This protocol is for trained CIP Paramedics only. If during assessment, procedure, or treatment the patient is found to have a medical emergency in need of hospital treatment, the CIP visit will be suspended, and local MCA protocols utilized.

Purpose: To provide additional guidelines beyond the CIP General Assessment and Care for evaluating, caring for and educating patients with CHF.

1. Follow CIP Patient General Assessment and Care protocol
2. Obtain additional vital signs, history, and diagnostics pertinent to condition and/or as ordered by physician which may include:
	1. Vitals:
		1. Weight
		2. Blood pressure with systolic and diastolic evaluation
		3. SpO2
	2. History:
		1. Weight and blood pressure history and trends
		2. Activity tolerance
		3. Sleeping position
		4. Recent DIB requiring treatment
		5. Medication use (diuretics, respiratory)
		6. Spirometry, peak flow, capnography
3. On-scene medication administration may include:
	1. Use of approved MCA protocols and medications up to the extent of standard paramedic treatment according to protocol.
	2. Assist with patient’s prescribed home medications that are not included in standard EMS treatment protocols
4. On-scene education and suggested support sources may include:
	1. Salt and fluid intake discussion/counseling
	2. Review of proper device care and use: oxygen, diuretics, CPAP, and other medications being used for maintenance.