

Start

Risk Factors

Previous MI
IHD
Hypertension
Tachyarrhythmias (including AF)
Valvular Disease (murmur present)
Cardiomyopathy

Detailed History & Examination
(assess risk factors)

If in doubt contact Cardiology
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No BNP required

Previous MI

YES

NO

Baseline Ix & BNP (£40)

Cardiac Signs

Raised Pulse and BP
Raised JVP (>3cm)
Heart Sounds / Murmur
Bilateral basal crackles
Pitting oedema
Tender hepatomegaly

Signs

YES

Start Treatment

Baseline Investigations

FBC, eGFR, LFT, TFT,
Glucose, Cholesterol
ECG
Urine dipstick

BNP Result

NO

Normal

Raised

Start Treatment

Refer Echo

Normal

Think of other causes

Abnormal

Maximise Treatment

V high (>400)

Refer Cardiology

NO

Improving

YES

GP Management

BNP Values

Age	Normal Values
<60	50
60-75	100
>75	250

