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Natriuretic peptide assessment has represented a significant advance in the management of heart failure. In a syndrome in which clinical symptoms and signs can be either nonspecific or absent, the presence of a reliable biomarker to aid diagnosis, assess prognosis, and potentially guide treatment and aid in prevention of this syndrome has represented a significant advance. The following review will outline established and potential new roles for natriuretic peptide assessment in the community.

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