Table 1

Use this table to evaluate a patient's risk and help determine additional next steps.

| Immediate Risk (measures of acute severity) | ☐ Hypoxia ☐ Shock/hypoperfusion ☐ Respiratory distress ☐ Anuria ☐ Acute and worsening condition (sepsis, stroke, acute coronary syndrome, hemodynamically significant arrhythmia) |
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| Intermediate Risk (predictors of events through 30 days) | New onset heart failure Low BP without shock or hypoperfusion □ Tachycardia □ Kidney dysfunction □ Hyponatremia □ Elevated cardiac troponin without ACS □ Degree of BNP elevation □ Liver dysfunction |
| Lower Risk | □ Normal BP and HR □ Brisk response to initial intravenous diuretic with diuresis and symptom relief □ Rapid resolution of symptoms in the ED □ Normal kidney and liver function without recent decline □ Normal BNP and cardiac troponin |

ACS = acute coronary syndrome; BP = blood pressure; BNP = B-type natriuretic peptide; HR = heart rate; ED = emergency department