NYHA Functional Classification

Heart failure · limitation of physical activity from symptoms · classes I to IV

I — **No limitation**
ordinary activity causes no symptoms

II — **Slight limitation**
symptoms with ordinary activity

III — **Marked limitation**
symptoms with less than ordinary activity

IV — **Symptoms at rest**

II vs III
II: ordinary activity
III: less than ordinary

Higher class
Worse prognosis, more intensive treatment

Not fixed
The class can improve with treatment

It measures symptoms, not the ejection fraction