



ADVANCED HEART FAILURE DIAGNOSTIC CHECKLIST

Suspect

Screen

Labs

Treat

Refer



HeartMate 3™
Left Ventricular Assist Device

Advanced Heart Failure Diagnostic Checklist: Recommendations for advanced heart failure management continue to evolve as technologies and outcomes improve. These simple checklists provide clinicians with defined tools for identifying patients who may benefit from Mechanical Circulatory Support.¹ Being aware of these checklists enables clinicians to refer patients in a timely fashion; studies indicate that referral before a patient deteriorates to end-organ damage or nutritional deficiency can maximize the benefit of advanced interventions.²

Please Check Box if Included in Referral

SUSPECT	Signs and Symptoms of Advanced Heart Failure				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness/lightheadedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercise intolerance	<input type="checkbox"/> Orthopnea	<input type="checkbox"/> Restlessness, confusion or fainting	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dyspnea	<input type="checkbox"/> HR < 60/min > 120/min	<input type="checkbox"/> Palpitations	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe cough	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Edema/swelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	<input type="checkbox"/> Weight loss	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of appetite	<input type="checkbox"/> Profound fatigue	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheezing		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting				
SCREEN	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-lead ECG <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Carotid doppler <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CXR <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NYHA FC Class IIIB/IV diagnosis <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 minute walk distance <i>Meters Walked: _____</i> <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CPX/VO ₂ + RER <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> ECHO 2D/M mode <i>Date Completed: _____</i>		
LABS	<input type="checkbox"/> Metabolic Panel To Include: BUN/creatinine, sodium, potassium, chloride, CO ₂ , GFR <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> BNP/NT-pro BNP <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> LFTs <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transferrin <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood type: _____ <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemoglobin A1C <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prealbumin <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> TSH, T3, T4 <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron level <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prothrombin PT/INR <i>Date Completed: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Urine analysis <i>Date Completed: _____</i>		
TREAT	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE inhibitors <i>Medication: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Beta-blockers <i>Medication: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARBs <i>Medication: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrates <i>Medication: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARNI <i>Medication: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin therapy <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Diuretics <i>Medication: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Digoxin <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SGLT2 Inhibitors <i>Medication: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Warfarin <i>Dose: _____</i>
					<input type="checkbox"/> Inotropes <i>Type: _____</i> <i>Dose: _____</i>
REFER	INDICATIONS FOR REFERRAL		LAB ASSESSMENT		
	<input type="checkbox"/> CRT non-responder	<input type="checkbox"/> Intolerant/withdrawal of oral agents	<input type="checkbox"/> BUN > 40 mL/dL at serum or sodium creatinine > 1.8 mg/dL		
<input type="checkbox"/> High diuretic dose (≥ 120 mg/dose furosemide)	<input type="checkbox"/> Intolerant to ACE inhibitors, ARB or beta-blockers	<input type="checkbox"/> Hematocrit < 35%			
<input type="checkbox"/> Inability to walk one block without shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> Persisting NYHA Class III/IV and/or persistently high (nT-pro) BNP	<input type="checkbox"/> Serum sodium < 136 mmol/L			
<input type="checkbox"/> Currently on, or considering inotropes	<input type="checkbox"/> One or more heart failure-related hospital admission in the past 6 months ²				
<input type="checkbox"/> LVEF < 35%					

Advanced Heart Failure

HeartMate 3™ LVAD

Shared Care™:

Yes

No

Physician Name: _____

Office Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Practice Name: _____

Preferred Contact Method:

Cell Phone Letter

Email Text

Patient Name: _____

Medical Record No.: _____

Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Age: ___ BMI: ___ kg/m²

Patient Phone: _____

Patient Email: _____

Referring Physician: _____

Assessment Taken By: _____

CONTACT LIST

Abbott Representative

Rep Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Referring Cardiology Practice

Specialist Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Implanting Centers

Center Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Center Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Center Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Shared Care Sites

Center Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

WHEN SHOULD PATIENTS BE REFERRED FOR HEART FAILURE THERAPY?

TIMELY PATIENT REFERRAL FOR LVAD EVALUATION CAN LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES²

- Less acutely ill patients receiving continuous-flow LVADs in INTERMACS[®] Registry profiles 4-7 have improved survival and shorter lengths of stay vs. more acutely ill patients implanted in profile²
 - 1.9-times higher survival rate at 3 years²
 - 27-day reduction in hospital length of stay²
- Yet, less than 17% of VADs are implanted in patients in INTERMACS[®] Registry profiles 4-7²

NYHA CLASS	CLASS III		CLASS IIIB/IV		CLASS IV		
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	ADVANCED NYHA III SYMPTOMS	EXERTION LIMITED	EXERTION INTOLERANT	RESTING SYMPTOMS	STABLE BUT INOTROPE DEPENDENT	PROGRESSIVE DECLINE INOTROPIC SUPPORT	CRITICAL CARDIOGENIC SHOCK
INTERMACS [®] REGISTRY ADVANCED HEART FAILURE PROFILES ^{3,4}	Living comfortably with limited physical activity	Walking wounded	Housebound	frequent flyer	Dependent stability	Sliding on inotropes	Crash and burn
% VAD IMPLANTS IN INTERMACS REGISTRY ⁵	0,9%	0,5%	2,3%	13,0%	31,7%	36,5%	15,1%

[®] INTERMACS Registry = Interagency Registry for Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support.

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