



Appendix B: Heart Failure Zones Reference Guide

Check Weight Daily

- ♥ 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 Heart Failure Zone Are You Today? Green, Yellow, or Red

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.



Caution Zone

CAUTION – This zone is a warning

Call your Health Care Provider (e.g., 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 two 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 breath when you are lying down.
- ▲ You find it easier to sleep by adding pillows or sitting up in a chair.



Health Care Provider _____ Office Phone Number _____

Danger 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.

