

Severity of Heart Failure Classification



American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Stages of Heart Failure

Stage	Description
Stage A	At risk for heart failure but without structural heart changes (e.g., patients with diabetes mellitus, coronary artery disease, hypertension, or vascular disease)
Stage B	Structural heart disease (e.g., reduced ejection fraction, left ventricular hypertrophy, chamber enlargement) but without heart failure symptoms
Stage C	Structural heart disease with current or prior heart failure symptoms
Stage D	Refractory heart failure requiring advanced intervention (e.g., biventricular pacemaker, left ventricular assist device, transplantation)

New York Heart Association Functional Classification

Class	Description
I	No limitations of physical activity
II	Slight limitation of physical activity
III	Marked limitation of physical activity
IIIA	Symptoms with less than ordinary activity
IIIB	Symptoms with minimal exertion
IV	Unable to carry on any physical activity without symptoms