



Tips for documentation

Congestive Heart Failure

Information can be brought into the chart from any of these sources

- Community H&P
- previous admissions
- consults
- previous & updated 2D Echo
- TEE



Must include in your documentation: Be specific -- Type, Acuity, Clinical indicators (*impact SOI/ROM)

1. Step One – what **TYPE**:

Combined systolic and diastolic	Heart failure with reduced ejection fraction and diastolic dysfunction
Diastolic *	HFpEF
Systolic *	HFrEF
Left heart failure	Right heart failure
Right heart failure due to left heart failure	High output failure
End stage heart failure	



2. Step 2 – document **ACUITY**:

Acute *	Chronic *
Acute on chronic	Decompensation or exacerbation equates to acute on chronic

3. Step 3 – **CLINICAL INDICATORS** – the clinical evidence that supports your diagnosis

physical exam	labs: BNP
medications	CXR &/or CT Chest results
supplemental O2	

