



GOING FURTHER WITH HEART FAILURE CARE

MY HEART FAILURE DIARY

to accompany you on your heart failure journey



Canadian Heart Failure Society Société canadienne d'insuffisance cardiaque





Your health care team is at your disposal

YOUR MEDICAL CENTER

Name	
Date of birth	YOUR CARDIOLOGIST
Address	
	YOUR GENERAL PRACTITIONER
	YOUR HEART FAILURE NURSE
Telephone	EMERGENCY NUMBER

	Name and dosage of medicines (mg)	~~~~	*)	Comments
My heart failure treatments					
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My weight

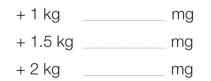
My usual/normal weight is between:		
and	kg or Ib (check one)	

It's important to check for swelling in your hands, ankles, legs, and around the waist by simply pressing your thumb into the tissue for a few seconds. If it leaves an indentation, you have swelling. This may indicate fluid retention, which can appear before you notice a marked difference in your weight.

Weight gain and adjustment of diuretic dosage

Excess fluid can be eliminated by temporarily/exceptionally increasing the dosage of diuretics for a short period, if your doctor has recommended this:

Extra diuretic prescribed





Contact your doctor if you gain more than 2 kg in weight. Note: 1kg is equivalent to 2.2 lb.



My blood pressure

My normal blood pressure is between/ and/ mm Hg	
If your blood pressure is consistently higher than* or lower than or you have a headache, or feel dizzy or faint, discuss this with your doctor or *as defined by your doctor	
My heart rate	
My normal heart rate is between and beats/	min (
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My INR (international normalized ratio)*	
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* If you are taking an anticoagulant with antivitamin K activity



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Questions to discuss with my doctor at the next visit

Tiredness							
Average number of hours slept per night							
Comfort level during sleep (e.g. how many pillows are needed to sleep comfortably, etc.)							
Breathlessness (cough)							
Swelling							
Loss of appetite							
More frequent urination during the day: During the night:							
Limitations in my daily activities such as tiredness, mental capacity, concentration, inability to lift, walk etc							
Weight							
Blood pressure							
Heart rate							
Other questions							



MY NEXT APPOINTMENTS

Date	Time	Name of doctor/nurse/place	Notes
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