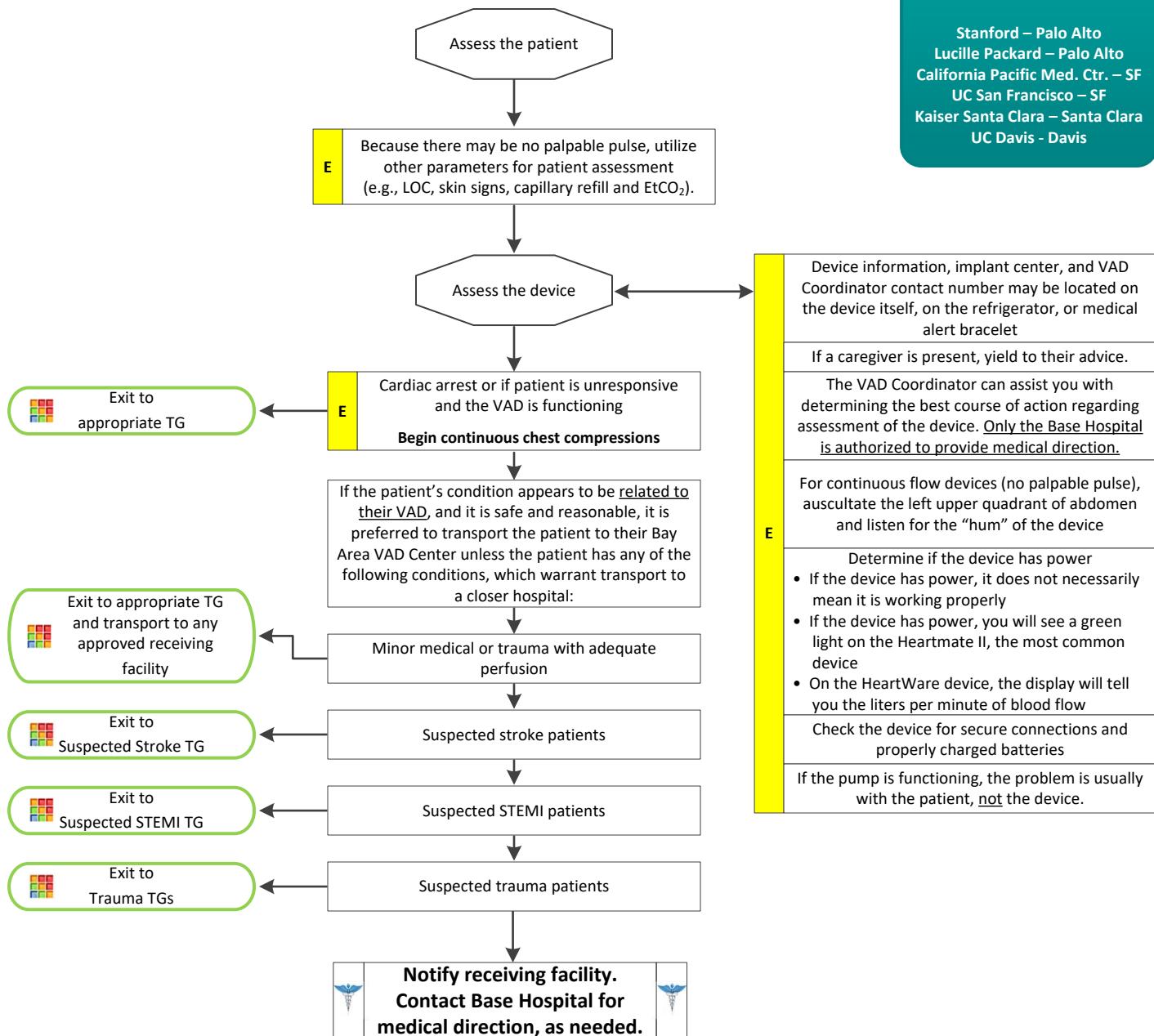


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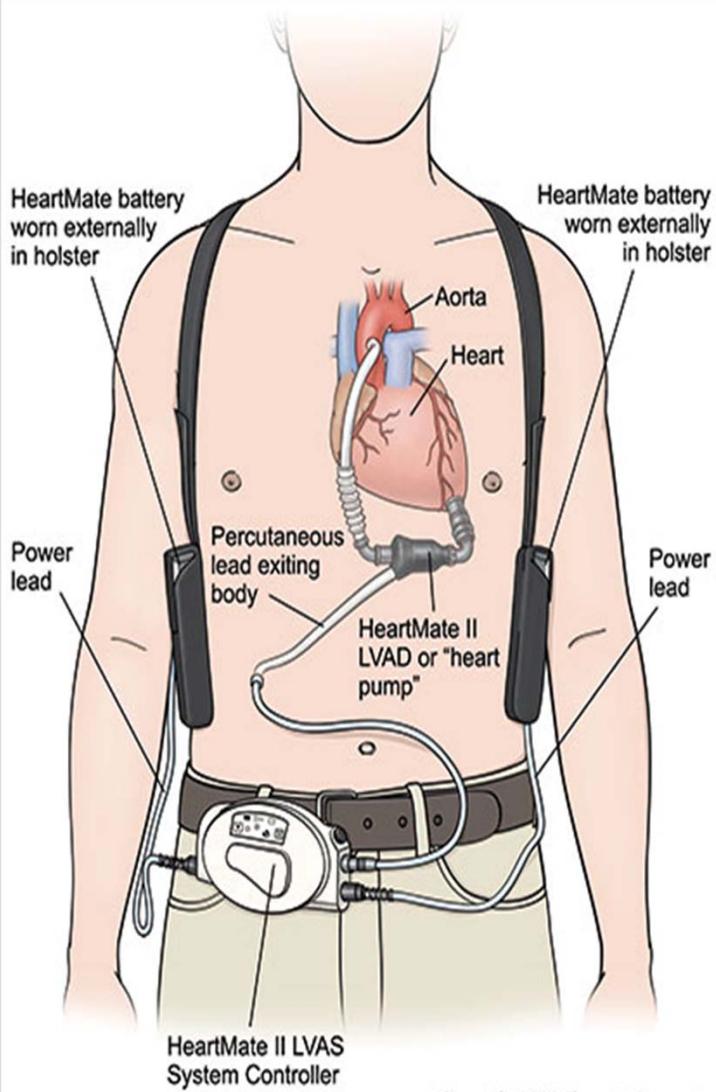
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## VAD CENTER

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Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford*	
California Pacific Medical Center	(415) 232-6057
UC San Francisco	(415) 443-5823
Kaiser Santa Clara	(408) 318-2387
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\*Stanford Hospital and Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford share the same VAD Coordinators

## General Treatment Guidelines

### Pearls

- Patients may be cardioverted or defibrillated if symptomatic, but asymptomatic dysrhythmias do not require treatment.
- If a VAD patient is unconscious, begin continuous chest compressions.
- Treatment should follow appropriate treatment guidelines. Medical direction is provided by the Base Hospital only; VAD Coordinators cannot provide medical direction.
- Contact the Base Hospital if there are questions concerning destination.
- If possible, the patient's family member or caregiver should accompany the patient in the ambulance, and all related VAD equipment, including spare batteries, should also be transported with the patient.
- In arrest situations, determine if a POLST/DNR or advanced directive is available. Many VAD patients have made end of life care decisions.



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