

Table 4 Knowledge competencies (rated 0.0–3.0) for congestive heart failure (CHF)

Cardiovascular disease (knowledge competencies)	Expert rating
To define congestive heart failure	2.90
To classify congestive heart failure based on etiological abnormalities, systolic dysfunction and diastolic dysfunction	2.80
To describe pathophysiological mechanisms for CHF	2.40
To describe some terminology for CHF (high-output failure, left-sided heart failure, right-sided heart failure)	2.80
To describe clinical features of congestive heart failure	3.00
To construct approach to diagnosis of CHF based on etiology, symptoms and investigation (ECG, echo, cardiac catheterization)	2.50
To construct approach to therapy for CHF	2.60
To outline therapy of systolic dysfunction	2.20
To outline therapy of diastolic dysfunction	2.30
To prescribe therapy of pulmonary oedema	2.80
To discuss mechanism of action, indications and side effects of different drugs used in CHF	2.10
To discuss the neurohumoral hypothesis of heart failure and its application in management	1.63

*All knowledge competencies for all diseases are available from the author upon request.
ECG = electrocardiogram.*