

## Acute Heart Failure:

### *The Emergency Department and the Economics of Care*

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Continuing Medical Education Program

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**Description**  
 Currently heart failure is at epidemic proportions in the United States with a prevalence exceeding 4.5 million and is a disease characterized by recidivism where the total estimated direct and indirect costs are exceeding \$30 billion yearly. Actions to ameliorate the hardships, both personally to patients and economically to health care systems, are one of medicine's most extremely urgent issues. This educational activity will allow physicians to incorporate cost-efficient scientifically proven acute decompensated congestive heart failure (ADCHF) advances into their practices while decreasing hospital and emergency department length of stay (ED LOS).

**Target Audience**  
 Directed to emergency physicians, emergency department chairmen, hospitalists, hospital administrators, hospital coordinators, and other interested allied health professionals.

**Objectives**

- Review the medical expenditures and pharmacoeconomic data associated with ADCHF treatments
- Diagnose the ADCHF patient and initiate appropriate treatment for stabilization.
- Recognize how early initiation of intravenous (IV) vasoactive therapy improves outcomes in ADCHF patients, as well as ADCHF patients with moderate to severe renal insufficiency
- Identify appropriate ADCHF patients who may benefit from early vasoactive therapy in the ED setting

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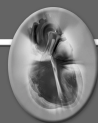
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