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## Program Overview:

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), an incurable disease, is characterized by medial hypertrophy,

intimal fibrosis, and in situ thrombi in small muscular pulmonary arteries. PAH was considered a rapidly fatal illness with a median survival of 2.8 years in the 1980s when no evidence-based therapies were available. Since then the treatment of this disease has made tremendous advances, and in the last 10 years the discovery of new medications have positively influenced the prognosis and survival of patients with PAH.

This self-study activity is based on 7 articles that summarize presentations at PHA's 10th International Pulmonary Hypertension Conference and Scientific Sessions in Orlando June 22-24, 2012.

## Target Audience:

This self-study activity is appropriate for cardiologists, pulmonologists, rheumatologists, and

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other physicians who treat patients with PH.

## **Learning Objectives:**

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Define the global burden of pulmonary hypertension.
2. Define the cellular metabolic changes seen in the development of PAH.
3. Describe the effects of altered cellular metabolism on BMPR2 signaling.
4. Outline the hypothesis regarding PAH as a systemic disease.

## **Self-Assessment Examination:**

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