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Situation: Current status of patient

“The patient has arrived at clinic today with...” (list symptoms, weight, vital signs, recent labs, current medications, dose-last taken, & other pertinent information).

Background: A short history of the patient

“The patient has had two recent hospital admissions with an exacerbation of symptoms relating to their heart failure diagnosis. Last admission was on (date); the patient was discharged on (date).”

Assessment: Differential diagnosis

“Patient complains of symptoms weight gain, increasing shortness of breath. Last medication adjustment was on (date).”

Recommendation

“I recommend increasing (med 1) and (med 2) with a nursing follow-up call on (date) for symptom management. Before leaving clinic today, the patient will be instructed to call to 911 or go to the emergency room if symptoms continue to increase.”