

Heart Failure Web Based Resources

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Medical Quality Improvement Community (MedQIC), the American Heart Association (AHA), and the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA)

These web sites list numerous resources about HF care and quality measures useful in your quality improvement efforts. For website description and information, see the document “[Generic Sources of Information for All Measures](#)” on the IHA website. To access the materials below, click on the web address (direct link) provided.

Clinical Guidelines.

- The American Heart Association (AHA) is a comprehensive web resource of Scientific Statements and Practice Guidelines Topics. The list addresses 94 clinical topics including HF that is extensively linked. To review the HF guidelines, see ACC/AHA Guidelines for the Evaluation and Management of Chronic Heart Failure in the Adult, Executive Summary (12 pages) or Full Text (56 pages). Go to:
<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3004550>
- The Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) is for professionals interested in heart function, heart failure and congestive heart failure. For an overview of heart failure, public health implications, definition and pathophysiology, and a comprehensive review of drug therapies, see HFSA Guidelines for Management of Patients with Heart Failure Caused by Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction – Pharmacologic Approaches (36 pages) at:
http://www.hfsa.org/hf_guidelines.asp.
- Register at the HFSA web site to receive the new updated Heart Failures Guidelines scheduled for 2004.

Intervention Tools.

- Inpatient Heart Failure Handbook (dated May 2002) provides an inventory of change concepts and related materials (pages 17-22).
- Fact Sheet: Successful Inpatient Intervention Factors briefly address four elements to improve care in the hospital.
- National HeartCare Intervention Materials (updated July 2004) lists clinical intervention references (pages 12-14).
- Comprehensive review and discussion of HF disease-management, see American Heart Association Scientific Statement: Team Management of Patients with Heart Failure. Go to:
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