

# LES NOUVELLES DE RECOMMANDATIONS DE L'INSUFFISANCE CARDIAQUE 2021

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## The Process

- **Task Force (n=31)**
  - “COVID-19 GL”
  - 2 face to face meetings
  - Numerous Zoom Sessions
  - Considered published evidence until 31/03/2021
  - GL now finalised
  - Presented in full (simultaneous publication) at the ESC 2021
- **Evidence**
  - “High quality”
  - ESC rules for Classes of Recommendations (COR)/Levels of Evidence (LOE)
  - Voting ( $\geq 75\%$  for a COR/LOE in a Table of Recommendations)

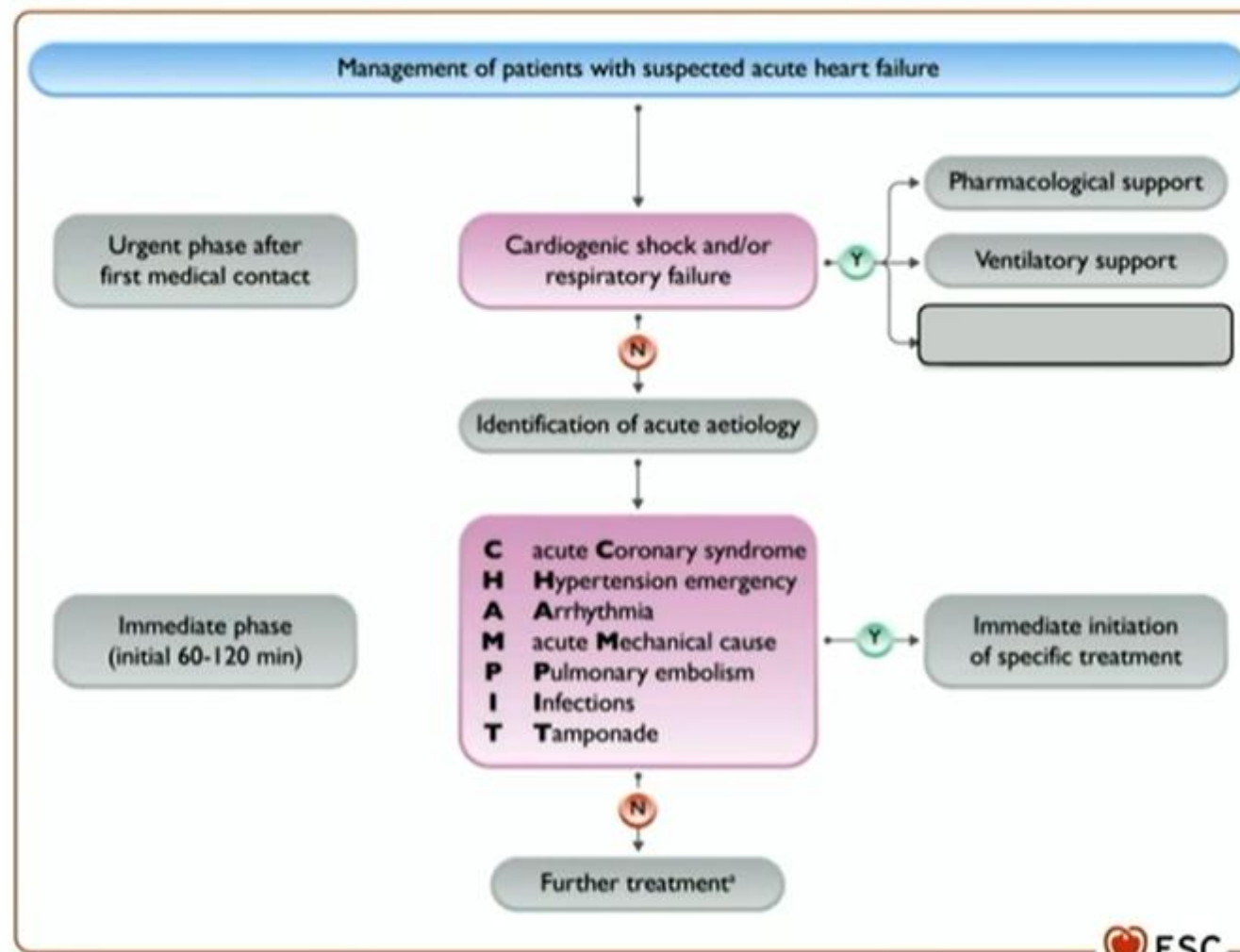
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## Initial management of acute heart failure.



