

the day. Which results make heart failure less likely?

- (a) A normal cardiac silhouette on chest radiograph
- (b) A normal 12-lead ECG
- (c) Normal peak flow and spirometry
- (d) A low plasma B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) concentration
- (e) Anterior Q waves on the 12-lead ECG

10 A 55-year-old man with a history of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease presents with increasing breathlessness on exertion and orthopnoea. A transthoracic echocardiogram fails to provide any useful images. What additional tests may help confirm the clinical suspicion of heart failure?

- (a) A plasma BNP concentration
- (b) Peak flow
- (c) A 12-lead ECG
- (d) Radionuclide imaging
- (e) Full blood count

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c) F	c) F	c) F	c) F	c) F	c) T	c) T	c) T	c) T	c) F
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