



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY	Title: Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Patient Destination
	Section: Transportation
	Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
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VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE (VAD) PATIENT DESTINATION

- 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**

Advocate Christ Medical Center
Loyola University Medical Center
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Rush University Medical Center
UChicago Medicine