

Transcript Details

This is a transcript of a continuing medical education (CME) activity. Additional media formats for the activity and full activity details (including sponsor and supporter, disclosures, and instructions for claiming credit) are available by visiting:

<https://reachmd.com/programs/cme/echocardiography-essential-to-ph-diagnosis-and-management/14712/>

Time needed to complete: 1h 55m

ReachMD

www.reachmd.com

info@reachmd.com

(866) 423-7849

Echocardiography: Essential to PH Diagnosis and Management

Announcer:

Welcome to CME on ReachMD. This episode is part of our MinuteCME curriculum.

Prior to beginning the activity, please be sure to review the faculty and commercial support disclosure statements as well as the learning objectives.

Dr. McLaughlin:

Hello, and welcome to this program on using echocardiography to screen for, diagnose, and monitor pulmonary hypertension. I'm Dr. Vallerie McLaughlin, a Cardiologist at the University of Michigan. And I am so glad that you joined us for this program.

You know, echo is really important in managing patients with pulmonary hypertension. And as a cardiologist, I received a lot of training in echo, and many cardiologists do; however, there are also many other caregivers such as pulmonologists and rheumatologists, who may not get that training in fellowship on echocardiography that's really important for pulmonary hypertension management.

Additionally, many echocardiographers focus on the left side of the heart, and they just don't comment as much on the right side of the heart in reports. And that's really, really critical as we evaluate patients. I mean, let's face it, the entree to most pulmonary hypertension programs is because of an echocardiogram. It is the test that is most likely to raise the index of suspicion. So we all need to know how to order that test, how to interpret that test, and then what to do with the results of that test as we manage patients.

And I'm really hopeful that this program, in bite-sized pieces with lots of different aspects of echocardiography, will help you learn more about echo itself, learn more about some of the important measurements made on echo, and learn more about how to diagnose early and manage your patients appropriately with pulmonary hypertension. So I really hope you enjoy this program. Thank you for joining.

Announcer:

You have been listening to CME on ReachMD. This activity is jointly provided by Global Learning Collaborative (GLC) and TotalCME, Inc. and is part of our MinuteCME curriculum.

To receive your free CME credit, or to download this activity, go to ReachMD.com/CME. Thank you for listening.