

**STEP 1: Shortness of breath Nursing triage orders.**

Severe Respiratory Failure

Shortness of breath and/or LE edema "WITHOUT" chest pain

Shortness of breath and/or LE edema "WITH" chest pain

**Online Clinical Guidelines (Treatment Pathways)****STEP 2: Clinical Decision Guide: MD Initial Treatment**

Severe Respiratory Failure

Shortness of breath WITHOUT chest pain

Shortness of Breath WITH chest pain

Arrow 3: Start of decision tree for Heart Failure Evaluation &amp; Treatment.

**STEP 3: Clinical Decision Guide: MD Re-evaluation**

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**STEP 4: Clinical Decision Guide: MD final assessment**

(click here)

Individual

**SIGNS OF CONGESTION/PERFUSION**

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**Heart Failure treatment pathways are based upon the patient's BNP level.****Select the range that corresponds to the patient's BNP below.**

BNP less than 100 (heart failure unlikely or mild)

BNP 100-500 (indicative of moderate heart failure)

[BNP >500 \(moderate/severe heart failure likely\)](#)