## Clinical presentations of acute heart failure

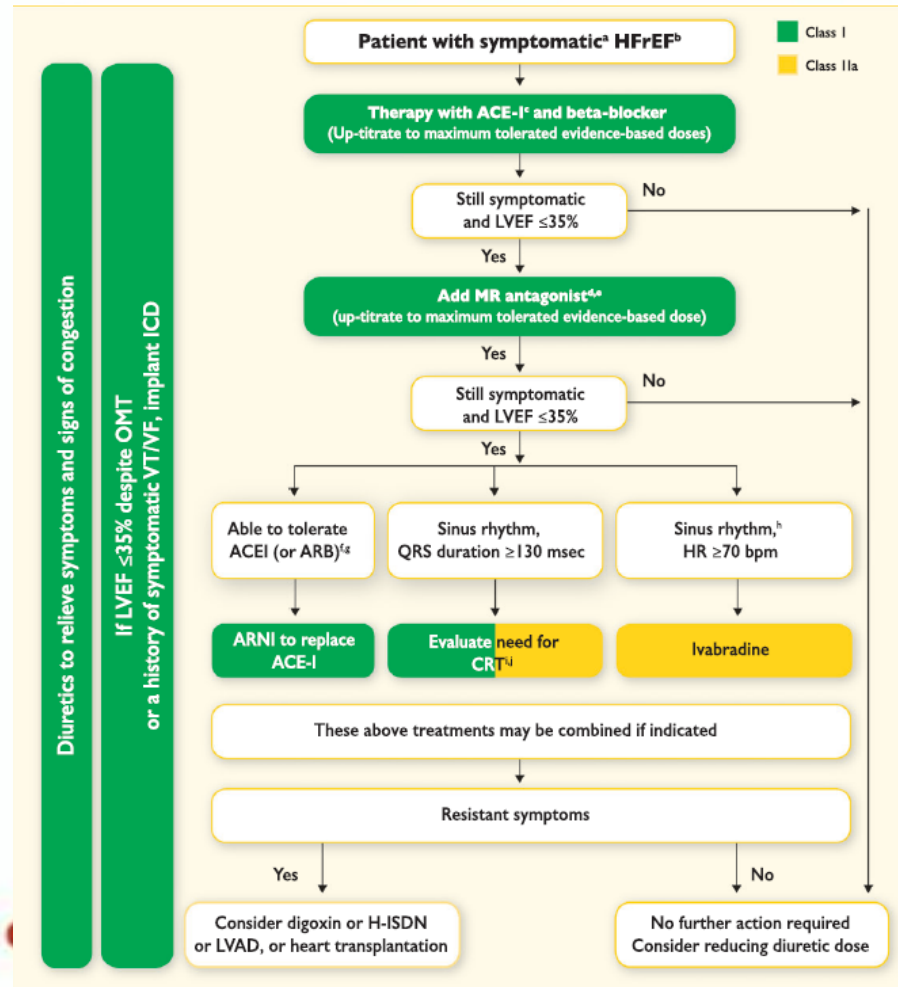
	Acutely decompensated heart failure (ADHF)	Acute pulmonary oedema	Isolated right ventricular failure	Cardiogenic Shock
<b>Main mechanisms</b>	LV dysfunction Sodium and water renal retention	Increased afterload and/or predominant LV diastolic dysfunction Valvular heart disease	RV dysfunction and/or pulmonary hypertension	Severe cardiac dysfunction
<b>Main cause of symptoms</b>	Fluid accumulation, increased intraventricular pressure	Fluid redistribution to the lungs and acute respiratory failure	Increased central venous pressure and often systemic hypoperfusion	Systemic hypoperfusion
<b>Onset</b>	Gradual (days)	Rapid (hours)	Gradual or rapid	Gradual or rapid
<b>Main haemodynamic abnormalities</b>	Increased LVEDP and PCWP <sup>a</sup> Low or normal cardiac output Normal to low SBP	Increased LVEDP and PCWP <sup>a</sup> Normal cardiac output Normal to high SBP	Increased RVEDP Low cardiac output Low SBP	Increased LVEDP and PCWP <sup>a</sup> Low cardiac output Low SBP
<b>Main clinical presentations<sup>1,446</sup></b>	Wet and warm OR Wet and cold	Wet and warm	Wet and cold	Wet and cold
<b>Main treatment</b>	Diuretics Inotropic agents/vasopressors (if peripheral hypoperfusion/hypotension) Short-term MCS if needed	Diuretics Vasodilators	Diuretics for peripheral congestion Inotropic agents/vasopressors (if peripheral hypoperfusion/hypotension) Short-term MCS if needed	Inotropic agents/vasopressors Short-term MCS



