USE ♥ TO TAKE IRON SERIOUSLY

DON’T FORGET TO CHECK IRON STATUS IN YOUR HEART FAILURE PATIENTS

IRON IS ESSENTIAL FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION IN THE HEART

UP TO 50% OF PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE ARE IRON DEFICIENT

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♦ COMPARED WITH HEART FAILURE PATIENTS WHO ARE NOT IRON DEFICIENT

IN 2021, THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY (ESC) GUIDELINES FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ACUTE AND CHRONIC HEART FAILURE WERE UPDATED

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE AND IRON DEFICIENCY:

All patients with HF should be periodically screened for anaemia and iron deficiency with a full blood count, serum ferritin concentration and transferrin saturation (TSAT)

Recommendation – Class I;
Level of evidence: C

When is a good time to screen for iron deficiency?

Iron Deficiency Awareness Day is on 26 NOVEMBER

This makes November the perfect month to screen your heart failure patients for iron deficiency

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