

# **The VASDHS Heart Failure Performance Improvement Team Creates a New System**

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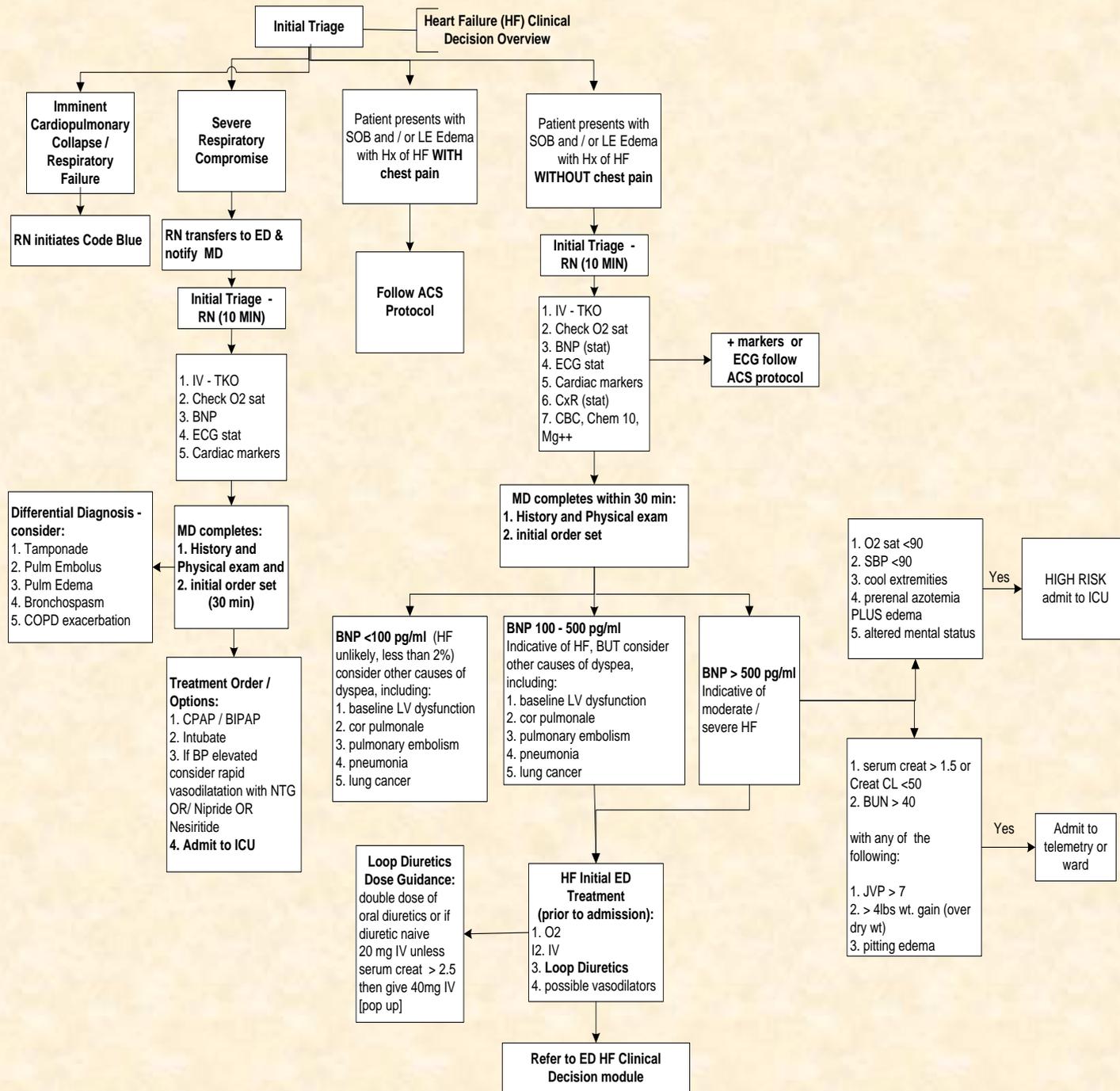
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# Transforming Performance Measurement In Cardiac Care

