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## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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SOP NAME LVAD Presentation to Emergency Room

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### I. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Administrative  Interdepartmental  Departmental  Unit Specific

This document details the process for VAD Presentation to Emergency Room at UCMC.

### II. PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for a VAD Presentation to the Emergency Room.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

None

**IV. PROCEDURE**

**A. Steps**

1. Obtain EMS’s phone number for further questions.
2. Notify VAD Team member @ 264-3841 (EPIC will prompt you to do this with the LVAD Epic Managed Patient List).
3. Notify CCU Attending + Fellow @ 688-5217
4. Notify House Supervisor
5. Notify the CVICU charge nurse @ 688-5220.
6. CVICU charge nurse will bring VAD equipment down & attach the patient to the power module. CVICU charge to assist with pulling up VAD doc flow sheet to document VAD parameters, alarms, sounds and vital signs in EPIC.
7. Obtain a Doppler blood pressure (These patients are usually pulseless)
8. Assess neurological status
9. If patient is to be admitted, they must be admitted using the VAD Readmission Order Set under the CVICU or CTS service ONLY.
10. In the event of a true emergency all BLS and ACLS protocols should be utilized (please see **LVAD Emergencies: Defibrillation/CPR/Hazard Alarm Guide**).

**V. RESPONSIBILITY**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Responsible Staff</b>
<b>Bring equipment and attach to patient</b>	<b>CVICU charge nurse</b>
<b>Pull HeartMate II</b>	<b>CVICU charge nurse</b>

**VI. KEY WORDS**

CVICU Charge nurse  
HeartMate II  
VAD Presentation

**VII. APPENDIX**

None

**VIII. RELATED FORMS**

None

**IX. REFERENCES / CITATIONS**

None