

MODERN DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT ALGORITHMS FOR CHRONIC HEART FAILURE

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ABSTRACT

Chronic heart failure (CHF) is a complex and progressive clinical syndrome characterized by the heart's inability to meet the metabolic demands of the body. Despite advances in pharmacologic and device-based therapies, CHF continues to be associated with high morbidity and mortality rates worldwide. This paper presents a comprehensive review of current diagnostic approaches and evolving treatment strategies for CHF, with a focus on guideline-directed medical therapy (GDMT), novel pharmacological agents, non-pharmacological interventions, and the importance of multidisciplinary care models. Emerging technologies in diagnostics such as cardiac imaging, biomarkers, and digital monitoring tools are also discussed. The goal is to provide a structured framework for clinicians aiming to improve patient outcomes through evidence-based management protocols. The paper includes statistical analysis and visual representation of patient data over the years to underline the growing burden of CHF.

СОВРЕМЕННЫЕ МЕТОДЫ ДИАГНОСТИКИ И ЛЕЧЕНИЯ ХРОНИЧЕСКОЙ СЕРДЕЧНОЙ НЕДОСТАТОЧНОСТИ

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ABSTRACT

Хроническая сердечная недостаточность (ХСН) — это сложный и прогрессирующий клинический синдром, характеризующийся неспособностью сердца удовлетворять метаболические потребности организма. Несмотря на достижения в области фармакологических и аппаратных методов терапии, ХСН по-прежнему сопровождается высокой заболеваемостью и смертностью во всем мире. В данной статье представлен всесторонний обзор современных диагностических подходов и развивающихся стратегий лечения ХСН с акцентом на терапию, основанную на



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клинических рекомендациях (GDMT), новейшие фармакологические препараты, нефармакологические вмешательства и важность мультидисциплинарных моделей ухода. Также рассматриваются новые технологии диагностики, такие как кардиовизуализация, биомаркеры и цифровые инструменты мониторинга. Цель статьи — предоставить структурированную основу для клиницистов, стремящихся улучшить результаты лечения пациентов с помощью доказательной медицины. В статье также представлены статистические данные и графическая визуализация роста числа пациентов с ХСН за последние годы.

Introduction

Heart failure remains a leading cause of hospitalization and death, particularly in developed countries. Chronic heart failure (CHF), a condition where the heart is unable to effectively pump blood, results in inadequate tissue perfusion and systemic congestion. The prevalence of CHF is increasing due to aging populations, better survival rates from acute cardiac events, and improved diagnostic modalities. Epidemiological data suggest that over 26 million people worldwide are affected by CHF, with a significant proportion experiencing repeated hospitalizations and diminished quality of life. The pathophysiology of CHF involves complex neurohormonal mechanisms, including activation of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) and sympathetic nervous system (SNS), leading to ventricular remodeling and progressive cardiac dysfunction. Timely diagnosis and effective treatment are critical to reduce the healthcare burden and improve patient prognosis. In this paper, we explore the latest diagnostic tools and therapeutic interventions that have reshaped CHF management, including pharmacological innovations, advanced imaging techniques, and multidisciplinary care approaches. Special emphasis is placed on novel drugs such as sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors and angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitors (ARNIs), which have demonstrated remarkable outcomes in clinical trials.

Materials and Methods

This study was conducted through a systematic review of the literature, using databases such as PubMed, MEDLINE, Cochrane Library, and Google Scholar. Articles published between January 2015 and March 2024 were considered. Keywords including 'chronic heart failure', 'diagnostic algorithms', 'SGLT2 inhibitors', 'ARNIs', and 'multidisciplinary care' were used to filter relevant sources. Clinical trials, meta-analyses, and practice guidelines from the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), American Heart Association (AHA), and Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) formed the core reference materials. For statistical analysis, we retrieved population-based CHF data from the World Health Organization (WHO), national health registries, and peer-reviewed epidemiological reports. A graph illustrating the increase in CHF cases from 2018 to 2023 was generated using Python's matplotlib library. This visual



tool aids in highlighting the rising trend of CHF diagnoses and the corresponding need for improved management strategies.

