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Pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a condition characterized by a mean pulmonary arterial pressure  $(mPAP) \ge 25 \text{ mmHg}$ . PH is defined "pre-capillary" when the pulmonary capillary pressure is < 16 mmHg, and pulmonary vascular resistance is > 3 Wood Units. The 2015 ESC/ERS guidelines (European Society of Cardiology/European Respiratory Society) classify PH in 5 groups on the basis of clinical, pathophysiological, and anatomical criteria.

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