

For Heart failure Awareness days 2022, the Heart Failure Working Group of the Slovak Society of Cardiology has organised several events and activities.

- Exhibition of posters dedicated to symptoms, epidemiology, and prognosis of HF, and way of living of patients with HF was prepared and will be on display at different places (e.g. Ministry of health, health insurance companies, hospitals, out-patients clinics)
- Press conference is planned for the third week of May to rise the public awareness of HF. The outcomes of the press conference will be spread by different media, the biggest TV stations (national and private), nationwide newspapers, and nationwide broadcast.
- Implementation meeting for cardiologists and internal medicine physicians was held to facilitate the application of ESC guidelines 2021 in a daily clinical practice. The meeting also included discussion of physicians with the representatives of HF patient organisations and all health insurance companies to enhance early accessibility of cardiologists for patients after HF hospitalisation and to improve reimbursement for HF treatment.
- A TV spot supported by pharmaceutical company was prepared and broadcasted to raise awareness of symptoms of heart failure.
- Two booklets were issued and distributed for patients with heart failure and patients at risk for heart failure to improve understanding and self-management of patients with HF and enhance early diagnosis of HF.
- Several articles about symptoms, risk factors, and prevention of HF were published in health and life style magazines and in medical supplements of daily newspapers.