The Acute Decompensated Heart Failure Clinical Pathway

**Hospital**
- Testing
  - Cognition
  - Functioning
- Education
  - Nursing
  - Pharmacy
  - Nutrition
- Discharge Planning
- Care Transition
  - DC Summary
  - Follow up

**Home**
- 3 day phone call
- 7 day Cards appt
- 14 day PCP appt
- 24/7 CHF Hotline
- APN Clinic
- Risk-based phone calls and appts

**Emergency Department**
- Automatic alert
- 24/7 consult pager
- Multidisciplinary response team
- Expedited triage and treatment
- Close follow up if safe for discharge

Meets or exceeds Joint Commission and American Heart Association Guidelines.
Inclusions: Inpatients with Acute Decompensated Heart Failure
- Primary diagnosis or active secondary diagnosis

Exclusions: Post-Heart Transplant, Post-LVAD, or actively being worked up for either
- Essentially, patients followed by the Advanced Heart Failure Service

How to Enroll: Page 4CHF any time 24/7, our APN will enter necessary orders.

What happens then?
1. Patients may be moved to an intervention floor (5SW/5SE/5NW).
2. Pathway team may have specific recommendations for discharge.
3. Pathway staff may page you to discuss high risk patients.

Provider Responsibilities:
1. Follow up with Cardiology consultant regularly
2. Complete the DC summary using the Cardiology template on the day of discharge before the patient leaves the hospital

Please page 4CHF (4243) any time 24/7 for any (pathway-related) reason!