

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE (CHF)

Documentation Considerations

- **Correlate abnormal findings into appropriate diagnosis (identify significance of SOB, activity intolerance, perfusion issues or edema)**
- **Specify acute, chronic, or acute on chronic heart failure**
- **Update medication list each visit**

Diagnosis Considerations

- **Dysfunction and failure are not synonymous (ex. Diastolic dysfunction ≠ diastolic heart failure)**
- **Combination codes should be utilized when patient is also hypertensive**

Additional Considerations

- **Document transplant status when applicable**
- **Assess liver and GI function**
- **Review and incorporate pertinent findings from lab and diagnostic reports (EF, echo, CXR, EKG and MRI)**



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