

## **Heart Failure Zone Tool**

### Everyday:

- Weigh yourself in the morning before breakfast, write it down and compare it to the last weight.
- Take your medications as prescribed
- · Check for yellow zone symptoms of heart failure
- Eat food low in salt
- Balance activity and rest periods

What zone are you in today? Green, Yellow, or Red?

# Green Zone

This is where you want to be

Your symptoms are under control. You have:

- No shortness of breath
- No weight gain of 2 pounds or more
- · No feet, ankle, leg or stomach swelling
- No chest discomfort





# Yellow Zone:

Getting worse

Call your doctor

### **Caution- This zone is a warning**

Call your doctor's office if you have any of the following:

- You gain 3 pounds in 2 days or 5 pounds or more in 1 week
- New or increased shortness of breath
- More swelling of your feet, ankles, legs, stomach, neck or face.
- Loss of appetite, nausea, or fullness in your abdomen
- Dry cough
- Dizziness
- Feeling uneasy, tired or you know something is not right
- It is hard for you to breathe when lying down





### Red Zone: Much worse

Call vour

doctor or 911

### Emergency

Call your doctor's office or call 911.

- Struggling to breathe or shortness of breath while sitting still
- Have to sleep sitting up to breathe better
- Chest pain
- Confusion or can't think clearly
- Almost passed out, fainted, or fallen







If you smoke, the best thing you can do to help your heart and lungs is quit.

Call Tobacco Quit Line for help in Oregon at 877-270-7867, in Washington at 800 QUIT-NOW.

## Daily weight record

Month:			Month:		
Day	Weight	HF Zone	Day	Weight	HF Zone
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If any of the following occur, call Doctor:	
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### Weight

- Goes up 3 pounds in two days
- Goes up 5 pounds in one week

### **Swelling**

- Ankles
- Feet
- Hands
- Face
- Neck
- Stomach

### **Breathing**

- Wheezing
- Difficulty breathing

### Other Symptoms:

- Chest discomfort
- Dry cough
- Dizziness

### \*Refer to your HF Zone Guide

Mark the zone you are in each day.

**Green:** This is the goal zone.

Yellow: This zone is a warning.

Red: This zone is an emergency