

NEW YORK HEART ASSOCIATION (NYHA) FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF BREATHLESSNESS (for heart failure patients)

NYHA class	Symptoms
I	No symptoms and no limitation in ordinary physical activity, eg shortness of breath when walking, climbing stairs etc.
II	Mild symptoms (mild shortness of breath and/or angina) and slight limitation during ordinary activity
III	Marked limitation in activity due to symptoms, even during less-than-ordinary activity, eg walking short distances (20-100 m). Comfortable only at rest
IV	Severe limitations. Experiences symptoms even while at rest. Mostly bedbound patients