# Safe Prescribing and Use of **Sacubitril/Valsartan** (Entresto)





Combining Sacubitril/Valsartan with an ACE inhibitor or ARB increases risk of adverse effects

- ↑ Increased risk of angioedema when combined with ACE inhibitors
- ↑ Increased risk of hypotension, renal dysfunction or hyperkalemia with ARB



Sacubitril/Valsartan should NOT be combined with ACE inhibitor or ARB

Use of ARB or ACE inhibitor should be discontinued before starting Sacubitril/Valsartan



#### **Patient Taking ACE Inhibitor:**

**★** Discontinue ACE Inhibitor

Wait 36 hours before starting Sacubitril/Valsartan (36-hour washout)





#### **Patient Taking ARB:**

**★** Discontinue ARB

Start Sacubitril/ Valsartan at next dosing interval (i.e. 12 to 24 hours)



### **Prevent Potential Errors**

- Make Use of EHR Systems
- Create EHR alert for drug interactions
- Set up EHR alert for ACE inhibitor 36-hour washout requirement



# Work With Pharmacies

Proactively cancel patient prescriptions for an ACE inhibitor or ARB





## **Educate Patients**

Develop patient calendar to help understand transition.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur
AM			No ACE inhibitor - starts washout	Start Sacubitril/ Valsartan	Sacubitril/ Valsartan
PM	ACE inhibitor	ACE inhibitor - last dose taken	No ACE inhibitor	Sacubitril/ Valsartan	Sacubitril/ Valsartan