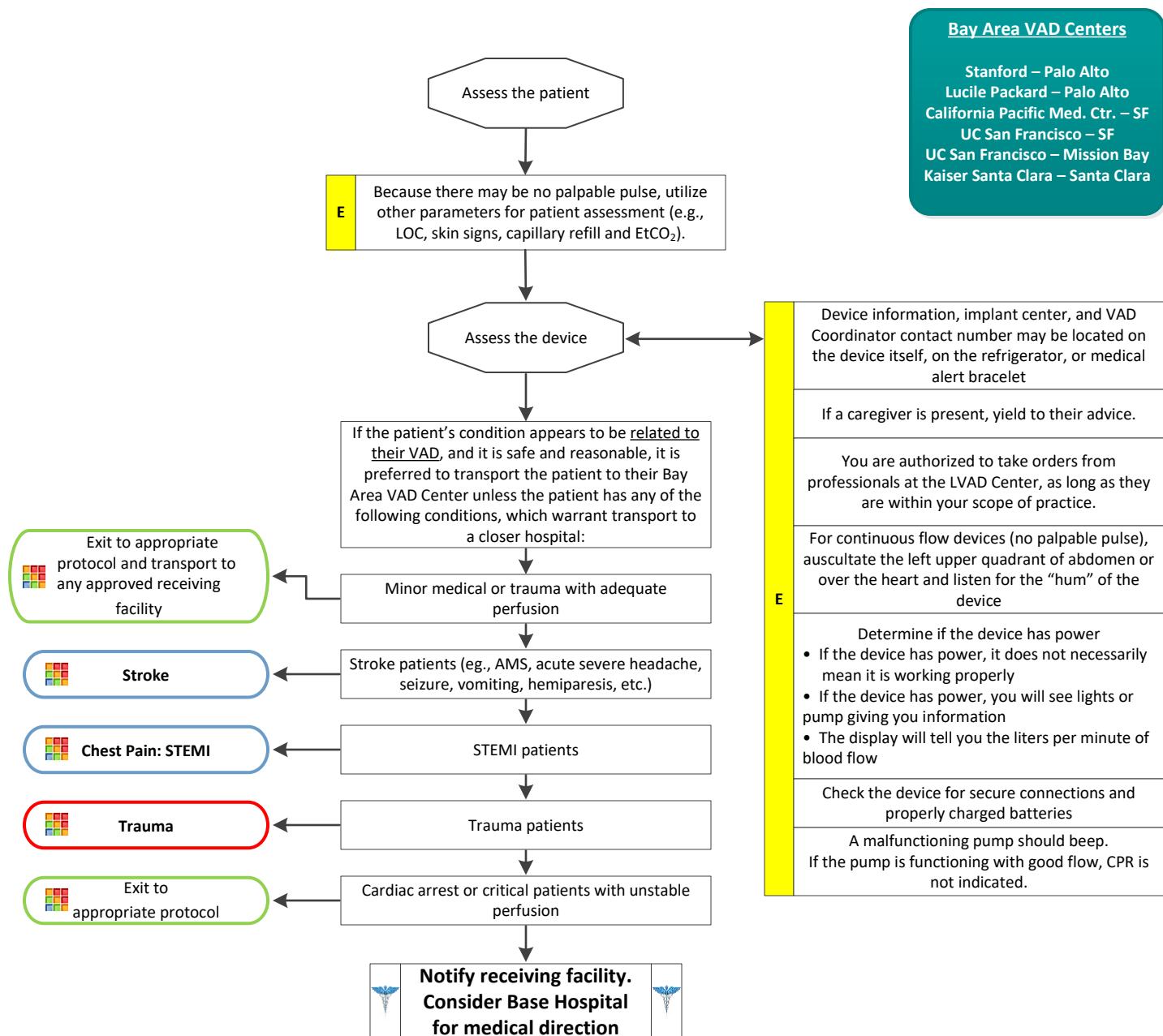
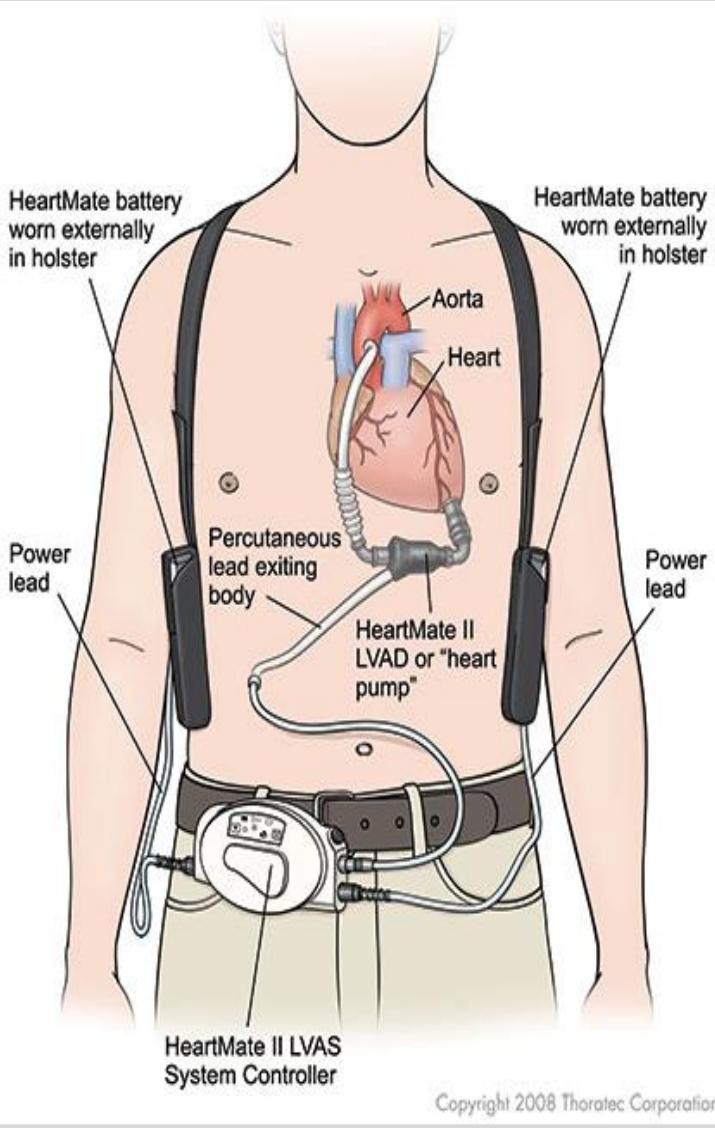


