VAD COORDINATOR TOOLKIT
CONTENT OVERVIEW

The following tools and resources are now available on Medtronic Academy:

ASSESSMENT EXAMS AND CHECKLISTS:

- Patient and Caregiver Assessment
- Patient and Caregiver Assessment w/answers
- Patient and Caregiver Knowledge and Skills Checklist
- Patient and Caregiver Ongoing Assessment
- Patient and Caregiver Ongoing Assessment w/answers
- Patient and Caregiver Ongoing Knowledge and Skills Checklist
- Clinical Staff Assessment
- Clinical Staff Assessment w/answers
- Clinical Staff Knowledge and Skills Checklist
- First Responder Assessment
- First Responder Assessment w/answers
- First Responder Knowledge and Skills Checklist

VAD COORDINATOR TOOLS:

- Patient Home Assessment Record
- HEARTWARE™ HVAD™ System Nursing Checklist
- HEARTWARE™ HVAD™ System Clinic Note
- Patient Satisfaction Survey
- Outpatient Patient Satisfaction Survey
- HVAD™ Implant Preparation Checklist
- HVAD™ Parameter Operating Room Record

LETTER TEMPLATES:

- Cardiologist and Primary Care Physician Notification Letter
- Emergency Responder and Local ER Notification Letter
- Electrical Company Notification Letter
- Air Travel Notification Letter

DISCHARGE TOOLS:

- Patient HVAD™ Log
- Patient Discharge Checklist
- Patient HVAD™ Parameter Range Sheet
- Emergency Preparedness and Management
- Patient Contact Sheet
- VAD Team Contact Information
- Community Contact Sheet

DOWNLOAD TOOLKIT

Registration and/or login required.

"This toolkit contains valuable information that, in my opinion, every VAD program and coordinator needs. Our team found the resources to be comprehensive and easy to use."

–Edith Boyes, MSN, FNP-BC, CHFN
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Brief Statement
Medtronic HVAD™ System

Indications

The Medtronic HVAD System is indicated for hemodynamic support in patients with advanced, refractory left ventricular heart failure; either as a Bridge to Cardiac Transplantation (BTT), myocardial recovery, or as Destination Therapy (DT) in patients for whom subsequent transplantation is not planned.

Contraindications

The HVAD System is contraindicated in patients who cannot tolerate anticoagulation therapy.

Warnings and Precautions

Proper usage and maintenance of the HVAD System is critical for the functioning of the device. Serious and life-threatening adverse events, including stroke, have been associated with use of this device. Blood pressure management may reduce the risk of stroke. Never disconnect from two power sources at the same time (batteries or power adapters) since this will stop the pump, which could lead to serious injury or death. At least one power source must be connected at all times. Always keep a spare controller and fully charged spare batteries available at all times in case of an emergency. Do not disconnect the driveline from the controller or the pump will stop. Avoid devices and conditions that may induce strong static discharges as this may cause the VAD to perform improperly or stop. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) could cause harm to the patient or could cause the pump to stop. The HVAD Pump may cause interference with automatic implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (AICDs), which may lead to inappropriate shocks, arrhythmia, and death. Chest compressions may pose a risk due to pump location and position of the outflow graft on the aorta — use clinical judgment. If chest compressions have been administered, confirm function and positioning of HVAD Pump post CPR.

Potential Complications

Implantation of a VAD is an invasive procedure requiring general anesthesia and entry into the thoracic cavity. There are numerous known risks associated with this surgical procedure and the therapy including, but not limited to, death, stroke, neurological dysfunction, device malfunction, peripheral and device-related thromboembolic events, bleeding, right ventricular failure, infection, hemolysis, and sepsis.
Refer to the "Instructions for Use" for detailed information regarding the implant procedure, indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions, and potential adverse events prior to using this device.

Caution: Federal law (USA) restricts these devices to sale by or on the order of a physician.

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