

NYHA (New York Heart Association)	
Patient Symptoms	CLASS I Cardiac disease, but no symptoms & no limitation in ordinary physical activity, e.g. shortness of breath when walking, climbing stairs etc.
	CLASS II Mild symptoms (mild shortness of breath and/or angina) and slight limitation during ordinary activity.
	CLASS III Marked limitation in activity due to symptoms, even during less-than-ordinary activity, e.g. walking short distances (20–100 m). Comfortable only at rest.
	CLASS IV Severe limitations. Experiences symptoms even while at rest. Mostly bed-bound patients.
Objective Assessment	CLASS A No objective evidence of cardiovascular disease. No symptoms and no limitation in ordinary physical activity.
	CLASS B Objective evidence of minimal cardiovascular disease. Mild symptoms & slight limitation during ordinary activity. Comfortable at rest.
	CLASS C Objective evidence of moderately severe cardiovascular disease. Marked limitation in activity due to symptoms, even during less-than-ordinary activity. Comfortable only at rest.
	CLASS D Objective evidence of severe cardiovascular disease. Severe limitations. Experiences symptoms even while at rest.

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