



Learning Objectives

The primary objective of the conference is to provide participants with the knowledge, processes, and tools to improve compliance with performance measures for patients hospitalized for congestive heart failure (CHF). Upon completion of the program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the pathophysiology of CHF.
- Explain the difference between systolic and diastolic heart failure.
- Describe how the diagnosis of CHF is determined.
- Explain the importance of assessing left ventricular function in suspected CHF patients.
- Describe the various methods of assessing left ventricular ejection fraction.
- Describe the role of appropriate medications for CHF patients.
- Identify the components of appropriate discharge planning for CHF patients.
- Demonstrate the five “A”s of smoking cessation counseling.
- List three resources in Arizona for smoking cessation.
- Describe the Chronic Care Model.