*A Program to Guide Clinical  
Decision Making...*

# Purpose of today's call

- Introduce a new improvement guide to assist in the management of Heart Failure
  - Introduce the improvement guide
  - Focus on the early stages of care in the ED
  - Provide a forum for discussion
    - Questions, suggestions and ideas from participants



**ED HF  
Clinical Decision  
module**

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or 500cc if cr>2.5

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**Discharge Criteria (with follow-up):**  
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plus IV diuretic

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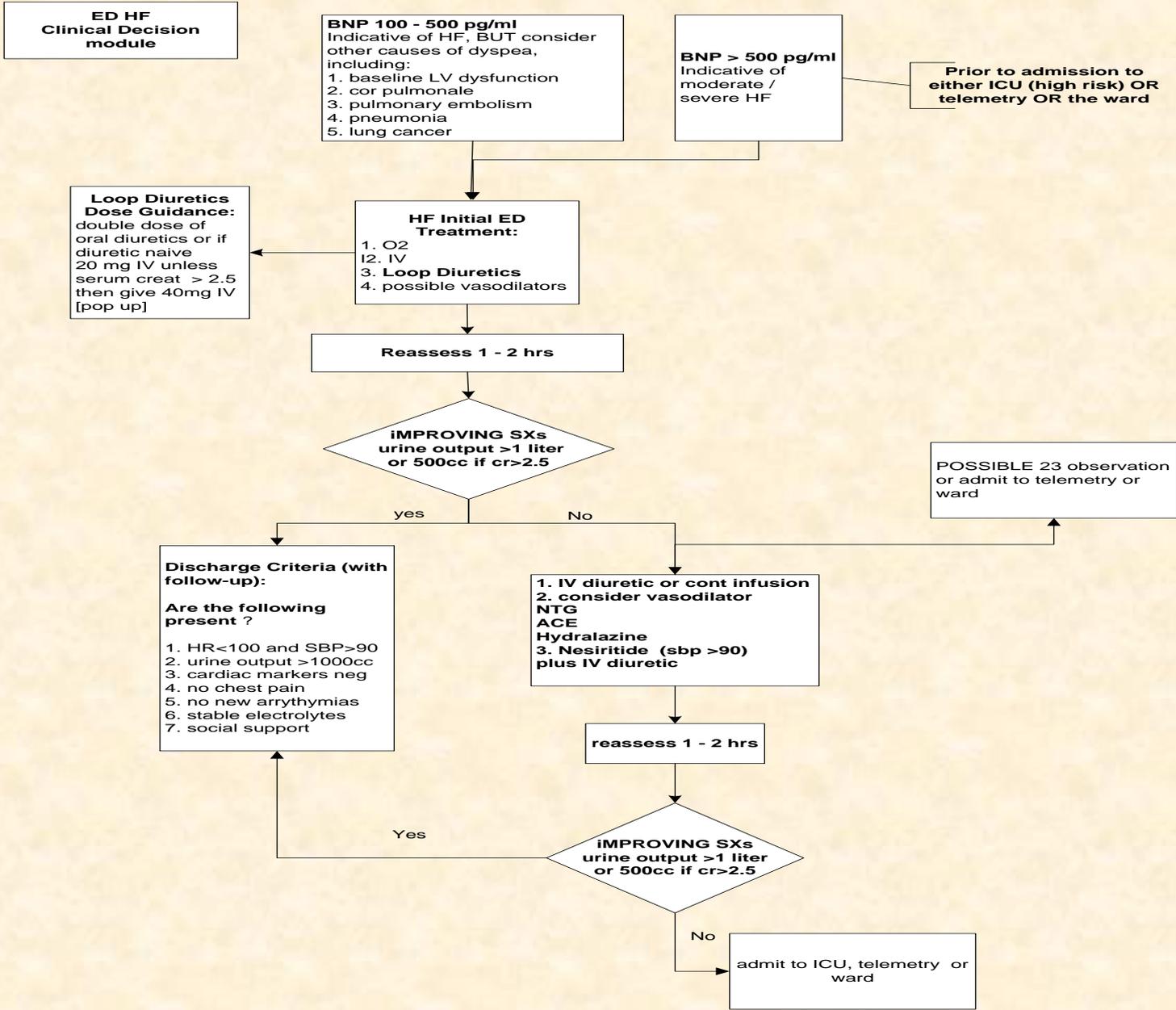
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**Individual heart failure orders**  
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**NURSING ORDERS**

