

Heart Failure

Did you know?

You must document both the acuity **and** the etiology of the heart failure you are treating to receive full credit for the work you do.

Acuity

- Acute **or**
 - “Decompensated” or “Exacerbation” acceptable terminology as well
- Chronic **or**
- Acute on Chronic

Etiology

- Systolic **or** Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction (HFrEF)
 - Simply documenting “EF = _____%” is not sufficient
- Diastolic **or** Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF)
- Both

***Note:** Using the terminology of “dysfunction” as opposed to “failure” to describe the etiology does not accurately portray your patients’ severity of illness.

***Note:** There are no codes for valvular heart failure in ICD-10. Please choose one of the above listed etiologies and then attribute it to the valvular abnormality which caused it.