

**SAMPLE  
ACCEPTED SESSION PROPOSAL**

**Track:** Global: Sessions cover general HF topics and scientific sessions including nursing research. These sessions are appropriate for anyone caring for heart failure patients.

**Session Title:** Transitioning patients out of the hospital and keeping them out

**Please describe the proposed session (less than 100 words):** This session will present important aspects of patient care that can be applied to appropriately treat hospitalized patients to decrease the likelihood of readmission, and to smoothly and seamlessly transition the patient out of the hospital and improve the hand-off. We will also present novel ideas to treat sub-acute patient exacerbations with outpatient tools and strategies to avoid emergency room visits and hospital readmission.

**Objective 1:** Present criteria that indicate the patient is ready for hospital discharge.

**Objective 2:** Outline steps for a smooth transition to home

**Objective 3:** Discuss strategies to manage HF exacerbations without admission to the hospital

**Please state below the need for this topic. Be sure to include answers to the following questions: 1. How did you determine the need for this topic? 2. What data supports this need?** CMS is applying penalties to hospitals with excessive HF readmissions. This session presents innovative ideas to decrease the need for hospitalization.

**Is this submission from Industry?** No

**Beginner:** No

**Intermediate:** Yes

**Advanced:** No

**Explain how the session is geared toward the experience level stated above:** Will discuss advanced patient care issues that require a baseline knowledge of HF management and experience. \*\*\*\*THIS session is meant for "power hour." The total session would be 120 minutes and would include 5 speakers who will each speak for 20 minutes with a moderator directing the sessions.