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## Start Point-ESC HF Guideline 2016: Treatment of HFrEF



No change in evidence  
 ACEI/ARB/BB/MRA  
 Diuretics  
 Digoxin  
 Ivabradine  
 Hydralazine-nitrate

# HF-REF

### The Management of HFrEF

To reduce mortality - for all patients

ACEi/ARNI    BB    MRA    SGLT2i

To reduce HF hospitalization/mortality - for selected patients

Volume overload  
Diuretics

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Aortic stenosis	Mitral regurgitation	Heart rate SR > 70 bpm Ivabradine	Block Pace Hydralazine/ISON
		ACEI/ARNI intolerance ARB	

For selected advanced HF patients

To reduce HF hospitalization and improve QOL - for all patients

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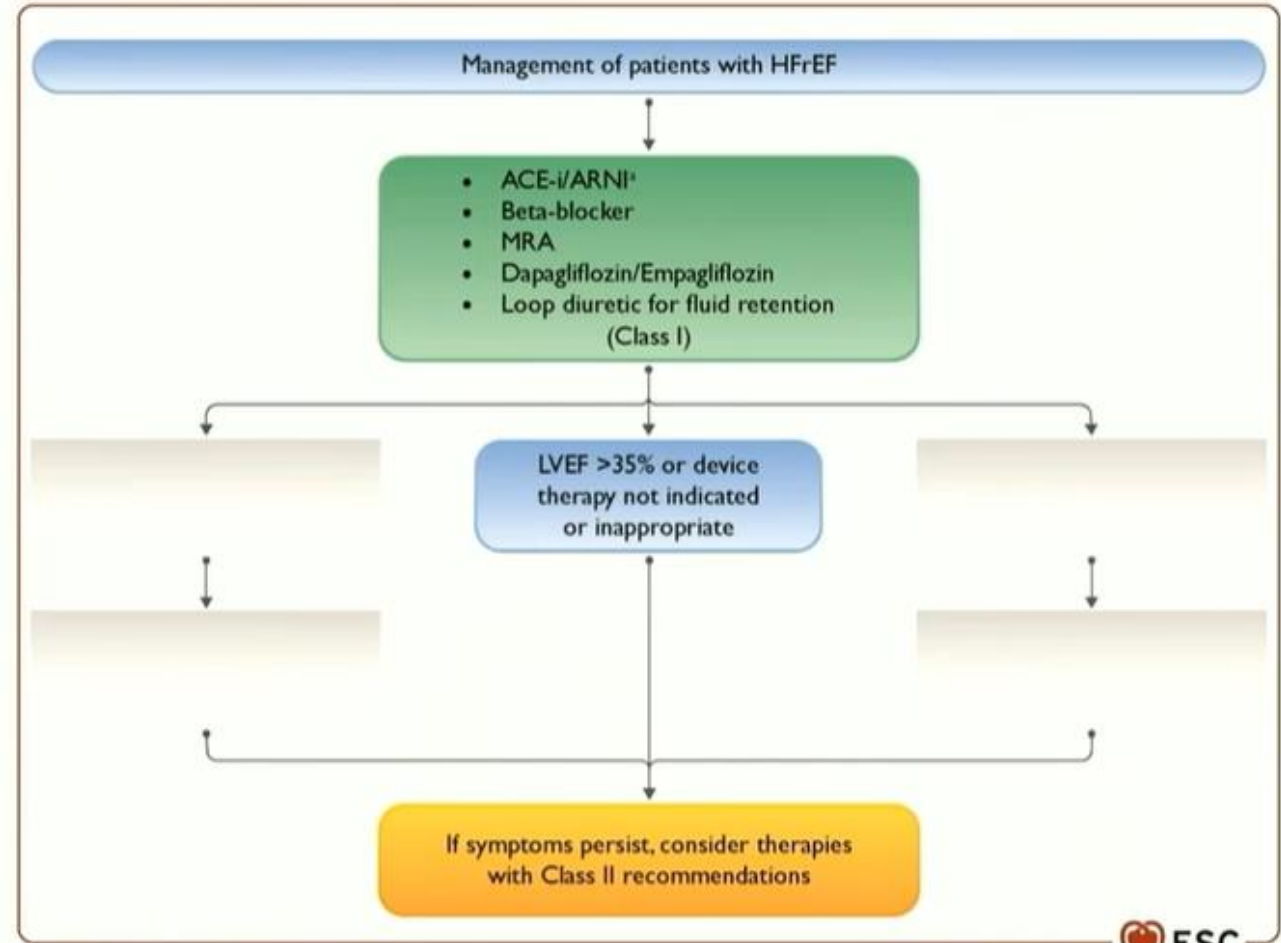
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## Management of patients with HFrEF – Therapeutic algorithm





