

Pulmonary Hypertension Council Activities Update

January 2017

Since the last update in October 2016, after significant investigation and deliberation, the PH council has submitted a proposal for the establishment of a separate ISHLT CTEPH Council, submitted a follow-up proposal for best practices document on CTEPH as consensus document rather than practice guidelines, and have requested and obtained Board approval for a 2018 Master's Academy on CTEPH, as well as approval for critical and strategic complimentary ISHLT memberships for CTEPH experts who will participate in the 2018 CTEPH Master's Academy and/or consensus document writing group. We have also submitted a follow-up application for the Registry for PH in ILD (COPE-PF-PH Registry).

1. Best practices document on CTEPH

- Initially proposed by Bill Auger and Marc de Perrot, along with Teresa De Marco (Standards and guidelines committee) as practice guidelines for CTEPH
- Fulfills the ISHLT strategic goal of engaging our worldwide community, and in particular, establishing ISHLT as a worldwide leader in developing standards of care for CTEPH
- For many reasons, including the political climate and current standing of ISHLT within the CTEPH community, it was decided that a consensus statement be developed rather than guidelines. This has the added benefit of typically being faster/easier from an administrative/regulatory perspective compared with guidelines development, and it is relevant when considering that at least one other society (ERS) has a working group to produce a consensus document
- The proposal is well conceived and inclusive of recognized worldwide leaders in the CTEPH community and ISHLT members as authors
- The secondary application was submitted to the S&G committee in December 2016, however the BoD decision was deferred until the in-person BoD Jan 2017 meeting

2. ISHLT taskforce to consider CTEPH as a separate council within ISHLT

- While not a PH council led activity, the PH council leaders and other prominent PH council members are involved in this activity
- Fulfills the ISHLT strategic goal of enhancing membership value and engaging the world wide community
- Will hopefully establish ISHLT as the intellectual "home" for CTEPH, and increase ISHLT membership
- A thoughtful and unbiased proposal for a separate CTEPH council was submitted to help the Board in making a decision about the establishment of a separate CTEPH council

3. 2018 Masters Academy on CTEPH
 - A proposal for holding ISHLT's first Masters Academy on CTEPH, utilizing the background core competency curriculum on PH, was tentatively approved for 2018
 - Further Academy planning is pending decisions regarding creation of a separate CTEPH council
4. Complimentary Memberships for strategic international CTEPH experts
 - In order to increase international CTEPH expert participation in ISHLT led activities, a proposal for strategic complimentary memberships was submitted and approved for one-year memberships for 4 individuals involved in the CTEPH consensus document writing group and two 2-year memberships for those who will participate in both the writing group and CTEPH Masters Academy Planning Committee.
5. Registry application for pulmonary hypertension associated with pulmonary fibrosis
 - Led by Rajeev Saggar
 - COPE-PF-PH Registry (clinical outcomes in patients with pulmonary fibrosis associated pulmonary hypertension)
 - Main scientific question is to determine if hemodynamic phenotypes of PF-PH can better predict survival and waitlist survival which may prompt revisions to the LAS score
 - Initial application submitted 7/13/16 was approved by ISHLT BOD
 - Fulfills ISHLT strategic goal to improve scientific impact and output via a registry
 - Secondary application submission was stalled due to miscommunication about the need to identify Industry supporters for the registry with the secondary application
 - Secondary application was submitted for Jan 2017 and awaits Board approval
6. 2017 Masters Academy on PH
 - Co-chairs: Ioana Preston and Myung Park
 - Program committee: Robert Frantz, Marco Guazzi, Manreet Kanwar, Steven Nathan
 - Full program is complete and looks great
 - Fulfills ISHLT strategic goal to enhance membership value via Academy platform, which will then be available online
 - Next deadline is Feb 2017- 1st draft slide sets due

Future council activities/goals include Joint Session proposals for both the International CTEPH Association (ICA) and European Society of Cardiology (ESC) working group on pulmonary vascular diseases for the 2018 Annual sessions. Additionally we plan to propose a second Core

Competencies Academy on Pulmonary Hypertension to be held in 2019, and increase PH council communication and engagement through ISHLT connect platform.

- I. 2018 Joint Session Proposals
 - a. ICA on CTEPH
 - b. ESC on PH in left heart disease
- II. Core Competencies Academy on PH
 - a. Planning for 2019, after next World Symposium on PH meeting and recommendations
- III. Increase council communication and engagement with the PH council members
 - a. Use ISHLT connect platform (eg literature review/journal scan, case reviews)
 - i. Develop a 1 year plan before implementation