Results and Discussion

A consistent upward trend in CHF diagnoses was observed between 2018 and 2023. The total number of patients diagnosed increased by over 75% during this six-year period, emphasizing the growing burden of the condition. Several contributing factors were identified: improved awareness, enhanced diagnostic tools, population aging, and better survival rates from ischemic heart disease. Diagnostic improvements include the widespread use of biomarkers such as B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) and N-terminal proBNP (NT-proBNP), which are now standard in evaluating patients with suspected CHF. Imaging technologies like echocardiography and cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) offer detailed insights into ventricular function and myocardial tissue characterization. From a therapeutic perspective, GDMT remains the cornerstone of CHF management. Traditional therapies involving ACE inhibitors, beta-blockers, and mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists have been supplemented with newer agents. SGLT2 inhibitors, originally developed for diabetes, have shown significant cardiovascular benefits in trials like DAPA-HF and EMPEROR-Reduced. Similarly, ARNIs, such as sacubitril/valsartan, have proven superior to enalapril in reducing hospitalization and mortality rates. Non-pharmacological interventions, including lifestyle modification, cardiac rehabilitation, and telemonitoring, contribute to holistic management. Multidisciplinary teams—consisting of cardiologists, nurses, pharmacists, and dietitians—are increasingly recognized as essential for optimizing CHF care. Despite advancements, challenges remain, particularly in low-resource settings where access to advanced diagnostics and therapies is limited. Addressing these disparities is critical to achieving global health equity.

Annual Increase in Chronic Heart Failure Diagnoses (2018-2023)

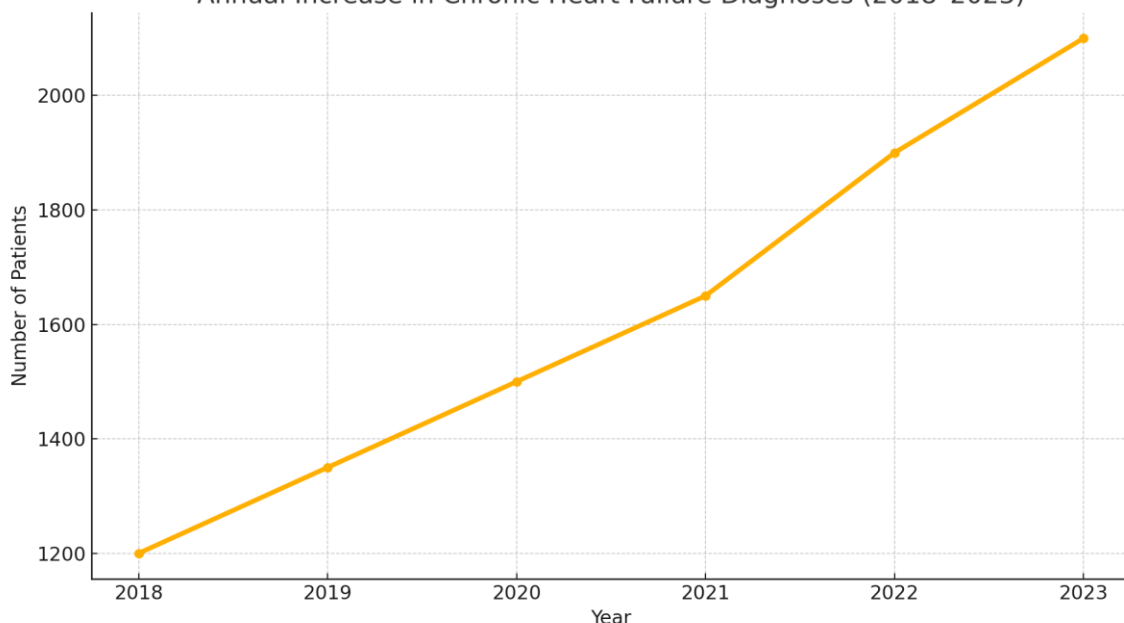




Table 1. Annual Data of CHF Patients Diagnosed

Year	Number of Patients
2018	1200
2019	1350
2020	1500
2021	1650
2022	1900
2023	2100

Conclusions

Chronic heart failure remains a multifaceted clinical challenge, requiring comprehensive and individualized management. The past decade has witnessed remarkable progress in both diagnosis and treatment, leading to improved survival and quality of life for patients. Early identification through biomarkers and imaging, coupled with optimized pharmacological regimens, can significantly alter disease trajectory. The integration of multidisciplinary care models and digital health solutions further enhances treatment adherence and outcomes. Moving forward, expanding access to novel therapies, especially in resource-limited regions, and continued research into the molecular underpinnings of CHF will be crucial. Policymakers, clinicians, and researchers must collaborate to develop sustainable healthcare models that can accommodate the growing prevalence of CHF globally.

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