vascular resistance; WU, Wood units.

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