RETU CHF Pathway

Required testing prior to RETU admission

- ECG
- CXR
- room air pulse oximetry



Not appropriate for RETU

- Requires NIPPV or IV NTG
- Associated cardiac ischemia
- Anasarca
- Pulmonary edema
- Acute renal failure

RETU Intake Evaluation

(do not repeat testing if already done in ED)

Exam Focus

- Cardiac
- Pulmonary
- Vascular

Initial Testing

- Labs: CBC, Chem 7, troponin, BNP (others as clinically indicated)
- · Imaging: as clinically indicated

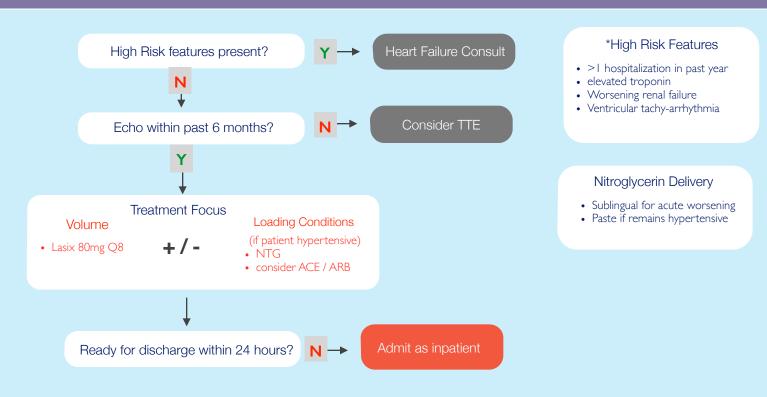
Monitoring

- Continuous telemetry monitoring
- Serial troponins
- Strict Ins and Outs
- · Daily weights

Consults

 Heart Failure Team as indicated by presence of High Risk Features*

RETU Treatment / Evaluation



Disposition Guidelines

Discharge from RETU

- Symptoms significantly improved
- · Associated serious process excluded
- Acceptable pulse oximetry

Admission to Hospital

- Symptoms failed to significantly improved
- Associated serious process identified
- Desaturation with exertion or lying flat