Supporting your patients, improving your knowledge

This module is designed for all qualified and unqualified healthcare professionals who care for people with chronic heart failure – which, due to the ageing population and the increase in the numbers of heart attack survivors\(^1\), is the only major cardiovascular disease with increasing incidence and prevalence in the UK.

This module will teach you how to effectively assess, investigate, manage and educate patients with chronic heart failure. You will develop the confidence to deliver holistic, evidence based care to your patients, while also considering the needs of their carers. The module is delivered through interactive eLearning, and is validated by The Open University. The module includes two study days, which supplement your eLearning through informal lectures and practical sessions delivered by expert practising clinicians.

\(^1\)http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1767504

You will learn:

- Signs and symptoms
- Step by step approach to investigation and diagnosis
- Practical approach to pharmacological & non-pharmacological management, including cardiac devices
- Principles of palliative and end of life care
- Models of care, including prevention strategies

By the end of the module you will be able to:

- Understand the assessment and investigation process of patients with suspected heart failure
- Apply current guidelines to optimise drug treatments
- Implement a practical approach to non-pharmacological management and self-care
- Evaluate the impact of heart failure on a patient’s quality of life
- Appreciate the importance of multi-disciplinary care and the variety of service models

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