

## **Balloon angioplasty for chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension**

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Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension is a rare but progressive and severe disease which lead to respiratory and heart failure. Patients with proximal thromboembolic disease should be treated with pulmonary endarterectomy and patients with distal disease can be treated with drugs and balloon angioplasty. Balloon pulmonary angioplasty is a safe procedure which often have to be repeated several times in one patient to result with significant functional, hemodynamic and right ventricular function improvement. We summarized indication, technique and the outcome of this procedure in chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension patients.

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