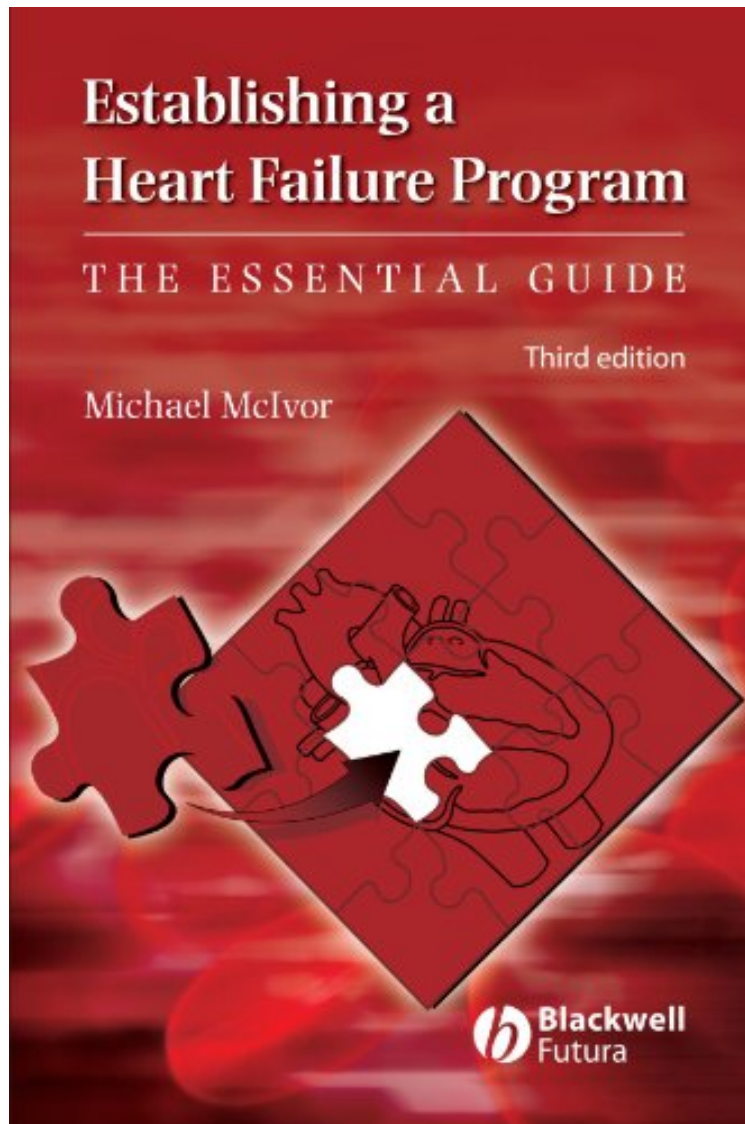


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the Introduction If you are interested in a better way to treat heart failure, this book is for you. Dr. Michael McIvor who has taught thousands of healthcare professionals how to effectively care for patients with chronic HF through CME symposia takes a logical, step-by-step approach to setting up and operating the kind of program that reduces hospital admissions and improves patient care. Establishing a Heart Failure Program: The Essential Guide answers the different questions posed by physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, and hospital administrators, all of whom need to work as a team to achieve success. The three major sections of the book address: Taking the first steps toward building your heart failure program - developing a business plan, choosing your model of care, and making accurate financial projections Assembling the pieces of your program managers, front line staff, and the physical facility Day-to-day operations A companion website presents forms you can download and use in your own heart failure center. Drawing from experience, Dr. McIvor helps you avoid common problems by identifying potential problems and sharing advice that has proven effective to your colleagues. He gives you the essential tools unavailable elsewhere to set up and maintain a heart failure program that achieves superior clinical outcomes.

From the Back Cover With the growth of independent heart failure clinics, practitioners and administrators alike are facing a host of new questions. In this unique reference. Dr. Michael McIvor draws on his personal experience to help you: Determine the staffing and physical facilities your program will need Delineate management and day-to-day staff responsibilities Assemble the financial projections that are critical to a fiscally sound program State the goals, scope, and strategies and tactics of your program in a business plan Identify clinical and financial benchmarks for measuring success Construct telemanagement protocols that match your treatment style Develop the treatment algorithms, drug protocols, and standing orders you will need Position your program for success in your community Establishing a Heart Failure Center: The Essential Guide will help you develop a program that will reduce hospitalizations, optimize medical therapy, and enhance patient quality of life. About the Author Michael E. McIvor MD, FACC Medical Director, St. Petersburg Heart Center Medical Director, Foundation Research Director, Heart Failure Program, Bay Pines VA Medical Center