

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

TRANSFER CRITERIA

Previous history of CHF

Acceptable VS – BP > 100/60, R < 32, P < 130

Pulse-ox 85% on room air, correctable to > 90 on Oxygen

High likelihood of correction to baseline status within 24 hours – consider discussion with PMD

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Unstable VS

New onset CHF

Associated unstable angina, COPD, MI sepsis, pneumonia, new murmur, confusion

EKG changes

Severe anemia (Hb<8)

New arrhythmia

Respiratory failure, intubation

POTENTIAL INTERVENTION

TMS monitoring

Oxygen per respiratory guidelines

Serial exams, vital signs, EKG's, cardiac enzymes, and pulse-ox checks

Medication – diuretics, vasodilators, ACE Inhibitors, Inotropic

Consider stopping medications with negative inotropic effects

DISPOSITION

Home - Acceptable VS

Return to baseline status

Pulse-ox > 90 on room air unless previously on home oxygen

EKG unchanged from baseline

No chest pain or dyspnea at rest

Hospital -

Worsening respiratory status

New EKG changes, arrhythmia, or ischemia

Persistent hypoxia, rales, dyspnea

Failure to return to baseline status within 18 hour time frame

*The above criteria are guidelines only and are subject to physician discretion