- ↩ ECG stat and w/subsequent chest pain
- Cardiac Monitor
- ↩ Place pt on Bedrest
- ↩ Saline Lock
- ↩ Oxygen
- ↩ Vital Signs & O2 Sats
- ↩ NPO

**IV MEDICATIONS/DRIPS**

IV fluids...  
 Heparin IV Drip  
 NTG IV Drip  
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- ↩ Aspirin (chewable)
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 Cardiology (Stat Consult)  
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**LABS**

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 BNP X1 Now  
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**New Order**

Lab Test: BNP  
 Collected By: Ward collect & deliver  
 Collection Sample: BLOOD-LAV(BLOOD)  
 Specimen: BLOOD  
 Collection Date/Time: NOW (2/7/08@12:20)  
 Urgency: STAT  
 How often: ONCE  
 Service Connected: NO  
 Treatment Factors: <none>

**Order an Imaging Procedure**

Imaging Type: GENERAL RADIOLOGY  
 Imaging Procedure: CHEST PORTABLE  
 History & Reason for Exam: Suspected heart failure.  
 Requested Date: NOW | Urgency: STAT | Transport: AMBULATORY  
 Category: OUTPATIENT | Submit To:   
 Available Modifiers: AAA (modifier), ABD DOPPLER, Abd Doppler (no ABDOMINAL w/, Abdominal Wall (   
 Selected Modifiers:   
 Exams Over the Last 7 Days:   
 Isolation  
 Pregnant  
 Yes  No  Unknown  
 PreOp Scheduled:   
 CHEST PORTABLE STAT

 Reason for Request:



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BNP >500 (moderate/severe heart failure likely)

(Click "NEXT" in upper right  
to continue with orders)

BELOW ARE SIGNS OF HEART FAILURE (FOR REFEREN

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**SIGNS OF CONGESTION (VOLUME EXCESS)**

Shortness of breath  
Orthopnea  
Dyspnea with or without exertion  
Weight gain  
RUQ pain due to passive liver congestion  
Increased JVP  
Hepatojugular reflux  
Rales  
S3 heart sound  
Edema  
O2 Saturation less than 90%

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**SIGNS OF POOR PERFUSION (LOW CARDIAC OUTPUT)**

Fatigue/malaise  
Decreased exercise tolerance  
Decreased appetite  
Weight loss  
SBP less than 90  
Narrow pulse pressure  
Tachycardia  
Cool Extremities  
Altered mental status  
Pre-renal azotemia  
S3 heart sound  
Cachexia  
Muscle loss

ALSO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES:

1. Tamponade
2. Pulmonary Embolus
3. Pulmonary Edema
4. Bronchospasm
5. COPD Exacerbation

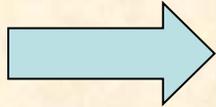
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### CONSIDER OTHER DIAGNOSIS

[Next](#)

Based upon your selection, heart failure is unlikely (a 2% probability).

Consider other diagnoses, including:

- baseline LV dysfunction
- cor pulmonale
- pulmonary embolism
- pneumonia
- lung cancer

Click on the link below for the main outpatient treatment menu to continue with treatment.

