



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY	Title: Transport of Patients with a Ventricular Assist Device (VAD)
	Section: Transportation
	Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
	Effective: February 24, 2020

TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS WITH A VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE (VAD)

- I. Patients with a Ventricular Assist Device experiencing VAD-related complications or cardiovascular problems should be transported to a VAD center.
- II. Patients with a VAD and a non-cardiovascular-related problem should still preferentially be transported to a VAD center if less than 25 minutes transport time.
- III. When possible, patients should be transported to the center that placed the VAD (if less than 25 minutes transport time).
- IV. Bring all VAD equipment to the hospital.
- V. Follow the Ventricular Assist Device protocol when caring for VAD patients.

VAD CENTERS

As of February 24, 2020

Christ Medical Center (Advocate)
Loyola University Medical Center
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Rush University Medical Center
University of Chicago Medical Center