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Objectives

At the end of this module, you will

1. Recognize the importance of heart failure in terms of etiology, incidence, and cost.
2. Relate the signs and symptoms of heart failure to its pathophysiology.
3. Distinguish between the classification systems for heart failure.
4. Correlate assessment findings to pathophysiology and treatment of heart failure.
5. Identify specific tests used in diagnosis and management of heart failure.
6. Differentiate between classifications and actions of drugs used for heart failure.
7. Apply the nursing process to identify common nursing diagnoses, interventions, and evaluations related to patients with heart failure.
8. Anticipate the educational needs of patients and their family members.

Figure 1. A screen shot of the online heart failure module home page