

Dear Colleague,

The Canadian Heart Failure Society (CHFS) is the national association representing cardiovascular specialists devoted to treating heart failure. An important part of our mandate is to ensure our hospital-based colleagues across Canada have the latest evidence-based recommendations to optimize treatment for their patients. To achieve this goal, we are launching a national campaign to introduce the CHFS Heart Failure Admission Order Set across Canada. This resource encompasses the latest evidence and recommended therapy for the management of heart failure in hospital. The CHFS and the CCS have defined a new standard of pharmacologic care for HFrEF that incorporates 4 key therapeutic drug classes as standard therapy. Additionally, many patients with HFrEF will have clinical characteristics for which we recommended other key therapies to improve HF outcomes. Using the CHFS Order Set ensures that you are applying 2021 guidelines to the management of patients being admitted with heart failure.

There are currently 600,000 Canadians living with heart failure. Although there have been major advances in treatment, the 30-day readmission rate in Canada stands at about 21%, while the one-year readmission rate is between 30–55%. In addition, heart failure hospitalization is a major driver of the annual costs related to this condition. By 2030, heart failure care is estimated to cost more than \$2.8 billion per year in Canada.

Implementing the new CHFS HF Admission Order Set will help ensure your patients receive the latest evidence-based treatment options available to them.

We hope you will join our concerted efforts to make this tool available to all healthcare providers treating heart failure in your hospital. Doing so will have a significant impact in:

- Improving patient outcomes and reducing rehospitalization rates
- Supporting the coordination of patient care between different healthcare providers
- Reducing healthcare and institutional costs

- The CHFS HF Admission Order Set is available now on hforderset.ca. This comprehensive, short, and concise document has been built to ensure it does not burden your team with more administrative work.

For more information about the CHFS Reference Order Set and the burden of heart failure on the Canadian healthcare system, please visit hforderset.ca.

Kind regards,



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