HEART FAILURE

Heart failure is when the heart cannot pump enough blood around the body. This means it can't meet the body's demand for oxygenated blood.¹

Heart failure is different from other cardiovascular health issues:1,2,3



CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Is a condition that refers to all diseases of the heart and blood vessels

This includes heart attacks. heart failure, as well as stroke, and peripheral artery diseases



HEART ATTACK

Supply of blood carrying oxygen to part of the heart muscle is suddenly blocked and is an emergency

Can lead to chronic heart conditions such as heart failure



HEART FAILURE

A condition where the heart muscle becomes weak

> It is progressive and potentially fatal

The **3 main symptoms** of heart failure are:⁴



BREATHLESSNESS

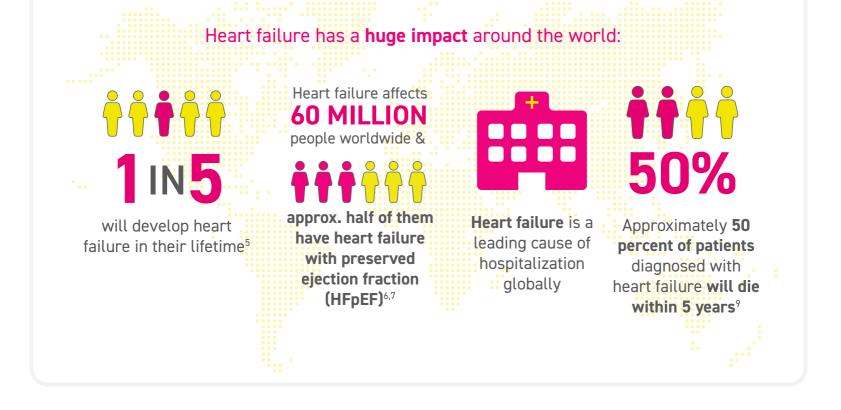


FATIGUE

BUILD-UP OF EXCESS FLUID LEADING TO SWELLING, E.G. IN THE ANKLES

Other symptoms include:4

Persistent coughing or wheezing, lack of appetite, nausea, confusion, increased heart rate

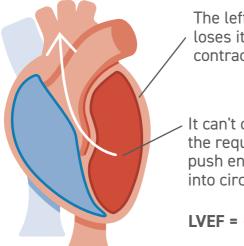


There are **2 main types** of heart failure:

These are categorised by the amount of blood pumped out of the heart's left ventricle, known as Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF)¹⁰



HEART FAILURE WITH REDUCED EJECTION FRACTION (HFrEF)¹¹ Or systolic failure



The left ventricle loses its ability to contract normally

It can't contract with the required force to push enough blood into circulation

LVEF = **{40%**¹²

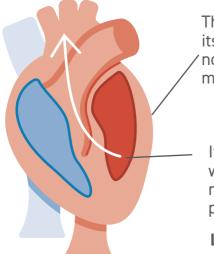
AVAILABLE TREATMENTS

Currently there are 4 main drug classes for the treatment of HFrEF:^{13,14,15}

- β-blockers
- Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors
- Angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitors (ARNI)
- Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists (MRAs)¹⁵
- Angiotensin-receptor blockers (ARBs)
- SGLT-2 inhibitors



HEART FAILURE WITH PRESERVED EJECTION FRACTION (HFpEF)¹¹ Or diastolic failure



The left ventricle loses its ability to relax normally due to the

AVAILABLE TREATMENTS

There are currently no available treatments for HFpEF⁷

muscle becoming stiff

It can't stretch and fill with as much blood as normal. so less blood is pumped into circulation

LVEF = >50%¹²

This is considered the single largest unmet need in cardiovascular medicine¹⁶

Several large, randomized placebo-controlled clinical studies are providing additional insights into potential treatments for HFpEF^{17,18}

Because of the interconnectivity of the heart with other organs, people with heart failure have a high risk of having or developing other conditions such as:¹⁹



Taking action to effectively look after the organs and manage conditions can help to prevent and delay any organs from getting worse.^{20,21,22}

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