

### Situation

**Primary Diagnosis:** CHF, Dyspnea **Race / Ethnicity:** White or Caucasian  
**Cultural Considerations:** Prefers to be addressed by her first name.  
**Support System:** Husband at bedside **Disability Considerations:** Deaf or Hard of Hearing  
**Disability Comment:** Left ear hearing aid **Attending Physician:** Jama  
**Specialists:** Dr Fuzane - Endocrinology, Dr Flores - Internal Medicine  
**Precautions:** Standard Precautions  
**Alerts:** Fluid Restrictions, No BP / IV / Labs (left arm), Blood Sugar Checks, Fall Risk  
**Additional Situation Note:**  
Patient presented to the ER complaining of shortness of breath & dyspnea on exertion x 2 days.

### Background

**History of:** Hyperlipidemia, hypertension, breast cancer, Diabetes type 2, Coronary artery disease  
**Surgical Procedures:** Mastectomy **Surgery Comment:** Mastectomy in 2018  
**Imaging:** Xray, Computed tomography (CT Scan) **Imaging Comment:** Imaging results negative.  
**Medication History:** Metformin, atorvastatin, furosemide

### Assessment

**Neuro Assessment:** A/O x2: Person, Place, Follows commands, Forgetful, Reorientable  
**Neuro Comment:** Pleasant  
**Respiratory Assessment:**  
Dyspnea during exertion (SOB - shortness of breath), Nasal cannula, Crackles (fine)  
**Respiratory Comment:** Oxygen 2L **Cardiac Assessment:** Edema, Telemetry  
**Monitored Rhythm:** Normal Sinus Rhythm - NSR  
**Cardiac Comment:** Bilateral extremity edema, 2+, weak pedal pulses **GI Assessment:** Constipation  
**Diet:** Low Sodium Diet **GI Comment:** Takes stool softeners daily, 1.5 L fluid restrictions  
**GU Assessment:** Urinal, Bedside Commode  
**MSK Assessment:** Activity assistance need: 1 person, Ambulatory with walker  
**Skin Assessment:** Ecchymosis  
**Skin Comment:** bruising on hips bilaterally, excoriation on abdominal folds **White Blood Cells:** 5.4  
**Hemoglobin:** 13.1 **Hematocrit:** 41 **Platelets:** 367 **Sodium:** 142 **Potassium:** 4.7  
**Carbon Dioxide:** 32 **BUN:** 22 **Creatinine:** 1.4 **Glucose:** 140 **INR:** 2.8  
**Blood Pressure:** 136 / 74 **Temp:** 98.6°F **Pulse:** 102 **Resps:** 20 **O2:** 92%  
**Pain Comment:** C/o lower back pain, 4/10. Taking tylenol **Lines & Drains:** PIV (right arm)  
**Lines & Drains Comment:** Saline locked  
**Current Medications:** Demadox, insulin, metformin, hydralazine

### Recommendation

**Consults:** Care Management Consult, Nutritional Consult  
**Consult Comment:** Endocrinology consult tomorrow at 0900, PT eval tomorrow at 1100  
**Additional Recommendation Note:**  
ACHS, Daily morning weight, For blood sugar >350 mg/dl, notify MD and begin insulin protocol.



### Significant Events

**Significant Events:** Pt's BP was elevated, MD notified, hydralazine ordered PRN for SBP > 160

### Nursing Care Plan

**Nursing Diagnosis:** Cardiac Output Alteration that is expected to Improve(d).

**Nursing Interventions:**

Assess/Monitor/Evaluate/Observe Cardiac Rehabilitation, Care/Perform/Provide/Assist Cardiac Rehabilitation, Teach/Educate/Instruct/Supervise Cardiac Rehabilitation, Manage/Refer/Contact/Notify Cardiac Rehabilitation

**Actions & Rationale:**

Monitor vital signs and cardiac rhythms

- Patients with heart failure can develop cardiac arrhythmias and hemodynamic alterations that impair circulation and oxygenation exchange. Poor circulation and poor oxygenation can lead to organ damage, Administer appropriate medications - Medications such as angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs), aldosterone antagonists, beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers (CCBs), digitalis drugs, diuretics, inotropic agents, nitrates, and vasodilators are often used in the treatment and management of congestive heart failure, Teach patient importance of a low sodium diet - Congestive heart failure reduces the kidney's ability to excrete sodium resulting in fluid retention. A low sodium diet such as the DASH diet will help reduce the build up of fluid in the body and help minimize complications, Notify the provider for CHF complications per protocol - CHF patients may develop life threatening deteriorations such as a myocardial infarction, ventricular fibrillation and pulmonary edema.

**Nursing Outcome:**

After implementing the intervention(s), the patient's Cardiac Output Alteration Improve(d).

