



**North West Coast Strategic Clinical Networks** 

## Sacubitril/Valsartan (Entresto®) treatment algorithm

Hospital or MDT Heart Failure specialist (nurse /pharmacist) identifies suitable patient

GP/Heart Failure specialist OR identifies suitable patient

OR

Cardiologist/GPSi identifies suitable patient

Preliminary discussion with patient. Pre-treatment Sacubitril/Valsartan patient information leaflet given/posted

Patient wishes to maintain on existing therapy

Patient agrees to proceed

Bloods taken(U&E, Renal,LFTs) Pulse & BP

Maintain/adjust existing therapy

NO

Eligibility criteria met (refer to SPC)

Refer to heart failure team if not already seen by heart failure specialist

YES

YES GPSi

Heart failure specialist writes first prescription for Sacubitril/Valsartan stating "to be started 48 hours after stopping ACEi/ARB" (specify drug)

- Heart failure specialist gives patient 3 copies of GP letter WITH START/STOP DATES COMPLETED (copy for patient, GP and community pharmacy). The specialist must send a 4<sup>th</sup> copy to the GP immediately. An alert card is supplied.
- Patient signposted to Heart Failure team if any concerns before 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment.

- GPSi arranges stop date of ACE/ARB and start date of Sacubitril/Valsartan
- First prescription given stating "to be started 48 hours after stopping ACEi/ARB" (specify drug)
- Alert card given to patient by GPSi
- Adjusts patient's medication record. If unable, GP letters to be given as per heart failure specialist initiation.
- Follow up at 2-4 weeks for titration and appropriate checks



Depending on the type of prescription issued, patients should be directed to collect their prescription from the appropriate hospital or community pharmacy.

Patient counselled (also check 48 hour wash out period) and given Sacubitril/Valsartan alert card and directed to Patient Information Leaflet inside box.

Patient signposted to Heart Failure specialist if any concerns before 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment.

2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> consultations with Heart Failure specialist 2-4 AND 6-8 weeks after initiation. Check bloods as previous, pulse and BP. Titration as per SPC; Heart Failure specialist to arrange further prescription. Patient signposted to contact Heart Failure specialist if any concerns.

At 12 weeks (minimum, or until patient stable) communicate with GP in writing to continue prescribing.