

## CONFERENCE COVERAGE: HIGHLIGHTS FROM TORONTO

## **Registry Data Provide Important Severity Indicators for PH**

- Sapana Panday: Hello. The PILOT team is here in Toronto at the Chest Annual Conference. I'm here with Dr Ronald Oudiz. I understand you've been attending a bunch of sessions and presenting as well. Can you tell us some key information about what you've seen and heard here in the last few days on PAH?
- Dr. Ronald Oudiz: Yes, thanks for asking. This is a meeting that is often, mostly tailored to clinicians. So, one of the most important sessions, or a few of the most important sessions for pulmonary hypertension have to do with the clinical management of PAH patients. While the follow up of a patient and how to follow up a patient with pulmonary hypertension isn't necessarily new or unique, there are a couple of publications that have been published, almost in tandem, that have to do with registries that validate the severity indicators for pulmonary hypertension. Non-invasive mostly, such as New York Heart Functional Class, exercise capacity and echocardiography. Now that we have this registry data showing that these are actually accurate predictors of long term survival, we can be more confident that if we have a patient who is meeting our goals or, more importantly, isn't meeting our goals, and needs additional therapy, we can rely on these non-invasive markers of PH severity.