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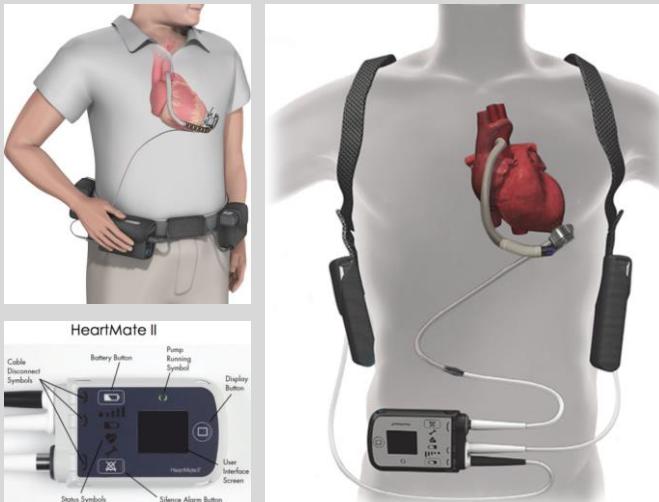
General Treatment Protocols



Ventricular Assist Devices



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Pearls

- Contact the Base Hospital with questions or if directed by patient's caregiver or LVAD Center personnel to do something outside of your protocol.
- Patients may be cardioverted or defibrillated if symptomatic, but asymptomatic dysrhythmias do not require treatment.
- Chest compressions can be performed, but only if you are certain the pump is not working and/or no flow through the VAD.
- Treatment should otherwise follow appropriate treatment guidelines.
- 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.

