

## HEART FAILURE CLINIC

**Person-in-charge: *Alessandro Fucili***

**Location: *S. Anna Hospital***

*4 cardiologists and 2 dedicated nurses*

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It is an independent unit closely linked to clinical cardiology. It is independent for all non-invasive cardiologic testing (*including six-minute-walking-tests and determination of ANP or BNP, and several other biomarkers*). It is constituted by a series of ambulatories (7), exercise testing with measure of oxygen consumption echocardiography room, and a gymnasium to submit heart failure patients to exercise programmes. The Heart Failure clinic also involves two specialised heart failure nurses and 3 clinical research assistants. It takes care of more than 2000 patients/year in terms of different home bases programmes, daily hospital care referred by either the clinical unit of the centre, as well as the Internal Medicine and the Oncological ones, different Provincial Hospitals or by the network of the city and Province general practitioners. It follows up all patients of Ferrara and Province in the waiting list for transplantation and with pulmonary embolism. The centre is very active in clinical research and has participated to all the most landmark trials in the field of heart failure. Equally, it is linked to the Basic Research Centre by providing ideas and biological biopsies. Recently, the centre has developed particular interest in diagnosis and treatment for cardiac amyloidosis taking advantage from the experience of Prof Rapezzi. For this, a very closed link has been established with the genetic department of S. Anna Hospital.