[Outpatient treatment menu...](#)



### MAIN OUTPATIENT ORDER MENU

[Next](#)

0	Specialty menus (outpt)...	31	Preventive Medicine...	60	Imaging orders...
2	Diagnosis	34	Wound Care Supplies	70	Labs...
					Blood Bank Orders w/Labs
10	New Allergies/ADRs	40	OPT Education Orders...	79	ECG and Holter Menu
				80	Consults...
11	Vitals/Measurements...				<b>** USE 95 BELOW FOR **</b>
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12	Activities...				
14	CODE STATUS	50	Medications...	99	Other Text Orders
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**Are signs and symptoms of ACS (Acute Coronary syndrome) present?  
(ACS signs and symptoms listed below).**

Yes (click here for ACS treatment menu)

No

**Also consider other causes of dyspnea, including:**

- baseline LV Dysfunction
- cor pulmonale
- pulmonary embolism
- pneumonia
- lung cancer

**ACS signs and symptoms:**

- Chest pain (non-traumatic in origin)
- Severe epigastric pain (non-traumatic in origin)
- Central/substernal compression or crushing chest pain
- Chest pressure, tightness, heaviness, cramping, burning or aching
- Radiating pain in neck, jaw, shoulders, back, one or both arms
- Syncope



Are any of the following present?

O2 saturation less than 90

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Cool extremities

Pre-renal azotemia and edema

Altered mental status

[Yes](#)

No

**NOTE: ALSO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING DIAGNOSES:**

Baseline LV dysfunction

Cor Pulmonale

Pulmonary Embolism

Lung Cancer

Other...





Based upon your selection, the patient has severe heart failure and requires immediate admission to the ICU and immediate treatment. Call the ICU housestaff for immediate assistance. Click "Next" to place an ICU admission order and to continue with immediate treatment options while awaiting an ICU bed and the arrival of the ICU housestaff.

### Continuously monitor patient.

Nursing staff. Provide continuous monitoring. Notify MD immediately for any changes in:  
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Accept Order

Quit

### ADMIT TO ICU IMMEDIATELY

Admit to ICU immediately.

Start Date: T ...

Stop Date: T+28 ...

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Start Date: T

Accept Order

Quit



**Call the ICU Housestaff for immediate assistance. Monitor patient closely until ICU housestaff arrive. If patient's condition deteriorates in the ED while awaiting arrival of the ICU housestaff, return to the "CHF Clinical Decision Guide" menu and select the option:**

**"Step 3: MD reassessment and 2nd trial treatment orders"**

#### Nursing patient monitoring

Nursing staff. Provide close patient monitoring. Notify MD immediately for any changes in: (1) O2 sat, (2) vital signs (TPR & BP), (3) urine output, (4) lab

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Accept Order

Quit

**Vasodilators**

NTG 50mg/250ml IV infusion  
NTG 100mg/250ml IV infusion (double strength)

Nitroprusside 50mg/250ml IV infusion  
Nitroprusside 100mg/250ml IV infusion (double strength)

Nesiritide 1.5mg/250ml IV infusion

Hydralazine 10mg IV push

Labetolol 10mg IV push every 10min x3 (for SBP>180)

**Respiratory Orders**

Intubate STAT (Page Anesthesia)

Page Respiratory Therapy STAT

CPAP Mask  
BIPAP Mask

**Inotropes/Pressors**

Dobutamine 250mg/250ml IV infusion

Dopamine 400mg/250ml IV infusion  
Dopamine 800mg/250ml IV infusion (double strength)  
Dopamine 640mg/100ml IV infusion (quadruple strength)

Phenylephrine (Neosynephrine) 20mg/250ml IV infusion  
Phenylephrine (Neosynephrine) 40mg/250ml IV infusion (double strength)  
Phenylephrine (Neosynephrine) 80mg/250ml IV infusion (quadruple strength)

**Diuretics**

Furosemide 100mg/50ml IV infusion  
Furosemide 100mg/100ml IV infusion  
Furosemide 200mg/100ml IV infusion  
Furosemide 250mg/250ml IV infusion  
Furosemide 500mg/250ml IV infusion  
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Bumex 12.5mg/50ml IV infusion  
Bumex 25mg/100 IV infusion

**NOTE: PLEASE SEE NOTE TITLE  
"UCC/ER" FOR MEDS/TREATMENTS  
ADMINISTERED IN THE UCC/ER.**

**Online Clinical Guidelines**

- ← ACS Algorithm Link
- ← "Krames" Pt. Ed. Link

**NURSING/GENERAL ORDERS**

- Diagnosis
- Change Provider(s)/Team
- Condition
- New Allergy/Adverse Reaction
- Code Status
- Restraints/Safety Precautions...
- Vital Signs/Monitoring...
- Activity...

