

VHA EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW PROGRAM
CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE MODULE
Third Quarter FY2014

#	Name	QUESTION	Field Format	DEFINITION/DECISION RULES
1	lvsfdoc1 lvsfdoc4 lvsfdoc99	How was the <u>most recent</u> left ventricular systolic function (LVSF)/ejection fraction (EF) documented in the record? Indicate all that apply: 1. Ejection fraction as a percentage 4. Narrative description 99. Not measured	1, 4, 99 If 99 or for answers not selected, auto-fill as follows: efnumbr as zz, narrlvsf as 95, testdt as 99/99/9999 <div>If lvfdoc2 = 1, cannot enter 99</div>	Left Ventricular Systolic Function (LVSF) assessment: diagnostic measure of left ventricular contractile performance/wall motion. Ejection fraction (EF) is an index of LVSF and reflects the proportion of blood ejected during each ventricular contraction compared with the total ventricular filling volume. EF may be recorded in quantitative (EF=30%) or qualitative (moderate left ventricular systolic dysfunction) terms. The question references the <u>most recent</u> EF or narrative description of LVSF found in the record. EF may be taken from any knowledge of past LVSF or EF documented in the record. EF is typically documented as a percentage (33%), percentage range (55-60%), or a narrative description (normal function).
2	efnumbr	Enter EF percentage.	_____% If lvsfdoc < 1, auto-fill as zz <div>If lvsfind = 1, cannot enter 40 or ></div> <div>If lvsfind = 2, cannot enter < 40</div>	If only a number is documented (and it is not a decimal), it may be assumed it is a percentage. If an EF range is provided, enter EF as a percentage and use the midpoint of the range. Example: EF documented as 50-55%. The midpoint would be 52.5%, so it would be rounded up to 53%.
3	narrlvsf	Enter the most recent description of LVSF. 1. Moderately or moderately-to-severely reduced (or depressed, abnormal, or impaired) 2. Severely reduced (or depressed, abnormal, or impaired) 3. Other description 95. Not applicable	1, 2, 3, 95 If lvsfdoc < 4, auto-fill as 95	Do not include systolic dysfunction described using one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Negative qualifiers: cannot exclude, cannot rule out, could be, may have, may have had, may indicate, possible, suggestive of, suspect, or suspicious, ORNegative modifiers: borderline, insignificant, scant, slight, sub-clinical, subtle, trace, or trivial

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4	testdt	Enter the date of the most recent test for left ventricular systolic function (LVSF).	<p>mm/dd/yyyy</p> <p>Will be auto-filled as same from IHD module if date entered there.</p> <p>If LVSF documented but date of test not found, abstractor can enter 99/99/9999</p> <div>Warning if > 5 years prior to stdybeg, and hard edit <= stdyend</div>	<p>The intent of the question is to capture the date of the test, not the date of documentation in the record.</p> <p>Enter a date that is as specific as possible. If only the year is available, use 01/01/yyyy. Information may have to be extrapolated from notes such as "patient's EF three years ago was 45," etc.</p> <p>If the patient's LVSF is documented but the date of the test cannot be found, enter 99/99/9999 default date.</p>