

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)

Documentation and code assignment requires reporting the acuity, type and underlying conditions, when applicable, to fully capture the specificity of the condition. Cardiomyopathy, if applicable, requires a separate code for reporting.

Documentation Requirements	
Acuity:	Acute, Chronic, Acute on chronic
Type:	Diastolic, Systolic, Combined Diastolic and Systolic
Underlying Conditions:	Coronary Artery Disease, Hypertension, Cardiomyopathy, Valve Disease, Congenital Heart Disease, Diabetes, Genetics, etc.
Cardiomyopathy:	Ischemic, dilated, restrictive, obstructive, hypertrophic, alcoholic, etc. (Requires a separate code for reporting)
Best Practice:	Document and code also End Stage Heart Failure, if applicable

EMR Diagnosis Key Search Term	
Diagnosis Etiology	Diagnosis Complication
Key Search Term:	Key Search Term:
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Documentation and Reporting Guidelines

Combination code requirements for CHF

Report one of the codes below, in addition to the code for CHF, when applicable:

- Heart failure due to hypertension
- Heart failure due to hypertension with chronic kidney disease
- Post-Procedural Heart Failure (following cardiac surgery; following other surgery)
- Rheumatic heart failure
- Heart failure complicating abortion, ectopic or molar pregnancy
- Heart failure following obstetric surgery and procedure

Chronic Diseases

- Chronic diseases treated on an ongoing basis may be coded and reported as many times as the patient receives treatment and care for the condition(s).

Conditions that Co-exist at the time of the encounter

- Code all documented conditions that coexist at the time of the encounter and requires or affects patient care treatment or management.
- Do not code conditions that were previously treated and no longer exist.
- History codes may be used as secondary codes if the historical condition or family history has an impact on current care or influences treatment.