

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 SMO (ALS B-8) 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
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