Heart&Stroke_™

Heart Failure Zones



EVERY DAY

- Weigh yourself in the morning before breakfast. Write it down. Compare your weight today to your weight yesterday.
- Keep the total amount of fluids you drink to only 6 to 8 glasses each day. (6-8 glasses equals 1500-2000 mL or 48-64 oz)
- Take your medicine exactly how your doctor said.
- Check for swelling in your feet, ankles, legs, and stomach.
- Eat foods that are low in salt or salt-free.
- · Balance activity and rest periods.



Which zone are you in today?

GREEN SAFE ZONE

ALL CLEAR - This zone is your goal!

Your symptoms are under control. You have:

- · No shortness of breath.
- No chest discomfort, pressure, or pain.
- No swelling or increase in swelling of your feet, ankles, legs, or stomach.
- No weight gain of more than 4 lbs (2 kg) over 2 days in a row or 5 lbs (2.5 kg) in 1 week.



AUTION ZONE

CAUTION – This zone is a warning

Call your Health Care provider (eg. Doctor, nurse) if you have any of the following:

- You gain more than 4 lbs (2 kg) over 2 days in a row or 5 lbs (2.5 kg) in 1 week.
- You have vomiting and/or diarrhea that lasts more than 2 days.
- You feel more short of breath than usual.
- You have increased swelling in your feet, ankles, legs, or stomach.

- You have a dry hacking cough.
- You feel more tired and don't have the energy to do daily activities.
- You feel lightheaded or dizzy, and this is new for you.
- You feel uneasy, like something does not feel right.
- You find it harder for you to breathe when you are lying down.
- You find it easier to sleep by adding pillows or sitting up in a chair.

Healthcare Provider:	Phone Number:	

NGER ZONE

EMERGENCY – This zone means act fast!

Go to emergency room or call 9-1-1 if you have any of the following:

- You are struggling to breathe.
- Your shortness of breath does not go away while sitting still.
- You have a fast heartbeat that does not slow down when you rest.
- You have chest pain that does not go away with rest or with medicine.
- You are having trouble thinking clearly or are feeling confused.
- You have fainted.

