

Heart Failure Triage Tool

Presently, there are 110,000 people living with Heart Failure¹ with 173 hospitalisations per day.² This condition accounts for 1 in 50 deaths which equates to 1 person dying of Heart Failure every 3 hours.³

Over **80% of patients identified as definite HF did not have a HF diagnosis recorded** in the diagnosis section of their medical records (SHAPE, 2020).

This presents an opportunity to improve management, as classification of Heart Failure is integral to administering guideline recommended care.

Challenges

- Symptoms worsening in patients are subtle and gradual – and easily missed until patients end up in hospital.
- Many patients with HF are not optimally treated in primary care⁴.
- Compliance with populating medical records for HF patients is variable and often incomplete⁴.
- Short consultation times prevent proactive management of a complex comorbid patient.

Use Heart Failure Triage Tool to help achieve better outcomes for your heart failure patients



The Heart Failure Triage Tool, developed in collaboration with Novartis, aims to identify patients with signs and symptoms of Definite, Probable and Possible Heart Failure, and accelerate their movement through the primary health care system towards an intervention.

The App integrates seamlessly into your workflow, and helps:

- Identify patients at risk of either Definite, Possible or Probable Heart Failure based on pre-defined patient criteria.
- Assess the patient's risk of Definite, Possible or Probable Heart Failure through a series of questions and prompts.
- Provide follow up recommendations matched to the patient's risk profile.

The Heart Failure Triage Tool is available now! Look out for the App Icon on your Topbar.

The patient's heart failure status, based on the coded diagnosis in the clerical information system (CIS)

Tailored suggestions for non-pharmacological HF management

Notification of patient's heart failure status

Suggestions for patient review and referrals

A concise patient profile, including LVEF, NYHA class and comorbid health conditions

Links to patient education resources

Information about potentially relevant MBS item eligibility

Item	Number	Last 50	Status
GPW	725	21/09/2023	✓
TGA	728	21/09/2023	✓
GPW/TGA	738	21/09/2023	✓
Nurse Item	10987	21/09/2023	✓
Heart Health Check	498.177	21/09/2023	✓

Further Resources: Find out more about the Heart Failure Triage Tool

- [Resources: Heart Failure Triage Tool](#)

References:

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