Useful abbreviations

EF = ejection fraction LVSD = Left ventricular systolic dysfunction LV = Leftventricle/ventricular HF = Heart failure

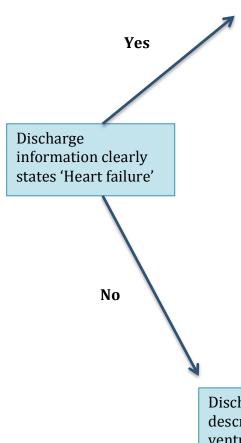
4th Digit - Aetiology

Code the underlying cause for the HF as you normally would based on discharge information, remembering that there are many codes to select from, eg I50.0, I50.1, I50.9, and cardiomyopathy codes

No

Yes

Now, add a 5th digit



Discharge information describes 'LVSD/left ventricular systolic dysfunction'

Code as: **R93.10**

Code other

conditions

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5th Digit - Ejection Fraction

Does the discharge information include an **echo report**? If so, this should give you information to assign a 5th digit code! Tips on interpreting this below:

Reduced EF → add 'o' LVSD

Left ventricular dysfunction Left ventricular systolic dysfunction Left ventricular impairment Left ventricular systolic impairment Reduced LV function Reduced LV systolic function Reduced systolic function Impaired LV function Impaired LV systolic function Impaired systolic function

Preserved EF → add '1'

Preserved/normal LV function Preserved systolic function Preserved/Normal EF Normal systolic function Diastolic heart failure

EF Unspecified → add '9'

If there is no echo report included in the discharge information or any mention of the above terms, the unspecified 5th digit is your only option