**NUTRITION**

- Regular diet
- Cardiac Diet
- NPO
- Clear Liquid Diet
- Other Diet Orders...

**PULMONARY/RT ORDERS**

- Oxygen Orders...
- PFT Consult
- Pulmonary Consult
- Resp Therapy (inpt)...

**COMMON ACS MEDICATIONS**

- Inotropes...
- Afterload Reducers...
- Diuretics...
- ACE Inhibitors...
- Aspirin (daily)...
- Nitrates...
- Pain Meds...
- Heparin IV Drip
- IIB IIIA Meds...
- Thrombolysis orders...
- Ace-Inhibitors...
- Beta-Blockers...
- Calcium Channel Blockers
- Antiarrhythmics...
- Diuretics...
- Statins...
- Other General ICU Drips...
- Other Inpatient Meds...

**EXAMS/STUDIES**

- ECG...
- ECG SPECIFY DATE & TIME
- Chest X-ray (Stat, Portable)
- Other Imaging Orders...

**CONSULTS**

- Cardio Nurse Case Mgr. \*REQUIRED\*
- Cardiac Cath Consult
- Cardiac Echo Consult
- Arrhythmia Consult (EPS)
- ETT
- ETT w/MIBI
- Other Consults...

**LABORATORY TESTS**

- ICU Lab menu...
- Microbiology Menu...
- Blood Products/Transfusion...
- Other (build your own) lab test

**PATIENT ED/REHAB/LEGAL**

- Cardiac Rehab (Ext Service-Outpatient)
- Dietary Consult (InPt)
- ← Tobacco Cessation Consult
- ← Social Work Consult
- Diabetes Consult
- ← End of Life Planning Consult
- Advanced Directive Consult
- ← "Krames" Pt. Ed. Link

**DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS**

- Discharge Order Set...
- "or"
- Main Discharge Menu...

Are any of the following present?

**O2 saturation less than 90**

**Systolic BP less than 90**

**Cool extremities**

**Pre-renal azotemia and edema**

**Altered mental status**

[Yes](#)

No

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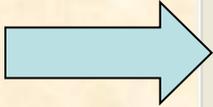
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**Cor Pulmonale**

**Pulmonary Embolism**

**Lung Cancer**

**Other...**



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Does the patient meet the following criteria?

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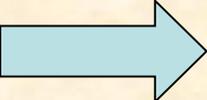
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**With one of the following:**

1. JVP >7
2. >4lbs wt gain (over dry weight)
3. pitting edema

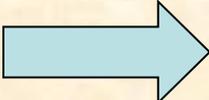
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No



Next

**Based upon your selection, the patient has moderate to severe heart failure and requires admission to the ICU/DOU/WARD and prompt treatment. Click "Next" to place an inpatient admission order. While awaiting for a bed, continue through this order pathway for immediate treatment options in the ED.**



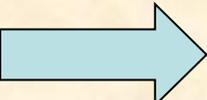
**Admit to:** Next

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Admit to DOU

Admit to Ward

Admit to telemetry



## HEART FAILURE SYMPTOMS

Next

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[Yes](#)

No

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**Based upon your selection, it is likely that the patient has moderate heart failure. The patient should receive heart failure medication treatment and should be reassessed for improvement 1-2 hours after administration of medications. Click "Next" to continue to the heart failure medication treatment menu.**

**Administer one of the following diuretics:**

Furosemide 20mg IV

or

Furosemide 40mg IV (if Creat &gt;2.5)

or

Bumetanide (IV push)

**Also consider one of the following:**

NTG IV Gtt

or

NTG paste

or

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or

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or

Capropril 3.125mg po X1

**Other HF treatments from the ICU HF menu:**[\(click here\)](#)**FUROSEMIDE DOSING GUIDELINES**

- \* Double pt's oral dose and administer intravenously, or
- \* For diuretic-naive pts, give 20mg IV, or
- \* For diuretic-naive pts w/Serum Cr Cl >2.5

