

Raising Awareness,

Mending Hearts

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HEART FAILURE

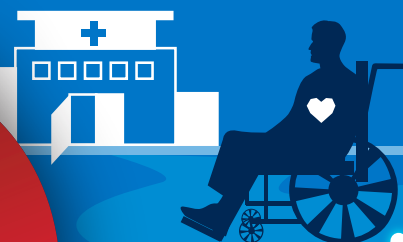
More than
5 MILLION AMERICANS
live with heart failure ...

... approximately
50% will die
within 5 years
of diagnosis.¹



PATIENTS NEED MORE OPTIONS

Though transplants offer hope for approximately 2,000 advanced heart failure (AHF) patients each year,² more than 250,000 AHF patients have no treatment option and are at high risk for repeated hospitalization, poor quality of life and even death.³

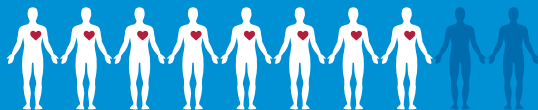


LVADS OFFER HOPE

Up to 100,000 advanced heart failure patients could benefit from a left ventricular assist device (LVAD),⁴ which helps circulate blood when the heart is too weak to pump blood adequately on its own. Many heart failure patients are unaware of LVADs as a treatment option, and report a lack of LVAD education and resources.

Advanced Heart Failure one-year survival rate:⁵

80%
with an
LVAD



17%
without an
LVAD



HEAR LVAD RECIPIENTS' PERSONAL STORIES!

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Mended Hearts invited LVAD recipients to help educate and inspire others with heart failure by sharing their personal LVAD stories.

Watch and share the five winning contest videos, and learn more about heart failure and LVADs by going to **www.ThanksLVAD.com!**

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Complications of LVAD surgery are similar to the potential complications of any open heart surgery procedure. A surgeon will discuss potential risks and benefits with the patient prior to the procedure. Risks may include blood clots, bleeding, infection, device malfunction, right heart failure or death.

¹ Go AS, Mozaffarian D, Roger VL, Benjamin EJ, Berry JD, et al. Heart disease and stroke statistics—2013 update: a report from the American Heart Association. *Circulation*. 2013;127:e6–e245.

² Everly MJ. Cardiac transplantation in the United States: an analysis of the UNOS registry. *Clin Transpl*. 2008;35-43

³ Slaughter MS, Rogers JG, et al. Advanced Heart Failure Treated with Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device. *N Engl J Med*. 2009 Dec 3; Vol 361:2241-2251

⁴ American Heart Association, HeartMate II: A Reliable Destination; Feb. 2010

⁵ McIvennan CK, Magid KH, Ambardekar AV, Thompson JS, Matlock DD, Allen LA. Clinical Outcomes Following Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device: A Systematic Review. *Circ Heart Fail*. Oct 7 2014.



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