



# The nursing instruction for patients with heart failure

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**Definition:** Commonly known as heart weakness, due to impaired heart function,

unable to produce enough blood to meet Body and tissue metabolism needs.

Symptoms: tiredness, poor exercise tolerance, cough, dyspnea, paroxysmal

nocturnal breathing, sitting breaths, jugular vein distension, poor appetite, cold

limbs, decreased urine, general or limb edema, pulmonary edema, Hypertrophy of

the heart and liver, frequent urination at night.

level	Symptoms						
Ι	Without physical activity restrictions, daily activities are asymptomatic.						
II	Physical activity is lightly restricted and comfortable at rest, but when						
	engaged in daily activities (such as climbing stairs), you may feel difficulty						
	breathing and fatigue, chest tightness, palpitations, or symptoms of angina						
	pectoris.						
111	Physical activity is obviously limited and relieved at rest. However, when						
	doing minor activities (such as brushing teeth), fatigue, heart palpitations,						
	difficulty in breathing, chest tightness or angina pectoris will appear.						
IV	Unable to comfortably perform any activity, breathing difficulties, fatigue,						
	chest tightness, or angina pectoris may occur while resting.						

Notes for daily life:

1 • Record of weight, pulse and blood pressure: Get up every morning, fix your

clothes, measure the weight, pulse and blood pressure after going to the toilet and

before meals, and check whether your feet are edema with your thumb, and record

it in detail and bring it to the clinic doctor.

2 • Moisture control: It is recommended that the total moisture content of solid

foods in a day is 1000 ~ 1500 cc and dispersed in three meals (do not drink water before going to bed). The average meal is 333 ~ 500 cc. Try to eat foods with less water content such as dry rice and steamed buns. The water content of food is as

follows:

dry rice, vegetables, fish, eggs, meat, steamed buns			
porridge, steamed eggs, fruit, ice cream, pudding, beancurd, yogurt, jelly			
milk, tea, soup			

## 3 ` "Salt and sodium reduction"diet:

5-6 g salt (2000-2400 sodium) for general healthy people Sodium restriction in patients with heart failure <5 g of salt (<2000 sodium) The deterioration of heart failure symptoms, edema <3 g of salt (<1200 sodium)

- Limit sodium intake to reduce the retention of water from excess sodium ions.
- Add more natural and fresh ingredients to make food more delicious, instead of processed products, such as: shallots, ginger, garlic, onions, cilantro, celery, lemon, pineapple, apple, star anise, cinnamon, rosemary, pasiri, black Pepper, wolfberry, etc.
- Do not eat vegetable juice, gravy, pickled, smoked, braised meat, dry meat, pickled cucumbers, canned food, pickles, do not drink soup, a bowl of 300 ml Kanto soup contains 615 mg sodium.
- Avoid large amounts of foods high in sodium, such as: seaweed, kelp, kelp sprouts, seawater seafood, cheese, etc.



It's not salt that makes sodium. The toast may seem tasteless, but it has 300 milligrams of sodium per slice. "The more butter there is in bread, the more salt there is. " Chocolate bread, polo bread, puff pastry, etc. There are also 200 to 240 mg of sodium; chocolate sandwich biscuits have 500 mg of sodium; a can of sports drink contains 252 mg of sodium.

- Do not add seasonings to semi-finished dishes, and reduce their use, such as: sweet and spicy stir-fried vegetables, fried peppers with tribute balls, steamed fish with bean drum.
- Condiments have " sodium ", and less sodium-containing sauces such as salt, monosodium glutamate, soy sauce, oyster sauce, black vinegar, curry cubes, miso etc. are used less; the conversion of various types of seasonings and table salt sodium is shown in the table:

Salt (heavy)	Salt (spoon)	Sodium	Black vinegar	Soy sauce	Ketchup	Sweet sauce
1 gram	1/4 teaspoon	400 mg	1 teaspoon (5ml)	1.2 teaspoons (6ml)	2.5 teaspoons (12ml)	4.4 teaspoons (22ml)
3 gram	1/2 teaspoon	1200 mg	3 teaspoons (15ml)	3.6 teaspoons (18ml)	7.5 teaspoons (36ml)	13.2 teaspoons (66ml)
5 gram	1 teaspoon	2000 mg	5 teaspoons (25ml)	6 teaspoons (30ml)	14 teaspoons (70ml)	22 teaspoons (110ml)

 For a small amount of salt, prepare a graduated container, pour 3 grams of salt into it, dissolve it in 50 ml of water, and use only this salt water to flavor cooking throughout the day.

- Reduce external food, only choose cooking dishes, external food over hot water minus salt or dilute with water.
- Look carefully at the nutrition facts label and choose low-sodium foods that contain less than 200 milligrams per 100 grams.

