

METRO HEALTH

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Heart Failure Care Quality Measures:

Higher percentages are better.

Quality Measures	MetroHealth Results for: January – March 2006	National Average⊕
Percent of heart failure patients given ACE Inhibitor or ARB for left ventricular function (LVF) if appropriate <	100%	80%
Percent of patients given assessment of left ventricular function (LVF) if appropriate <	100%	80%
Percent of patients given discharge instructions if appropriate <	94%	52%
Percent of patients given smoking cessation advice / counseling if appropriate <	100%	74%

< The percentage includes only patients whose history and condition indicate the treatment is appropriate. Talk to your doctor if you have questions about your treatment.

⊕ Reporting periods for the "National Average" may be obtained at <http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov/> Data is usually posted in rolling year format and may date back as far as October of 2004.

ACE (angiotensin converting enzyme) inhibitors and ARBs (angiotensin receptor blockers) are medicines used to treat heart attacks, heart failure, or a decreased function of the heart.

An LVF assessment checks how the left chamber of the heart is pumping.

The staff at the hospital should provide you with information to help you manage your heart failure symptoms when you are discharged.

Smoking is linked to heart failure. Quitting may help improve your condition.