

## Risk Coding Tips and Tools Congestive Heart Failure

### Clinical Documentation for Congestive Heart Failure Should Include:

- Type: systolic, diastolic, or combined
- Side: left sided or right sided
- Stability: acute or chronic
- Status: stable, improved, or etc.
- Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF)
- If Known: the etiology of the CHF (e.g., coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, cardiomyopathy, or hypertensive heart disease)

### Physician Documentation Example

#### Example 1:

Assessment/Plan:

Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure (I50.22)

- Chronic, last ECHO with ejection fraction (EF) of 35%
- Swelling in bilateral ankles improving
- Continue Lasix 40mg daily
- Seeing cardiology next month

#### Example 2:

Assessment/Plan:

Chronic systolic (congestive) heart failure (I50.22)

- Continue home regimen

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