

Documentation and Reporting Heart Failure

DOCUMENTATION TIPS

Document and report heart failure to the highest level of specificity known for each visit. Heart failure cannot be reported from diagnostic tests alone. The provider must bring the test results into the progress note and report the diagnosis including status and treatment plan. Documentation of diastolic or systolic **dysfunction** does not support reporting heart failure. Documentation should identify:

- **Location** - left ventricular, right-sided, biventricular, systolic, diastolic or combined
- **Chronicity** - acute, chronic, acute on chronic
- **Underlying conditions and/or causal relationships** - hypertension, diabetes, coronary artery disease, arrhythmia, kidney disease, obesity, congenital heart disease

Document clinical indicators in the absence of heart failure:

- Non-exertional dyspnea
- Fatigue
- Edema
- Weight gain

Heart failure (not an all-inclusive list)

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
I50.1	Left ventricular failure, unspecified
I50.2-	Systolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.3-	Diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.4-	Combined systolic (congestive) and diastolic (congestive) heart failure
I50.81-	Right heart failure
I50.82	Biventricular heart failure
I50.83	High output heart failure
I50.84	End stage heart failure
I50.9	Heart failure (congestive), unspecified

Hypertensive heart disease and chronic kidney disease (not an all-inclusive list)

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
I11.0	Hypertensive heart disease with heart failure
I11.9	Hypertensive heart disease without heart failure
I13.0	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
I13.10	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease without heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease
I13.11	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease without heart failure, with stage 5 chronic kidney disease, or end stage renal disease
I13.2	Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure, with stage 5 chronic kidney disease, or end stage renal disease

Report the type of heart failure (I50.-) and the stage of chronic kidney disease (N18.-), as applicable.

Document and report any tobacco exposure, dependence or tobacco dependence in remission.

DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING EXAMPLE

Patient with hypertension, CKD, stage 3b, and chronic combined systolic and diastolic heart failure. Continue Toprol 100 mg b.i.d. for heart failure. BP 145/80 – continue Lisinopril, 10 mg q.d. Labs from 7/10/2021, eGFR is 34, follow-up with nephrologist.

I13.0 Hypertensive heart and chronic kidney disease with heart failure and stage 1 through stage 4 chronic kidney disease, or unspecified chronic kidney disease

N18.32 Chronic kidney disease stage 3b

I50.42 Chronic combined systolic and diastolic heart failure



HEDIS: Detailed information about measures related to hypertension or kidney disease is available through your Passport/Molina Quality Representative.

According to the ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting FY2022: “A dash (-) at the end of an alphabetic index entry indicates that additional characters are required.” Refer to the tabular list to identify the appropriate character(s) that will complete the diagnosis code.

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