



Pharmacologic Agents for the Treatment of Congestive Heart Failure

SCAN Formulary Drugs

Medication	Daily Dosage	Max Dose	2024 Formulary Status		2025 Formulary Status		Adverse Drug Reactions
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Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEIs)							
<i>benazepril</i>	40 mg	80 mg/day	1		1		Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
<i>captopril</i>	150 mg	150mg/day	1		1		Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache, skin rash
<i>enalapril</i>	20 mg	40 mg/day	1		1		Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
<i>fosinopril</i>	20 mg	40 mg/day	1		1		Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
<i>lisinopril</i>	20 mg	40 mg/day	1		1		Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
<i>moexipril</i>	7.5 - 30 mg	30 mg/day	1		1		Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
<i>perindopril</i>	8 mg	16 mg/day	1		1		Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache

<i>quinapril</i>	40 mg	40 mg/day	1		1	Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
<i>ramipril</i>	10mg	10 mg/day	1		1	Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
<i>trandolapril</i>	4 mg	4 mg/day	1		1	Angioedema, cough, hyperkalemia, dizziness, headache
Angiotensin II Receptor Blockers						
<i>candesartan</i>	4 – 32mg	32mg/day	2		2	Headache, dizziness, hyperkalemia, hypotension
<i>irbesartan</i>	150 mg	300 mg/day	1		1	Dizziness, fatigue, hyperkalemia, hypotension
<i>losartan</i>	25 - 100mg	100 mg/day	1		1	Dizziness, fatigue, hyperkalemia, hypotension
<i>olmesartan</i>	40 mg	40 mg/day	2		2	Dizziness, headaches, hyperkalemia, hypotension
<i>telmisartan</i>	40mg	80mg/day	2		2	Dizziness, headaches, hyperkalemia, hypotension
<i>valsartan</i>	160 mg	320 mg/day	1		1	Dizziness, fatigue, hyperkalemia, hypotension
Beta Blockers						
<i>bisoprolol</i>	5 - 10 mg	10 mg/day	2		2	Fatigue, insomnia, diarrhea, chest pain
<i>carvedilol tabs</i>	6.25 - 50 mg	50-100 mg/day	1		1	Hypotension, dizziness, fatigue, bradycardia
<i>metoprolol er</i>	100 - 200 mg	200 mg/day	2		2	Dizziness, headache, fatigue, depression, bradycardia

Cardiovascular Agents, Other							
CORLANOR TABS (<i>ivabradine</i>)	5-10 mg	15 mg/day	4		4	[PA]	Bradycardia, hypertension, atrial fibrillation
<i>ivabradine tabs</i>	5-10 mg	15 mg/day	NF		4	[PA]	Bradycardia, hypertension, atrial fibrillation
<i>digoxin oral*</i>	0.125 mg Digoxin level monitoring required	0.125mg/day	2		2		Heart block, dizziness, mental disturbances, headache, nausea
ENTRESTO TABS (<i>sacubitril/valsartan</i>)	49/51 mg - 97/103 mg BID	194/206 mg/day	6		3	[QL]	Hypotension, angioedema
LANOXIN ORAL (<i>digoxin</i>)*	0.125 mg Lanoxin level monitoring required	0.125mg/day	3		3		Heart block, dizziness, mental disturbances, headache, nausea
<i>spironolactone/hctz</i>	25/25 mg	50/50 mg/day	1		1		Hyperkalemia, drowsiness, lethargy, mental confusion
<i>triamterene/hctz</i>	37.5/25 mg to 75/50 mg (1-2 tablets/ capsules)	75/50 mg/day	1		1		Hyperkalemia, dizziness, fatigue, orthostatic hypotension
VERQUVO (<i>vericiguat</i>)	2.5-10 mg	10 mg/day	4	[PA]	4	[PA]	Hypotension, anemia
Diuretics							
<i>amiloride</i>	5 - 10 mg	20mg/day	2		2		Headache, fatigue, dizziness, hyperkalemia
<i>bumetanide</i>	0.5 - 10mg	10mg/day	2		2		Hypokalemia, hyperuricemia, azotemia, hyponatremia
<i>chlorthalidone</i>	12.5 - 25 mg	100 mg/day	1		1		Phototoxicity, hypokalemia, anorexia, dyspepsia

<i>eplerenone</i>	25 mg	50 mg/day	3		3		Hyperkalemia, dizziness, diarrhea, coughing, fatigue and flu-like symptoms
<i>furosemide (oral)</i>	20 - 80 mg	600 mg/day	1		1		Hypokalemia, hyperuricemia, dizziness, headache
<i>hydrochlorothiazide</i>	25 - 100 mg	200mg/day	1		1		Anorexia, dizziness, phototoxicity, hypotension
<i>indapamide</i>	2.5 mg	5 mg/day	1		1		Headache, dizziness, hyperuricemia
<i>metolazone</i>	2.5 - 10 mg	20 mg/day	2		2		Dizziness, muscle cramps, orthostatic hypotension
<i>spironolactone</i>	12.5 - 25 mg	50mg/day**	1		1		Hyperkalemia, drowsiness, lethargy, mental confusion
<i>torseamide</i>	10 - 20 mg	200 mg/day	2		2		Hypokalemia, hyperuricemia, azotemia, hyponatremia
SGLT2 Inhibitor (Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter 2)							
FARXIGA (<i>dapagliflozin</i>)	5 – 10 mg	10mg/day	6		3	[QL]	Genital mycotic infections, nasopharyngitis, UTI, back pain, increased urination, nausea
JARDIANCE (<i>empagliflozin</i>)	10 – 25 mg	25mg/day	6		3	[QL]	Urinary tract infections and female genital mycotic infections
Vasodilators							
<i>hydralazine</i>	75 mg	300 mg/day	2		2		Hypotension, palpitation, tachycardia, anorexia
<i>isosorbide dinitrate</i>	30 mg	120 mg/day	2		2		Headache, dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, syncope

*In heart failure, higher dosages associated with no additional benefit and may increase risk of toxicity; slow renal clearance may lead to risk of toxic effects. Limit use to no more than 0.125 mg of digoxin per day.

**Higher doses may occasionally be used with close monitoring.

Brand-name drugs are capitalized and generic drugs are listed in lower-case italics.

[NF] = Non-formulary [PA] = Prior Authorization [QL] = Quantity Limit



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