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Is Pulmonary Hypertension in Adults with Sickle Cell Disease as Common as Previously Reported?

A clinical study of 100 patients with sickle cell disease reported pulmonary hypertension has a prevalence of 12%. The investigators went on to conclude that, "pulmonary hypertension is common in adults with sickle cell disease and is associated with an ominous outcome". This study was instrumental in promoting the use of the echocardiogram as a screening tool in all adults with sickle cell disease and was frequently misdiagnosed with pulmonary hypertension. The questions, what is the optimal approach for screening

those patients who are at risk for pulmonary hypertension? Inappropriately treated for pulmonary hypertension that demonstrates how clinicians should proceed. At this supports a diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension; the HFKRFDUGLRJUDP LV D XVHIXO VFUHHQLQ XVHG DV D GLDJQRVWLF WRRO :KHQ FOLQ RI EUHDWK RQ H[HUWLRQ MXJXODU YHQR extremely edema, unexplained pleural effusions, tricuspid regurgitation, and pulmonary hypertension. The diagnosis and management of pulmonary hypertension Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center's primary concern is

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