

PLEASE CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. When is it appropriate to initiate CPR on a patient with a LVAD?
 - a. It is always appropriate
 - b. Only when absolutely necessary
 - c. Only when absolutely necessary and the pump is not running.
 - d. It is never appropriate.

2. Common complications seen in patients with LVADs include:
 1. Hypotension
 2. CVA
 3. Infection
 4. GI bleeding
 5. Dysrhythmias
 - a. 1 and 5
 - b. 2, 3 and 4
 - c. 1, 3, and 4
 - d. All the above.

3. LVAD use is indicated for the following reasons:
 1. When patients are not eligible for transplant and the device is used as a permanent support until death.
 2. To promote myocardial function recovery to a level that allows for removal of the LVAD
 3. To support heart function until the decision related to transplant eligibility has been reached.
 4. To support the heart until a heart transplant becomes available.
 - a. 1 and 2
 - b. 2 and 3
 - c. 1, 3, and 4
 - d. All the above.

4. Of the estimated five million patients with heart failure, 30% will die within five years of diagnosis.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. Of the 4 types of ventricular and mechanical circulatory devices, indicate the one that is intended for short term use only in hospitalized patients.
 - a. Left ventricular assist device
 - b. Biventricular assist device
 - c. Right ventricle to pulmonary artery pump
 - d. Right ventricular assist device

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM COMPLETELY

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CARE OF PATIENT WITH LVAD

POST TEST AND EVALUATION

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Evaluation

To what extent did completing this self-study allow you to achieve the outcome below:

After reading the article, the nurse will be able state the essential basics of caring for a patient with a left ventricular assist device (LVAD).

Strongly Agree (5)

Strongly Disagree (1)

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How many minutes did it take you to read and complete this program? _____

Suggestions for improvement? Future topics? _____

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