HHM Client Resource Sheet

Heart Failure



Resources to Support Heart Failure

These websites and videos have been selected to help you manage your heart health. Click on the blue-underlined website name to visit that resource page.

- 1. BC's Heart Failure Network
- 2. Heart and Stroke Foundation
- 3. Heart Failure Information (HealthLinkBC)
- 4. Heart Failure Zones (PDF Handout)
- 5. Island Health's Heart Health Services
- 6. Living Well with Heart Failure Booklet



Tips for Exercising

Exercise can help strengthen your heart and improve circulation, but it's important not to push yourself too far. Here are our tips:

- Avoid isometric actions that may strain your muscles, like push-ups and sit-ups.
- Only exercise outdoors when the conditions are right. Too much heat, cold or humidity may make physical activity too difficult.
- Stay hydrated within reason. Take a sip of water when you feel thirsty.
- If it doesn't feel right, it is OK to stop! Listen to your body and your doctor.

Staying Healthy

The following resources have been gathered to help support you in staying healthy.

I am struggling with...

- <u>eating healthy</u>
- limiting fluid
- limiting sodium
- medications
- mental health
- <u>sleeping</u>
- staying physically active
- <u>smoking</u>
- <u>travel</u>



Programs to Join

These programs will not only provide you with information and support but also connect you with others looking to improve their heart health.

- Heart Health Services
- Island Heart to Heart
- <u>Self-Management BC</u>

Visit us at islandhealth.ca/hhm.