

Michigan State University

Department of Internal Medicine

Congestive Heart Failure Bridge Clinic

Senior Residents Responsibility for patients being discharged with a primary diagnosis of CHF

When the patient is nearing discharge

1. Set up a follow up appointment for the patient at the Wednesday afternoon CHF Bridge Clinic at MSU, to goal is to have the patient seen within 7 days of discharge
 - a. For the MSU CHF Bridge Clinic, call 353 4941 – extension 3, if no one picks up, then call 432 5203 or 432 8029.
 - b. Make sure that the patient has a specific date and time for follow up before they are discharged
 - c. If the patient has either a cardiologist or PCP AND they can be seen within 7 days, then make sure they have a specific appointment scheduled with one of these physicians and document this on FORM A
2. For each patient discharged with a principal diagnosis of CHF **fill out and Fax FORM A**
 - a. To the “receiving doctor” (their primary care doctor or cardiologist if they can be seen within 7 days of discharge) OR
 - b. FAX Form A to the receiving doctor (MSU Fax number = 353-8979)
 - c. Make sure the discharge summary for that patient is dictated within 24 hours
 - d. Make sure the Discharge Summary Transcription job number is on FORM A
 - e. After you fax Form A, give it to Keerthy