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[Intervention Review]

Diuretics for heart failure

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The editorial group responsible for this previously published document have withdrawn it from publication.

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL

This protocol was withdrawn in April 2016 as the author team was unable to progress to the final review stage. An editorial decision was taken not to pursue this title.

FEEDBACK

Query from Dr Umesh Chandra

Summary

Sir, a nice document but I feel in the summary where authors mentioned about left side failure leading to venous congestion in lung should be read as right side heart failure leading to pulmonary congestion.

Regards, Umesh Chandra

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Reply

When the **left side of the heart** (left ventricle) starts to fail, fluid collects in the lungs ([pulmonary edema](#)). This extra fluid in the lungs (pulmonary congestion) makes it more difficult for the airways to expand as a person inhales. Breathing becomes more difficult and the person may feel short of breath, particularly with activity or when lying down.

When **the right side of the heart** (right ventricle) starts to fail, fluid begins to collect in the feet and lower legs. Puffy leg swelling ([edema](#)) is a sign of right heart failure, especially if the edema is pitting edema. With pitting edema, a finger pressed on the swollen leg leaves an imprint. Non-pitting edema is not caused by heart failure.

With best wishes, Rajaa Faris

WHAT'S NEW

Date	Event	Description
12 March 2019	Amended	This protocol was withdrawn in April 2016 as the author team was unable to progress to the final review stage. An editorial decision was taken not to pursue this title

HISTORY

Protocol first published: Issue 4, 2002

Review first published: Issue 1, 2006

Date	Event	Description
4 April 2016	Amended	The Editor/CRG withdrew this protocol as the current author team are unable to progress to the final review stage. This title is open for a new author team which will have to start with a new protocol
8 October 2012	Feedback has been incorporated	New feedback included
27 September 2011	New citation required but conclusions have not changed	Searches were updated and run on 22th February 2011. No new trials for inclusion were found
9 October 2008	New search has been performed	Searches were updated on 29th June 2008. Minor changes were made to update the search strategy. One potential trial was identified but excluded from the review. No new trials were found that met inclusion criteria. Minor amendments have been made to update the background and discussion sections. The conclusions remain unchanged
16 May 2008	Amended	Converted to new review format.

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- No sources of support supplied