

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**  
***Surgery for Pulmonary Hypertension***

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	IT'S A LESSER KNOWN COUSIN TO COMMON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. BUT PULMONARY HYPERTENSION OR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IN THE LUNGS IS JUST AS DANGEROUS. TREATING THE DISEASE DEPENDS UPON THE CAUSE. OFTEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT CAUSE IS. OTHER TIMES, IT RESULTS FROM ANOTHER DISEASE OR CONDITION, SUCH AS BLOOD CLOTS. IN THAT CASE...
<b>Christopher McGregor, M.D.</b>	"PULMONARY THROMBOENDARTERECTOMY IS THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE FOR

	REMOVAL OF CHRONIC CLOTS FROM THE LUNGS. “
	BUT FIRST, THE CAUSE MUST BE DIAGNOSED. DR. CHRISTOPHER MCGREGOR IS PART OF TEAM OF SPECIALISTS AT MAYO CLINIC WHO COLLABORATE FROM DIAGNOSIS THROUGH TREATMENT.
<b>Dr. McGregor</b>	“PATIENTS CAN BE TRANSFORMED FROM BEING VERY LIMITED IN THEIR EXERCISE CAPACITY TO ESSENTIALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL.”
	IF THE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN, DRUG THERAPY IS THE FRONT LINE TREATMENT. SURGERY – A LUNG TRANSPLANT – MAY BE AN OPTION FOR PATIENTS WHEN MEDICATIONS DO NOT WORK.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.
