
PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

- PAP \geq 25mmHg at rest
 - 5 broad classifications
 - RV hypertrophy —> dilatation and dysfunction
 - ability of RV to adapt to pressure overload determines prognosis
 - keep PVR low, avoid pneumoperitoneum, consider CO monitoring, post-op destination, advice from PH centre
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LV FAILURE

- commonest cause of PH is left sided heart failure
 - backward transmission of raised left sided filling pressures
 - often goes unrecognised despite prevalence of around 1/5th of patients with LV failure
 - RVF is an important independent predictor of survival in patients with LV failure
 - optimise LV failure management - can surgery be deferred?
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