

North West Coast Strategic Clinical Networks

## Sacubitril/Valsartan (Entresto®) treatment algorithm

Hospital or MDT HF Nurse/ MDT HF Pharmacist identifies suitable patient

OR

GP/HF Nurse identifies suitable patient

OR

Cardiologist/GPSi identifies suitable patient

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

NO

Patient wishes to maintain on existing therapy

Patient agrees to proceed

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

Maintain/adjust existing therapy

Eligibility criteria met (refer to SPC)

Refer to cardiology (if not already seen by cardiologist)

YES

YES GPSi

- Cardiologist writes first prescription for Sacubitril/Valsartan stating "to be started 48 hours after stopping ACEi/ARB" (specify drug)
- Cardiologist gives patient 3 copies of GP letter WITH START/STOP DATES COMPLETED (copy for patient,GP and community pharmacy). The cardiologist must send a 4<sup>th</sup> GP letter copy to the GP immediately.
- Patient signposted to HF nurse/Pharmacy 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 cardiologist initiation.
- Follow up at 2-4 weeks for titration and appropriate checks

Prescription collected from hospital pharmacy

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

Patient signposted to HF nurse/Pharmacy if any concerns before 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment.



2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> consultations with HF nurse 2-4/6-8 weeks after initiation. Check Bloods as previous, pulse and BP. Titration as per SPC-nurse to arrange further prescription. Patient signposted to contact nurse if any concerns. At 12 weeks (or until patient stable) communicate with GP in writing to continue prescribing