

Why Refer Heart Failure Patients to an AHA-Certified Skilled Nursing Facility?

High-Acuity Capabilities: We confidently manage complex heart failure cases with **IV Lasix Infusion and IV Lasix Push up to 40mg BID, IV Bumex, and Inotropes (Milrinone, Dobutamine).**

Preventing Readmissions: We consistently **reduce 30-day readmissions** through proactive fluid management, expert medication titration, and timely clinical response.

Expert Clinical Oversight: Patients receive care from experienced attending providers, including hospitalists and primary care physicians. They are supported by a Transitional Care Nurse who specializes in heart failure, the Complex Care Team, and **staff with specialized cardiology expertise** across nursing, rehabilitation, pharmacy, and nutrition. Together, they deliver coordinated treatment plans tailored to the full care continuum.

Empowering Patients and Families: We provide structured **self-management education**, continuous symptom monitoring, and seamless discharge planning to support safe, confident transitions home.

Collaborative Hospital Relationships: We maintain **strong partnerships** with the Heart Failure Clinics at Saint Francis Hospital and Hartford Hospital, fostering continuity of care through consultation and regular communication.

Post-Discharge Support: Our commitment continues **after discharge with follow-up phone calls** to monitor patient progress and appointments. A dedicated Transitional Care Nurse is available to answer questions, offer guidance, and provide ongoing support to patients and their families, ensuring a smooth recovery at home.



American Heart Association®
Certified Care™
Skilled Nursing Facility
Heart Failure

What does AHA Certification Mean?

Heart-Healthy Care Standards: Follows evidence-based guidelines for managing cardiac conditions.

Specialized Staff Training: Caregivers are trained to monitor and respond to heart-related issues.

Better Outcomes: Residents benefit from protocols that reduce hospital readmissions and improve heart health.

Focus on Wellness: Encourages heart-healthy living through diet, exercise, and education.

Quality Measures Aligned with AHA: Meets rigorous benchmarks for cardiovascular care.

Trusted Endorsement: Certification reflects a commitment to excellence recognized by a respected organization.



Improved Resident Safety: Early detection and management of heart risks are prioritized.

Coordinated Care: Works closely with hospitals and physicians for smooth transitions and follow-up.

At Touchpoints, benefit from an extensive investment in **Heart Failure** care, from accreditation to specialty equipment, added capabilities, partnerships and specially trained staff.

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