The Pulmonary Hypertension Care Centers (PHCC) initiative, a project of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA), seeks to establish a program for accreditation of US centers with expertise in the diagnosis and management of patients with pulmonary hypertension (PH). PHA and its Scientific Leadership Council anticipate that accreditation of PH Centers will lead to the following outcomes:

- Patients are better informed about comprehensive PH care;
- Patients have improved access to Centers with expertise in PH;
- Patients experience less time between symptom onset and diagnosis;
- The medical community is better informed about standards of PH care;
- Therapeutic modalities are appropriately used to improve long-term outcomes; and
- Increased opportunities for collaboration between Centers for clinical care and PH research

The Mission of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association:
To extend and improve the lives of those affected by PH.

The Mission of the PHCC Initiative:
To establish a program of accredited centers with expertise in pulmonary hypertension that aspires to improve overall quality of care and ultimately improve outcomes of patients with pulmonary hypertension, particularly pulmonary arterial hypertension, a rare and life-threatening disease.

To achieve this mission, the PHCC initiative seeks applicants for PHCC Review Committee membership. Members will serve two-year terms.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PHCC REVIEW COMMITTEE
The PHCC Review Committee, working directly under the PHCC Oversight Committee, will have the following responsibilities:

- Review applications from prospective Centers
- Perform 1 day site visits of prospective Centers
- Process appeals from candidate Centers
- Monitor Centers’ status reports (to be completed during accreditation cycle) and notify the Oversight Committee of any PHCC transgressions
- Re-accredit PHCCs based on the accreditation cycle
- Attend monthly teleconferences to vote on accreditation of applicant programs
- Provide PHA staff representative with predictable availability for conducting site visits

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (size will depend on Committee’s workload)

- Physician Chairperson
- Physician members
- Allied health professionals
- PHA staff representative (ex-officio, non-voting) - 1 position
TIME COMMITMENT
Members of the Review Committee will be expected to convene biannual meetings. Site visits will be conducted throughout the year and each member will average approximately one visit per quarter. Travel expenses related to Review Committee activity will also be reimbursed by PHA.

ELIGIBILITY
For Physicians, the applicant must:
- Possess an MD, DO or equivalent degree at the time of appointment;
- Possess a strong career interest in the clinical aspects of pulmonary hypertension;
- Demonstrate extensive knowledge of issues that affect the operations and management of a PH program; and
- Be willing and able to commit to serving a two-year term.

For Non-Physician Clinicians, the applicant must:
- Be a licensed health care professional at the time of appointment (including but not limited to RN, APRN, PA, RRT, RPh);
- Possess a strong career interest in the clinical aspects of pulmonary hypertension, including direct experience in the management of patients;
- Demonstrate extensive knowledge of issues that affect the coordination of a PH program; and
- The applicant must be willing and able to commit to serving a two-year term.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Email a complete application to: PHCC@PHAssociation.org, which should include:
- A completed application form with your contact information; and
- Your résumé or CV in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format

All applications are due by COB at 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, December 18, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact PHCC@PHAssociation.org or 301-565-3004 x770.