- \* NTG CONTRAINDICATED FOR PT'S WHO HAVE HAD:
  - Sildenafil (Viagra) within last 24hrs,
  - Tadalafil (Cialis) within last 48hrs, or
  - Vardenafil (Levitra) within last 24hrs

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**ATTENTION PROVIDER:**

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**1-2 hours after administration of initial HF medications, return to the "ED HF Clinical Decision" menu and select option "Step 3: Clinical Decision Guide: MD Re-evaluation".**

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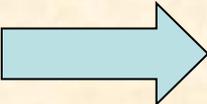
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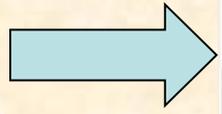
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EVALUATION OF HF SYMPTOMS Done

It has been 1-2 hours since the initial heart failure treatment.  
Are the patient's symptoms improving, and is there increased urine output? (eg. 1L over 1 hr, or output >500ml in 1hr if Cr Cl >2.5)

Yes



HF DC FROM UCC CRITERIA Done

Based upon your selection, it appears that the patient's symptoms are improving. Does the patient meet the following discharge criteria?

- heart rate <100
- SBP >90
- urine output >1 liter
- cardiac markers negative
- no chest pain
- no new arrhythmias
- electrolytes within normal range
- social support available

Yes

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- social support available

Yes

No



Based upon your selection, initial diuresis has been inadequate. You can either continue treatment in the ED or admit the patient. Make your selection from below.

Admit to ward/telemetry/DOU

Continue to treat pt. in ED

**FOR THIS 2ND PHASE OF TREATMENT, CONSIDER AN ORDER FOR NESIRITIDE**

Nesiritide IV Gtt ([click here](#))

**PLACE AN ORDER FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IV DIURETICS**

Furosemide 40mg IV

**or**

Furosemide IV infusion (100mg/D5W 100ml)

**or**

Furosemide IV infusion (200mg/D5W 100ml)

**or**

Bumetanide (IV push)

**or**

Bumetanide IV infusion

**ALSO CONSIDER ADDING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS:**

Morphine (IV Push)

**or**

NTG IV Gtt

**or**

Hydralazine 10mg IV

**or**

Hydralazine 10mg po X1

**or**

Captopril 6.25mg po X1

**or**

Nitroglycerin paste 1 inch

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Nitroglycerin paste 1 inch

**Reason for Request:**

Document and notify MD of the following information 2hrs from now: O2 sat, vital signs (TPR & BP), urine output, lab results, and any new or continued heart failure symptoms.

\* Indicates a Required Field

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OK

Cancel

**STEP 1: Shortness of breath Nursing triage orders.**

Severe Respiratory Failure  
 Shortness of breath and/or LE edema "WITHOUT" chest pain  
 Shortness of breath and/or LE edema "WITH" chest pain

**Online Clinical Guidelines (Treatment Pathways)****STEP 2: Clinical Decision Guide: MD Initial Treatment**

Severe Respiratory Failure  
 Shortness of breath WITHOUT chest pain  
 Shortness of Breath WITH chest pain

**STEP 3: Clinical Decision Guide: MD Re-evaluation**

(click here)

**STEP 4: Clinical Decision Guide: MD final assessment**

(click here)

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**Individual heart failure orders**  
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**NURSING ORDERS**

- ↳ ECG stat and w/subsequent chest pain
- ↳ Cardiac Monitor
- ↳ Place pt on Bedrest
- ↳ Saline Lock
- ↳ Oxygen
- ↳ Vital Signs & O2 Sats
- ↳ NPO

**IV MEDICATIONS/DRIPS**

- ↳ IV fluids...
- ↳ Heparin IV Drip
- ↳ NTG IV Drip
- ↳ Morphine IVP
- ↳ Metoprolol IVP