### 4 Maintain ideal weight BMI 18.5-24:

## BMI = [weight / height (meters)<sup>2</sup>]

Example: weight 56 kg, height 160 cm (1.6 m) BMI = 56 ÷ 1.6 ÷ 1.6 = 22

Eat a full diet and exercise for at least 30 minutes a day to maintain a

consistent exercise habit.

5 Activity is good for your heart: moderate aerobic activity or stretching is recommended at least four times a week, gradually lengthening the duration of activity, such as: Walk 10 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour, to "activities also can say out the words of" the level of activity for load, activities to keep the heart in the [220 - age] x 50% ~ 70%; Suggestions to the rehabilitation department outpatient cardiac rehabilitation training arrangement, gradually increase the workout, training of cardiac function.

6 Instructed by the physician to take medicine on time:

Studies have shown that regular medication can reduce damage to other organs and reduce hospitalization rates.

 ACEI, Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitor (Ceporin, Synbot, Tanatril, Tritace): Vasodilation, lowering blood pressure, reducing heart load, side effects include dizziness, dry cough, blood Increased potassium.





- ARB, Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers (Aprovel, Cozaar, Doivan, Edarbi, Olmetec): Lower blood pressure, reduce heart load, side effects: lethargy, Headache, diarrhea, etc.
- ARNI, Angiotensin Receptor-Neprilysin Inhibitor (Entresto): Inhibits renin, angiotensin system, inhibits vasoconstriction, lowers blood pressure, reduces aldosterone, delays cardiac hypertrophy, side effects: hypotension, hyperkalemia.
- BETA blocker (Betaloc, Concor, Dilatrend, Nebilet): slows the heartbeat, lowers blood pressure and reduces the burden on the heart.
- SGLT<sub>2</sub> inhibitor, Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter 2 Inhibitors (Forxiga, Jardiance, Qtern, Glyxambi, Xigduo): Acting as diuretics, blood glucose and blood pressure lowering agent to increase the excretion of glucose and sodium and thus reduce the burden of the heart. Pay extra attention to prevent urinary tract infection.
- MRA, Aldosterone receptor antagonist (Aldactone, Inspra): To slow down cardiac hypertrophy. Side effects: Elevated blood potassium level.
- Diuretics (Lasix, Burinex, Fluitran, Natrilix): To excrete excessive fluid in vivo to relieve heart failure symptoms.
- Digitalis (Digoxin): To increase myocardial contractility, improve heart failure symptoms. Regular blood tests for pharmacovigilance are required due to weak safety profiles. Symptoms of overdose include poor appetite, drowsiness, xanthopsia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, arrhythmia,

bradycardia. Heart rate monitoring is required prior to dosing and frequent

bradycardia should be reported to the doctor. Prompt medical assistance is

required once developed the above symptoms or perceived discomfort.

Inhibitor (Coralan): To reduce heart rate, increase coronary flow reserve,

improve heart failure symptoms. Side effects: Bradycardia, arrhythmia,

phosphene.



#### Warm little exhort:

- Dryness of the mouth: water with a small amount of lemon, mouthwash, ice cubes, throat sugar, and no MSG.
- Proper rest, keep a regular life, early to bed and early to rise, avoid heavy work, avoid overwork stress, increase the burden of the heart.
- Avoid increasing the heart load: coffee, alcohol, strong tea and other foods cause tachycardia; Smoking and second-hand smoke, nicotine causes vasoconstriction; Avoid temperature difference is too big not wash three warm, pay attention to keep warm in winter.
- Avoid infection anemia cardiovascular obstruction hypertension
  hyperglycemia immune or endocrine disease control poor factors that may
  worsen heart failure; frequently wash hands with foam, pay attention to
  whether there is melena, eat less high-cholesterol food, take medication
  regularly, and return.
- Avoid forceful defecation, should adopt high fiber diet or soft stool medicine according to doctor's advice.

- Take the medicine regularly, if you forget to take it as soon as possible, do not take it twice next time.
- Do not go to the pharmacy to buy proprietary drugs or unknown packages of drugs, especially do not take steroids or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory painkillers NSAIDs, or folk medicine and herbal medicine, not only unclear efficacy, more likely to accelerate the deterioration of your liver and kidney function.
- If body weight day increased by more than 1 kg, one week increased more than 2 kg, is acute hydrocephalus the signs, should strictly control the salt

and water, and early clinic.

- Foot or foot dorsum foot edema or shortness of breath, side-by-side breathing, cough, salt and water should be strictly controlled, and the clinic should be early.
- The symptoms of acute deterioration should go to the emergency department for medical treatment.

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