## Drugs recommended in all patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction

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ACE-I is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	A
Beta-blocker is recommended for patients with stable HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	A
MRA is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	A
Dapagliflozin or empagliflozin are recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	A
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New!

Initiation of sacubitril/valsartan in ACE inhibitor naive (i.e. de novo) patients with HFrEF may be considered (class of recommendation IIb, level of evidence B).

## Other drugs to be considered in selected patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b><math>\beta_1</math>-channel inhibitor</b>		
Ivabradine should be considered in symptomatic patients with LVEF $\leq$ 35%, in SR and a resting heart rate $\geq$ 70 bpm despite treatment with an evidence-based dose of beta-blocker (or maximum tolerated dose below that), ACE-I/(or ARNI) and an MRA, to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and CV death. <sup>138</sup>	IIa	B
Ivabradine should be considered in symptomatic patients with LVEF $\leq$ 35%, in SR and a resting heart rate $\geq$ 70 bpm who are unable to tolerate or have contraindications for a beta-blocker to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and CV death. Patients should also receive an ACE-I (or ARNI) and an MRA. <sup>140</sup>	IIa	C
<b>Soluble Guanylate Cyclase Receptor Stimulator</b>		
Vericiguat may be considered in patients in NYHA Class II–IV who have had worsening HF despite treatment with an ACE-I (or ARNI), a beta-blocker and an MRA to reduce the risk of CV mortality or HF hospitalization. <sup>142</sup>	IIb	B



## Other NEW drugs that may be considered in selected patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction

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Currently, omecamtiv mecarbil is not licensed for use in HF. However, in the future it may be able to be considered, in addition to standard therapy for HFrEF to reduce the risk of CV mortality and hospitalization for HF



## Pharmacological treatments in patients with (NYHA class II-IV) heart failure with mildly reduced ejection fraction

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
Diuretics are recommended in patients with congestion and HFmrEF in order to alleviate symptoms and signs.	I	C
An ACE-I may be considered for patients with HFmrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	IIb	C
An ARB may be considered for patients with HFmrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	IIb	C
A beta-blocker may be considered for patients with HFmrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	IIb	C
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# HF MidREF : NYHA II-IV

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## Recommendations for treatment of patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction

