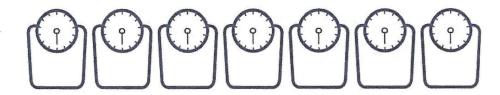
### SEVEN STEPS FOR SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF

### **Congestive Heart Failure**

DAYS A WEEK
WEIGHT
MANAGEMENT



GLASSES
OF FLUID
A DAY



No more than **6** 8oz/250mL glasses of fluid in one day

5 TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY



Physically active at least **5** days of the week



GREEN

AMBER

RED



Diet

Keep my Healthcare Appointments

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



Weight gain, feeling bloated



Increased shortness of breath



Unable to lay flat or need to cough when doing so



THE 3 NO'S
TO REDUCE
SALT INTAKE



NO added salt at home



NO added salt when eating out



**NO** processed foods

THINGS I NEED TO KNOW



I know what my water pill (Diuretic) is for and when to take extra.

Family Doctor:\_
Cardiologist: \_\_
Nurse/Nurse Pro

Nurse/Nurse Practitioner:

HF Clinic (905) 895-4521 Ext. 2171

\*Bring medications to every appointment.

I AM NUMBER ONE



I know my meds and when to take them



I know my daily weight and my target weight

lbs/kg



I know my fluid and salt restrictions



### **Heart Failure Zones**

#### **CHECK WEIGHT DAILY**

- Weigh yourself in the morning before breakfast and after you void. Write it down. Compare your weight today to your weight yesterday.
- ✓ Keep the total amount of fluids you drink to only 6 to 8 glasses each day. Fluids include all drinks, soups, ice, and popsicles. (6 to 8 glasses equals 1500 to 2000mL or 48 to 64 oz)
- ✓ Take your medicine as instructed.
- ✓ Check for swelling of your feet, ankles, legs and stomach every day.
- ✓ Eat foods that are low in salt or salt-free.
- ✓ Balance activity and rest periods.

## WHICH HEART FAILURE ZONE ARE YOU TODAY? GREEN, YELLOW OR RED

#### **ALL CLEAR - GREEN ZONE IS YOUR GOAL!**

Your symptoms are under control. You have:

- ✓ No shortness of breath.
- ✓ No chest discomfort, pressure or pain.
- ✓ No swelling or increase in swelling of your feet, ankles, legs or stomach.
- ✓ No weight gain of more than 4lbs (2kg) over 2 days in a row or 5lbs (2.5kg) in 1 week.

# SAFE

#### **CAUTION** - YELLOW ZONE IS A WARNING!

Call your Healthcare provider (e.g. Doctor, Nurse) if you have ANY of the following:

- ✓ You gain more than 4lbs (2kg) over 2 days in a row or 5lbs (2.5kg) in 1 week.
- ✓ You have vomiting and/or diarrhea that lasts more than two days.
- ✓ You feel more short of breath than usual.
- ✓ You have increased swelling in your feet, ankles, legs or stomach.
- ✓ You have a dry hacking cough.
- ✓ You feel more tired and don't have the energy to do daily activities.
- ✓ You feel light headed or dizzy and this is new for you.
- ✓ You feel uneasy, like something does not feel right.
- ✓ You find it harder for you to breathe when you are lying down.
- ✓ You find it easier to sleep adding pillows or sitting up in a chair.

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Healthcare Provider:	Phone:

### **EMERGENCY** - RED ZONE MEANS ACT FAST!

Go to an emergency room or call 911 if you have ANY of the following:

- You are struggling to breath.
- ✓ Your shortness of breath does not go away while sitting still.
- You have a fast heartbeat that does not slow down when you rest.
- ✓ You have chest pain that does not go away with rest or with medicine.
- You are having trouble thinking clearly or are feeling confused.
- ✓ You have fainted.



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