

Dear Referring Provider,

I am pleased that you have referred your patient to the University of Rochester Medical Center for pulmonary hypertension. Please note, the program location has changed to the Mary Parkes Center as an added convenience to your patient.

As you know, making a firm diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension requires a great deal of information. You may have already completed some of the testing needed for this evaluation. In an effort to minimize duplicate testing, we ask that you forward the information listed below when you make the referral. A prompt response will also help avoid unnecessary delays in the patient's evaluation and insurance approval for therapy.

Please return this form with copies of the reports requested to fax **585-486-0947**. Please put an **X or a check** if you are sending the information and please mark ND if the test has not yet been done.

- Pulmonary Function Testing (spirometry diffusing capacity lung volume)
- Echocardiogram (if more than one is available, please send all of them for the last 5 years)
- Right Heart Catheterization (if more than one is available, please send all for the last 5 years)
- Left Heart Catheterization
- VQ Scan Chest CT Scan Sleep Study or Overnight Oximetry
- Laboratory Work (Chemistry CBC Rheumatologic serology)
- Cardiologist consultation letters
- Pulmonologist consultation letters
- Your relevant office notes
- Problem list
- Medication list

My staff are scheduling patients as rapidly as possible. Many of our current patients are on continuously infused medication and their care is rather complex with frequent follow-up. If the appointment scheduled is not soon enough, please feel free to page me directly at 275-1616 #2424 or ask our secretary to have me return your call. We can speak about the patient, and I'll be happy to open a different slot if that is required.

I have written a separate letter to your patient in an attempt to allay some of the anxiety associated with this illness. I have also encouraged them to visit www.phassociation.org for accurate information and a supportive "electronic community".

I look forward to meeting your patient and thank you for the referral.

Sincerely,

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