

Michigan State University

Department of Internal Medicine

Congestive Heart Failure Bridge Clinic

Welcome to the Congestive Heart Failure Bridge Clinic at MSU.

The first few days after hospitalization are especially critical for your health. Many patients find that questions or health issues arise during this time. If these are not addressed promptly, some patients end up being re-admitted to the hospital. The Bridge Clinic will help you transition between your hospital stay and your follow-up with your primary care doctor or heart doctor. Another important purpose is to reduce your risk of readmission.

The goals of the Bridge clinic are to:

- Provide a “bridge” between the hospital setting and follow-up with your regular doctor
- Make sure that you are seen within 7 days of discharge from Sparrow Hospital so that any problems can be addressed. Problems that are commonly due to heart failure include: shortness of breath, weight gain, swelling in your legs, difficulty breathing at night and any problems you might have getting or taking your medications.
- To help educate you and your significant others on heart failure and to do our best to make sure you have adequate support at home.

The Bridge Clinic is NOT a substitute for your usual primary care clinic or cardiology clinic. Most patients will have only one visit. Once you are seen in the Bridge Clinic, we will get in touch with your usual primary care doctor and/or heart specialist and do our best to make sure you have an appointment to see them for follow-up.

The TIME and DATE of your Bridge Clinic appointment are: _____

The doctors' names that you will be seeing are: _____

If you have questions or concerns, or need to cancel or re-schedule your appointment please call 353-4941, and mention you are a patient in the Congestive Heart Failure Bridge Clinic to have your questions addressed.

Map to the MSU Clinical Center

The Internal Medicine Clinic Congestive Heart Failure Bridge Clinic is located in A225 on the second floor of the Clinical Center

