



HEART FAILURE DIPLOMA (Level 5) Module Education for Health

Course information:

This module is designed for all qualified and unqualified healthcare professionals who care for people with chronic heart failure – which, due to the ageing population and the increase in numbers of heart attack survivors, (1) is the only major cardiovascular disease with increasing incidence and prevalence in the UK.

The module will teach you how to effectively assess, investigate, manage and educate patients with chronic heart failure. You will develop the confidence to deliver holistic, evidence based care to your patients, while also considering the needs of their carers. The module is delivered through interactive eLearning, and is accredited by the Open University. The module includes four study days, which supplement your eLearning through informal lectures and practical sessions delivered by expert practising clinicians.

(1) <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1767504>

Content:

- Understand the assessment and investigation of patients with suspected heart failure.
- Apply current guidelines to optimise drug treatments
- Implement a practical approach to non-pharmacological management & self-care.
- Evaluate the impact of heart failure on patients' quality of life.
- Appreciate the importance of multi-disciplinary core variety of service models.

Learning outcomes:

- Signs, symptoms.
- Step by step approach to investigation & diagnosis.
- Practical approach to both pharmacological and non-pharmacological management including cardiac devices.
- Principles of palliative and end of life care.
- Models of care, including prevention strategies.

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