

Heart Failure*			
Performance Measure	Measure Description	Criterion Met or Acceptable Alternative	Rate Calculation**
<b>LVF Assessment</b>	Heart failure patients with documentation in the hospital record that left ventricular function (LVF) was assessed before arrival, during hospitalization, or was planned for after discharge	<p>Documentation of left ventricular function assessment. In the absence of explicit documentation that an LVF assessment was done, it should be inferred that an assessment was done if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation that an echocardiogram, appropriate nuclear medicine test, or a cardiac catheterization with a left ventriculogram was done during this hospital stay, OR</li> <li>• Documentation that one of the above diagnostic tests was performed anytime prior to arrival, OR</li> <li>• Documentation of LVF, either as an ejection fraction or a narrative qualitative description (e.g., "Patient admitted with severe LV dysfunction."), OR</li> <li>• Documentation by a physician, or a nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant for not assessing LVF must be explicit</li> <li>• Documentation of a plan to assess LVF after discharge</li> </ul>	<p><u>Numerator:</u> Number of heart failure patients with documentation in the hospital record that LVF was assessed before arrival, during hospitalization, or was planned for after discharge</p> <p><u>Denominator:</u> Number of heart failure patients admitted to the hospital</p>
<b>ACE inhibitor for LVSD</b>	Heart failure patients with left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) and without angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor contraindications who were prescribed an ACE inhibitor at	Documentation that an ACE inhibitor was prescribed at discharge in patients with LVSD who were not participating in an ACE inhibitor alternative clinical trial at the time of discharge and where there is no documentation of a potential contraindication/reason for not prescribing an ACE inhibitor at	<u>Numerator:</u> Number of heart failure patients with LVSD and without ACE inhibitor contraindications who were prescribed an ACE inhibitor at hospital discharge.

	hospital discharge.	<p>discharge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACE inhibitor allergy</li> <li>• Moderate or severe aortic stenosis</li> <li>• Other reason documented by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant for not prescribing an ACE inhibitor at discharge</li> </ul> <p>LVSD is defined as documentation of a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) less than 40% or a narrative description of LVEF consistent with moderate or severe systolic dysfunction. When there are two or more documented LVEFs, the LVEF closest to discharge is used.</p>	<p><u>Denominator:</u> Number of heart failure patients with LVSD and without ACE inhibitor contraindications discharged from the hospital</p>
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\*See **Hospital Quality Resources** for additional information about best practices.

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