Chronic heart failure: diagnosis

Heart failure suspected

Heart failure not confirmed

Consider other causes of symptoms with specialist input if concern persists

Assess severity, establish aetiology and identify correctable causes

Specialist clinical assessment including transthoracic echocardiography

NT-proBNP
(47 pmol/l)

NT-proBNP
< 400 ng/l

NT-proBNP
> 2,000 ng/l

NT-proBNP
400-2,000 ng/l

Refer urgently to be seen within 6 weeks

Refer urgently to be seen within 2 weeks

Examination
Take a detailed history and perform a clinical

Perform ECG

PEAK FLOW OR SPIROMETRY
Blood tests, urinalysis

Consider chest X-ray

Specialist assessment

This is a summary of the recommendations on tests to offer to diagnose chronic heart failure from NICE's guideline.