

Pulmonary Hypertension Program: When to Call Your Doctor

When should I seek emergency medical help?

Call 911 immediately if you experience any of the following:

- Severe shortness of breath
- Loss of consciousness (passing out or fainting)

When do I need to contact the program staff?

Contact the Pulmonary Hypertension program staff if you experience any of the following:

- Weight gain of 2 pounds in one day or 3 pounds in 3 days
- New or increasing swelling of the legs, feet, or abdomen
- New or increasing shortness of breath that lasts for more than 3 days
- Unusually high or low urine output
- More frequent episodes of lightheadedness
- A noticeable increase in overall fatigue
- New or increasing palpitations or heart fluttering
- Uncertainty about your pulmonary hypertension medication(s)
- New or worsening side effects from your pulmonary hypertension medication(s)
- Signs of an intravenous (IV) catheter infection including:
 - Fever
 - Redness
 - Drainage
 - Warmth at the site

What is the number to call?

- Call the Frankel Cardiovascular Call Center toll free at **(844) 369-7816** Monday-Friday, from 8am to 5pm:
 - Ask to speak to a member of the Pulmonary Hypertension Program
- Call **(734) 936-6267** after 5:00pm or on weekends or holidays:
 - Ask the hospital operator to page the Cardiology Fellow on call. The Fellow can be reached by pager 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. You will receive a call back from the Fellow.

Who do I contact for a pump emergency?

Call the following phone numbers, including after-hours assistance, to talk to a representative from the pump distributors:

- Accredo patient support: **866-FIGHTPH** or **(866) 344-4874**, press option **1**.
- CVS Specialty patient helpline: **(877) 242-2738**, press option **0**.

When should I call my Primary Care Doctor?

Call your primary care doctor for any of the following:

- Symptoms of upper respiratory or other infection.
- Medication refills or for questions regarding non-pulmonary hypertension medications.
- Questions about INR (too high or too low) if taking warfarin (Coumadin®).

Your Primary Care Doctor Phone Number: _____

When should I call the Michigan Medicine Anticoagulation Program?

Call the Anticoagulation Program if they are managing your anticoagulation therapy (medications to help prevent blood clots). Call Monday through Friday, between 8am - 5pm at **(734) 998-6944** or toll free **(866) 443-6144**

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