**OTHER MEDICATIONS**

- ↳ Aspirin (chewable)
- ↳ NTG SL
- ↳ NTG Paste
- ↳ Metropolol p.o.
- ↳ Simvastatin p.o.
- ↳ Build your own "non-IV" med

**CONSULTS/PROCEDURES/EXAMS**

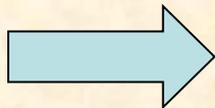
Chest X-ray (Stat Portable)  
 Cardiology (Stat Consult)  
 Cardiac Cath (Stat Consult)

**LABS**

Cardiac Markers (x1 stat)  
 Cardiac Markers (x3 over 90min)  
 BNP X1 Now  
 Other "Stat" labs...

**TRANSFER/ADMIT NOTIFICATION**

Transport to Cath Lab STAT  
 From Cath Lab, Transfer to:  
 Admit to:



# HF DC FROM UCC CRITERIA

Done

Based upon your selection, it appears that the patient's symptoms are improving. Does the patient meet the following discharge criteria?

- heart rate <100
- SBP >90
- urine output >1 liter
- cardiac markers negative
- no chest pain
- no new arrhythmias
- electrolytes within normal range
- social support available

Yes

No

## Reason for Request: PRIMARY CARE FU

Instruct pt to follow up with Primary Care provider as an outpatient in \*5 days. Provide pt with "Heart Failure Stoplight" educational pamphlet.

## HF WEIGHT MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Comments: Instruct patient to weigh him/herself daily on the same scale and, if possible, at the same time with the same amount of clothing. Instruct

Instruct patient to weigh him/herself daily on the same scale and, if possible, at the same time with the same amount of clothing. Instruct patient to keep a record and contact your health care provider about

Accept Order

Quit

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OK

Cancel

Comments: Do not smoke and avoid second hand smoke. If you or a member of your household smoke, your doctor and health team strongly advise you stop

Accept Order

Quit

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## DISCHARGE FROM ER (LOW RISK)

Discharge from ED to home.

Discharge from ED to home.

Start date: T T+1

Accept Order

Quit

**FOR PT'S WITH A-FIB OR HX OF THROMBOEMBOLISM, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:**

Warfarin 5mg po QDay

**IF PT PRESENTED W/ FLUID OVERLOAD, CONSIDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIURETICS:**

Furosemide 40mg po QDay

Bumetanide 1mg po QDay (for pt's w/inadequate response to furosemide)

**ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACE INHIBITORS IS \*REQUIRED\* FOR PT'S WITH HF, UNLESS ACE INTOLERANT. (SEE ALTERNATIVE ARB MEDICATION CHOICES BELOW):**

Lisinopril 20 mg po QDay

Fosinopril 20mg po QDay

Captopril 6.25mg po TID

**FOR ACE INHIBITOR INTOLERANT PT'S, CONSIDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ARB'S:**

Valsartan 40mg po BID

Losartan 50mg po QDay

**IF PT HAS A LOW EF, CONSIDER ADDING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Carvedilol 3.12mg po BID

Metoprolol SA 25mg po QDay

**IF PT IS AFRICAN AMERICAN AND ALREADY ON ACE/ARB AND BETA BLOCKER, CONSIDER:**

Hydralazine 10mg po BID

Isosorbide Mononitrate 30mg po QDay

**IF PT IS NY HEART CLASS III/IV WITH A POTASSIUM LESS THAN 5, CONSIDER AN ALDOSTERONE ANTAGONIST.**

Spirolactone 12.5mg po QD (w/renal panel)

Other outpatient medications...



Reason for Request:



**\*\*ATTENTION PROVIDER\*\*** A medication reconciliation must be completed upon discharge from the ED/UCC. This includes: (1) a review of the patients entire outpatient medication profile (including Non-VA meds)(2) the discontinuation of obsolete medications and (3) the re-ordering of new required medications.

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**MEDICATION RECONCILIATION**

**\*\*\*I have reviewed the patient's entire outpatient medication profile (including non-va meds). I have discontinued medications that are no longer needed, re-ordered exiting medications as indicated, and placed orders for new medications\*\*\***

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OK

Cancel