

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR MEDICAL TEAM

DURING YOUR INITIAL INTERVIEW WITH A PH-TREATING DOCTOR

- What year did you begin caring for patients with PH?
- How many PH patients do you currently treat?
- Do you have at least one nurse who works with patients on PH-specific medications?
- Do you require all patients to undergo right heart catheterization with vasodilator testing prior to prescribing a therapy for PH?
- What PH therapies do you prescribe, and how many patients are on IV prostacyclin?
- Do you conduct clinical trials on PH medications?
- Have you referred patients for lung or heart/lung transplant?
- Have you referred patients for pulmonary thromboendarterectomy?
- Which educational meetings regarding PH have you attended in the last two years?

AT YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENT

- How often should I come to see you?
- How often do I need to have cardiac catheterization?
- What are the potential side effects of my medication?
- (If you wear a pump for intravenous medication) What do I do if the line leaks or comes out?
- What lifestyle changes (nutrition, exercise, etc.) do I need to make?
- How will you track my progress?

BEFORE TESTS, PROCEDURES, AND ANY CHANGES TO YOUR TREATMENT PLAN

- What is this test/procedure/medication?
- Why do I need it?
- What will be done during the test?
- How will the test results change how you treat me?
- How often will I need to have it done?
- What are the potential complications and side effects?