

# Congestive Heart Failure Summary Guideline

*Drugs Commonly Used for Treatment of Chronic Heart Failure*

Drug	Initial Dose	Maximum Dose
<b>Loop Diuretics</b>		
Bumetanide	0.5 to 1.0 once or twice daily	Titrate to achieve dry weight (up to 10mg daily)
Furosemide	20 to 40 mg once or twice daily	Titrate to achieve dry weight (up to 400mg daily)
Torsemide	10 to 20 mg once or twice daily	Titrate to achieve dry weight (up to 200mg daily)
Metolazone	2.5 to 5mg three times weekly	Titrate to achieve 5 to 20mg once daily
<b>ACE Inhibitors</b>		
Captopril	6.25 mg 3 times daily	50 mg 3 times daily
Enalapril	2.5 mg twice daily	10 to 20 mg twice daily
Fosinopril	5 to 10 mg once daily	40 mg once daily
Lisinopril	2.5 to 5 mg once daily	20 to 40 mg once daily
Quinapril	10 mg twice daily	40 mg twice daily
Ramipril	1.25 to 2.5 mg once daily	10 mg once daily
<b>Beta Blockers</b>		
Metoprolol Tartrate	6.25 mg twice daily	75 mg twice daily
Metoprolol Succinate	12.5 to 25 mg once daily	200 mg once daily
Bisoprolol	1.25 mg once daily	10 mg once daily
Carvedilol	3.125 mg twice daily	25 mg twice daily; 50 mg twice daily for patients >85kg
<b>Aldosterone Antagonists</b>		
Spironolactone	12.5 mg daily	50 mg daily
Eplerenone	25 mg daily	50 mg daily
<b>Digitalis Glycosides</b>		
Digoxin		0.0625 - 0.25 mg daily (Pre-dosing levels 0.5 -0.9 mg/dl)