

## **VAD/Heart Transplant Patients**

The heart failure team is committed to providing 24 hour care for both VAD and the heart transplant patients so there is centralized care with prompt communication about these patients with the Brigham heart transplant team.

The VAD-transplant team should be called for both VAD and Heart Transplant patients 24 hours a day and the team will then arrange admission.

This INCLUDES the patient with a purely non-cardiac problem, the patient should still be admitted to our service and we will consult the appropriate service for assistance, whether that is surgery, Renal, IM, GI, ID, etc.

The on-call physician for VAD and transplant is listed under the MMC AMION calendar under Cardiology.

The 24/7 coverage pertains ONLY to VAD and transplant patients and NOT heart failure patients- Due to the low number of heart failure specific cardiologists at present, they cannot be on 24/7, so heart failure patients should follow existing pathways of care, and if cardiology support is needed, heart failure patients will be staffed by the general cardiology service at night who will then sign them out to the heart failure team the following morning.

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