



## Practice Using Plain Language for Heart Failure

Clinical or Formal Term	Plain Language Examples
Acute	
Advance directive	
Adverse effects	
Arrhythmia	
Chronic	
Congenital	
Consistent	
Contraindicated	
Coping	
Decompensation	
Development	
Diagnosis	
Discharge	
Edema	
Effectiveness	
Ejection fraction	
Emergency	
Frequent	
Frequency	
Generic	
Heart Failure	



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Hygiene	
Inpatient	
Interaction	
Intermittent	
Intervention	
Lethal	
Monitor	
Oral	
Outpatient/Observation	
Overexertion	
Persistent	
Prior	
PRN	
Provider	
Restricted	
Serious	
Side effects	
Sodium	
Symptom	
Stressors	
Support System	
Triggers	