## HEART FAILURE CLINICAL PATHWAY

Date				
Day	Admission – Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4 and Discharge
Expected Outcomes	□ Pt. starting to diurese □ Improved lung sounds □ O2 sat > 90%	□ Weight / edema down     □ Labs within acceptable range     □ Diuresing continues     □ Resp.status improves	□ Weight / edema down □ Labs within acceptable range □ Tolerating increased activity □ Resp.status improves	□ Weight / edema down □ Labs within acceptable range □ Tolerating increased activity □ Resp.status improves
Nutrition	□Gm Na+ diet Previous home restrictions	Gm Na+ diet Previous home restrictions	Gm Na+ diet Previous home restrictions	Gm Na+ diet Previous home restrictions
Test / Treatments	Foley needed? BMP BNP CBC Dig level if on Dig HgA1C if diabetes Lipid Profile TSH PT if on Coumadin CXR EKG ECHO% date Accurate I&O documented	May d/c foley if present and diuresing decreased  BMP  ECHO%  Accurate I&O documented and weights recorded	BMP  Accurate I&O documented and weights recorded	BMP  If ECHO not documented this admission why not?  Accurate I&O documented and weights recorded
Medications	Saline lock ACE Inhibitor / ARB (if not, why not?) Aldactone Anticoagulant – Heparin / Lovenox Beta Blocker (if not, why not?) Bowel protocol Digoxin po / IV Lasix IV KCI • Reconcile home medications with physician			Reconcile discharge medications with physician  Discharged on ACE / ARB? If not, why not?  Discharged on Beta Blocker? Coreg / Toprol
Activity	As per physician order:      Bedrest     Up with assistance     BRP     Up ad lib	Progress activity as tolerated	Patient tolerating increased activity? Order PT/OT if needed.	
Physicial Assessment	Wt Ht	WtNursing assessments K+ BUN/CR Hgb BMP Pulse ox Telemetry	Wt	Wt

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Patient Education	Orient to patient pathway, unit and routines Assess readiness to learn Begin education if appropriate Initiate other consults if needed:	Confirm consults have seen patient Begin reviewing discharge instructions with patient:  Need to weigh daily at the same time wearing the same amount of clothing  Low sodium diet  Medications Signs / symptoms when to notify physician Need to keep follow-up appointments Activity restrictions  CHF discharge orders and instructions are appropriately placed in patient's chart	Continue to reinforce information:  Need to weigh daily at the same time wearing the same amount of clothing  Low sodium diet  Medications Signs / symptoms when to notify physician Need to keep follow-up appointments Activity restrictions  Patient to view CHF video or watch the CHF education of the Patient Channel Smoking Cessation documented (if applicable)  CHF discharge orders and instructions are appropriately placed in patient's chart	Patient able to verbalize understanding of the need for:  Weighing daily at the same time wearing the same amount of clothing  Low sodium diet  Medications  Signs / symptoms when to notify physician  Need to keep follow-up appointments  Activity restrictions  Patient has viewed CHF education and questions have been answered.  Smoking Cessation documented (if applicable)  CHF discharge orders and instructions are appropriately placed in patient's chart
Discharge Planning	Patient's living situation: Alone Family Current with home care? SNF / ALF  Plan for transportation home?	Care manager to address discharge needs.	Discharge needs addressed / finalized  Home care  Rehab  SNF	Needs addressed / finalized.  Home care / rehab arranged if needed  Transportation arranged  Home O2 set up and patient has tank
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