

Scottish Patient Safety Programme

Heart Failure Care Bundle

Role out of the Heart Failure Care Bundle (HFCB) commenced in August 2010 in Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary (DGRI) for all the medical wards and Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU).

Implementation of the HFCB will ensure that all patients consistently receive care guided by up to date evidence. The aims, outcomes and elements of the HFCB are as follows.

Aim:

By 2012, for patients admitted to hospital with a primary diagnosis of heart failure secondary to Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction (LVSD) confirmed by echocardiogram, we will reduce overall hospitalisation

Outcomes:

30% decrease in median length of stay

- 15% reduction in % readmission within 30 days
- 30% increase in median time to readmission
- 15% decrease in % mortality at 1 month, 6 months and 1 year

Key elements

To deliver reliable, evidence based care for patients with Heart Failure Secondary to left ventricular systolic dysfunction by:

- expert review during admission
- evidence based drugs prescribed during in-patient stay
- referral to specialist Heart Failure Nurse Service before or at time of discharge