Unresponsive Patient with LVAD

**LVAD CODE PATIENT ASSESSMENT**

**ACTIVATE LVAD CODE**
**CALL 757-388-2831**
Ask Operator to Page **LVAD Coordinator On-Call**
for equipment issues
**MD on call for patient issues**

**ASSESS PATIENT**
Skin Color and Temperature
Doppler BP (MAP)
Heart Rhythm

**ASSESS PUMP**
Listen for LVAD hum
Look/Listen for Alarms on Controller

Adequate Perfusion with Pump Running

Pump Running Questionable Perfusion

**Assess and Treat Non-LVAD causes for Altered Mental Status (Hs and Ts):**
- Stroke (Hemorrhagic or Embolic)
  - Arrhythmia
  - Hypoxia
  - Hypoglycemia
  - Overdose

- MAP > 50
- PETCO2 > 20
- Intubated Patient

**ATTEMPT TO RESTART LVAD**
- Connect Driveline
- Connect Adequate Power
- Change Controller if instructed
  Involve patient’s caregiver in troubleshooting equipment

**DO NOT PERFORM CPR**

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Notify VAD Team

LVAD RESTARTED?

**Encourage Patient’s Caregiver to come in the Ambulance to the Hospital**
**Ensure LVAD BACKUP equipment is ALWAYS available**

*Patient may NOT have a palpable pulse or measurable BP.*
*Pulse oximetry may NOT read appropriately.*
*BP reading may have narrow pulse pressure values.*
*MAP recommended range: 60-90.*

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