HEART FAILURE – A GROWING DIAGNOSIS

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Heart Failure is a Progressive Disorder

Heart Failure As a Symptomatic Disorder

NYHA classification of functional limitation

- Symptoms of HF at rest (class IV)
- Symptoms on less-than-ordinary exerti (class III)
- Symptoms on ordinary exertion (class II)
- Symptoms only at levels of exertion that would limit normal individuals (class I)

A,B,C +
Inotropes
Transplant
VAD
Hospice
Refractory HF

A + B +dietary salt restriction, ACE-I, β-blockers, diuretics, digoxin, CRT

Structural heart disease with prior or current symptoms

A + ACE-I, β -Blockers in the appropriate populations

Structural Heart Disease without signs or symptoms (LVH/asymptomatic valvular disease/ low EF)

Treat HTN, lipids;
smoking cessation, exercise, limit alcohol,
ACE-I in appropriate populations
High risk without structural heart disease or symptoms



Heart Failure

- Heart failure happens when the heart cannot pump enough blood and oxygen to support other organs in your body
- Heart failure is a serious condition, but it does not mean that the heart has stopped beating
- About 6.5 million adults in the United States have heart failure
- Heart failure was a contributing cause of 1 in 8 deaths in 2017
- Heart failure costs the nation an estimated \$30.7 billion in 2012
- This total includes the cost of health care services, medicines to treat heart failure, and missed days of work.



TYPES OF HEART FAILURE

- HEART FAILURE CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS LEFT SIDED AND /OR RIGHT SIDED.
- WHEN FLUID BACKS UP INTO THE LUNGS AND TISSUES IT IS CALLED CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE.
- THE PUMPING ACTION OF THE HEART MOVES OXYGEN-RICH BLOOD TO THE REST OF THE BODY.
- THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HEART SUPPLIES MOST OF THE HEART'S PUMPING POWER, SO IT'S LARGER THAN THE OTHER CHAMBERS AND ESSENTIAL FOR NORMAL FUNCTION.
- IN LEFT-SIDED FAILURE, THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HEART MUST WORK HARDER TO PUMP THE SAME AMOUNT OF BLOOD MAKING IT WEAKER AND EVENTUALLY FAIL.
- IN RIGHT SIDED FAILURE THE HEART FAILS TO PUMP BLOOD BACK OUT OF THE HEART INTO THE LUNGS TO BE REPLENISHED WITH OXYGEN.



TYPES OF HEART FAILURE

- RIGHT-SIDED HEART FAILURE USUALLY IS A CONSEQUENCE OF LEFT-SIDED FAILURE.
- WHEN THE LEFT SIDE FAILS IT CAUSES INCREASED FLUID PRESSURE DAMAGING THE RIGHT SIDE.
- WHEN THE RIGHT SIDE LOSES PUMPING POWER, BLOOD BACKS UP INTO THE VEINS.
- THIS USUALLY CAUSES SWELLING IN THE LEGS, ANKLES AND ABDOMEN INTESTINES AND THE LIVER. THIS IS WHAT CAUSES LIVER FAILURE.
- HEART FAILURE ALSO AFFECTS THE KIDNEYS CAUSING RETENTION OF SODIUM AND WATER WHICH LEADS TO SWELLING IN THE TISSUES.



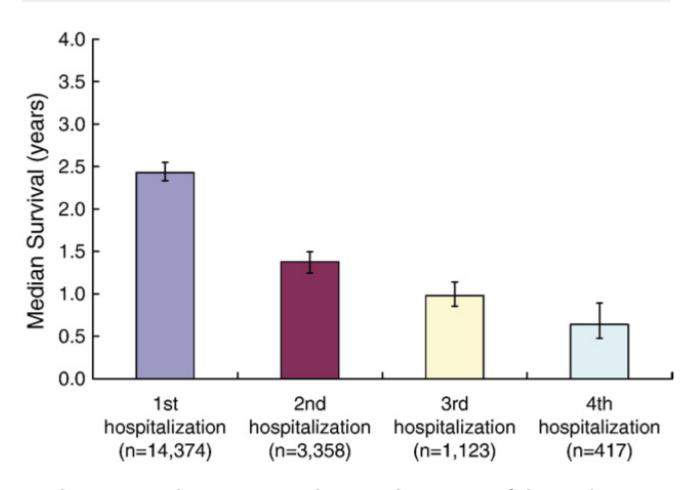
Length of Stay and 30-day Readmission and Mortality

REDUCTIONS IN LENGTH OF STAY AND INPATIENT/30 DAY MORTALITY AS WELL AS READMISSIONS ARE INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL (BUENO H JAMA 2010 303 --- MEDICARE POP 1993 TO 2006)

VA STUDY FROM 1997 TO 2010 SHOWED NO INCREASE IN READMISSION RATE WITH DECREASE IN LENGTH OF STAY (KABOLI ET AL ANN INTERN MED 2012 157; 837)



Figure 2



Median survival (50% mortality) and 95% confidence limits in patients with HF after each HF hospitalization.



CMS PENALTIES

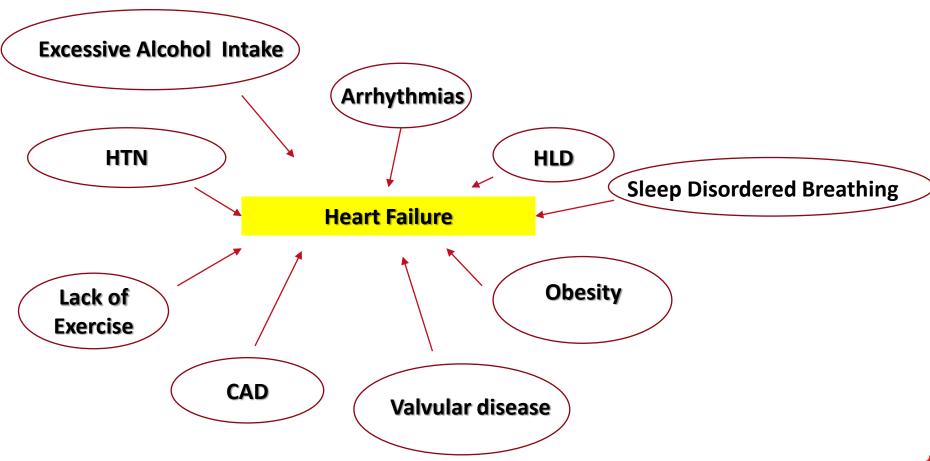
BASED ON 3-YEAR DISCHARGE DATA

MAX PENALTY 3% IN 2015 ONWARDS FOR ALL CMS HOSPITAL PAYMENTS NOT DISEASE SPECIFIC PAYMENTS

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Risk Factors for Heart Failure





RISK FACTORS

Unhealthy behaviors can also increase your risk for heart failure, especially for people with risk factors

- Smoking tobacco
- Eating foods high in fat, cholesterol, and <u>sodium</u>
- Not getting enough physical activity
- Excessive alcohol intake



