

RESOURCES FOR LVAD PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS

WHERE TO GO FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND SUPPORT



TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL SUPPORT

Your LVAD Team

Contact your LVAD coordinator for any reason at all.

Contact information: _____

LVAD Team Social Worker

Contact information: _____

MyLVAD

Learn more about LVAD technology and living with an LVAD. Connect with other LVAD patients and caregivers through blogs and forums.

www.mylvad.com

LVAD Hospital Locator

Find an LVAD hospital or support center near you, or in areas where you plan to travel.

www.mylvad.com/hospital-locator

Monthly Community VAD Support Groups for VAD Patients, Candidates, and Caregivers

Contact information: _____

SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR CAREGIVERS

Family Caregiver Alliance

www.caregiver.org/caregiving-issues-and-strategies

Caregiver Action Network

www.caregiveraction.org

Family Voices Inc.

www.familyvoices.org

National Alliance for Caregiving

www.caregiving.org

National Caregivers Library

www.caregiverslibrary.org

HOME CARE SUPPORT

Home Health Agencies

Find home healthcare agencies in your area.

www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare/search.html

Nursing Services in the Home

Find an Interim HealthCare location (available in 43 states).

www.tinyurl.com/p88aynf

MEDICATION AND MEDICAL SUPPLY RESOURCES

NeedyMeds.org

Provides information on assistance programs and drug discounts; offers its own drug discount card.

(215) 625-9609

www.needymeds.org

Healthwell

Helps people with ongoing, serious illnesses cover co-payments, deductibles, and health insurance premiums.

800-675-8416

www.healthwellfoundation.org

The Medicine Program

Helps people get prescription medicines for free or nearly free of charge through Patient Assistance Programs.

(573) 996-7300

www.themedicineprogram.com

Patient Access Network

Helps people with ongoing, serious health problems pay for care costs that are not covered by insurance.

866-316-7263

www.panfoundation.org

"It's no different than when you're a baby and all of a sudden you've got to start brushing your teeth. It's just a new process, and I have got it down now. I can shower, shave, change my bandage, and change the batteries in 45 minutes."



FOR SUPPLIES, PRODUCT REVIEWS, AND RATINGS

Vitality Medical

www.vitalitymedical.com

Allegro Medical

www.allegromedical.com

Amazon

www.amazon.com

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

For financial questions related to your LVAD treatment, please contact any of the following:

Your Hospital's Financial Counselor

Contact information: _____

Your State Department of Insurance

Contact information: _____

Benefits Check-up

Explore your financial coverage options.

(202) 479-1200

www.benefitscheckup.org

COBRA Information

Extend your current healthcare coverage.

866-275-7922

www.dol.gov

Healthcare Exchanges

Enroll in health coverage if you are uninsured.

800-318-2596

www.healthcare.gov

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

800-MEDICARE (633-4227)

www.medicare.gov

HelpHopeLive

Get help raising money to help pay for your healthcare treatment.

800-642-8399

www.helphopelive.org

"Just relax, be calm, call the LVAD team for any health questions no matter how small."

INFORMATION ABOUT HEART TRANSPLANT THERAPY

National Foundation for Transplants

800-489-3863

www.transplants.org

Get definitions of and more information about “Bridge to Transplant” (BTT) versus “Destination Therapy” (DT).

Bridge to Transplant (BTT)

www.tinyurl.com/VADBTT

Destination Therapy (DT)

www.tinyurl.com/DestinationTherapy

PALLIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE CARE

GetPalliativeCare.org

Learn about palliative care and whether it is right for you and your family.

www.getpalliativecare.org/whatis/

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Get more information on advance care and end-of-life planning.

www.tinyurl.com/j9dh7gc

*“Things are different. I’m used to being more independent,
and now I depend more on others. But that can
bring people closer as well.”*





MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

For videos of patients and additional information about this kit, visit the LVAD Decision Aid website at lvaddecisionaid.com