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Screening for, and treatment of, aetiologies, and cardiovascular and non-cardiovascular comorbidities is recommended in patients with HFpEF (see relevant sections of this document).	I	C
Diuretics are recommended in congested patients with HFpEF in order to alleviate symptoms and signs.	I	C

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### Diagnosis and treatment of cardiac amyloidosis: a position statement of the ESC Working Group on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases

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## Changes in recommendations for the treatment of atrial fibrillation in patients with heart failure

2021	Class <sup>a</sup>	2016	Class <sup>a</sup>
<b>Recommendations for management of patients with HF and atrial fibrillation</b>			
DOACs are recommended in preference to VKAs in patients with HF, except in those with moderate or severe mitral stenosis or mechanical prosthetic heart valves.	I	For patients with HF and non-valvular AF eligible for anticoagulation based on a CHA <sub>2</sub> DS <sub>2</sub> -VASc score, NOACs rather than warfarin should be considered for anticoagulation as NOACs are associated with a lower risk of stroke, intracranial haemorrhage and mortality, which outweigh the increased risk of gastrointestinal haemorrhage.	IIa

## New recommendations for the treatment of diabetes

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
SGLT2 inhibitors (canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin, ertugliflozin, sotagliflozin) are recommended in patients with T2DM at risk of CV events to reduce hospitalizations for HF, major CV events, end-stage renal dysfunction and CV death.	I	A
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## Recommendations for anaemia and iron deficiency in patients with heart failure

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It is recommended that all patients with HF be periodically screened for anaemia and iron deficiency with a full blood count, serum ferritin concentration and TSAT.	I	C
Intravenous iron supplementation with ferric carboxymaltose should be considered in symptomatic patients with LVEF $\leq$ 45% and iron deficiency, defined as serum ferritin <100 ng/mL or serum ferritin 100-299 ng/mL with TSAT <20%, to alleviate HF symptoms, improve exercise capacity and QOL.	IIa	A
Intravenous iron supplementation with ferric carboxymaltose should be considered in symptomatic HF patients recently hospitalized for HF and with LVEF < 50% and iron deficiency, defined as serum ferritin <100 ng/mL or serum ferritin 100-299 ng/mL with TSAT <20%, to reduce the risk of heart failure hospitalization.	IIa	B

## New recommendations for the management of patients with cancer and heart failure

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
It is recommended that cancer patients at increased risk for cardiotoxicity, defined by a history or risk factors of CV disease, previous cardiotoxicity or exposure to cardiotoxic agents, undergo CV evaluation before scheduled anticancer therapy, preferably by a cardiologist with experience/interest in Cardio-Oncology.	I	C
Treatment with an ACE-I and a beta-blocker (preferably carvedilol) should be considered in cancer patients developing systolic LV dysfunction, defined as a 10% or more decrease in LVEF and to a value lower than 50%, during anthracycline chemotherapy.	IIa	B
A baseline CV risk assessment should be considered in all cancer patients scheduled to receive a cancer treatment with the potential to cause heart failure.	IIa	C



## New recommendation for the treatment of transthyretin amyloidosis-cardiac amyloidosis

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
Tafamidis is recommended in patients with genetic testing proven hereditary hTTR-CMP and NYHA class I or II symptoms to reduce symptoms and CV hospitalization and mortality.	I	B
Tafamidis is recommended in patients with wtTTR-CA and NYHA class I or II symptoms to reduce symptoms and CV hospitalization and mortality.	I	B

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# What's new in medical treatment in the ESC HF Guidelines 2021

- A simplified treatment algorithm for HFrEF based on the early administration of four major classes of drugs: ACEi/ARNI, BBs, MRA, SGLT2i
- Recommendations for the treatment of HFmrEF
- A classification of acute HF
- Treatment algorithms based on phenotypes
  - QRS duration and morphology
  - Aetiology (ischaemic / not ischaemic)
  - Cardiac rhythm, valvular heart disease
  - Diabetes, iron deficiency, electrolyte abnormalities (hyperkalemia)
  - Cancer
  - Amyloidosis and other cardiomyopathies

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