

Implementation Checklist

Directions for LVAD Coordinators or Engineers: Use this tracking sheet to guide implementation of the LVAD Decision Aid

Date: _____

Please place a check to indicate whether at the time of Decision Aid (DA) administration:

1. Coordinator **delivered the DA to the patient** after a physician identified them as a candidate for LVAD.
2. Coordinator **explained to the patient what a decision aid is** and how it complements standard education.
3. Coordinator **explained the concept of shared decision-making (SDM) to the patient**, including the process of working together to describe choices, offer support and make preference-based decisions.
4. Coordinator **asked the patient about their primary goals** and how much they matter in their LVAD decision, using the 'LVAD and Your Values' worksheet in the DA.
5. Coordinator **discussed treatment options available to the patient**, including risks and benefits of each.
6. Coordinator **asked patient if he/she had any questions**, probed understanding of the information, and answered patient's questions.
7. Coordinator **offered to facilitate a meeting with another LVAD patient** and showed the patient the 'Questions to Ask another LVAD Patient' booklet in the DA.
8. Coordinator **encouraged the patient to use the DA** with physicians and showed patient the 'Questions to Ask your Doctor' booklet in the DA.
9. Coordinator **referred the patient to a financial advisor and/or social worker** and showed the patient the 'Resources for LVAD Patients & Caregivers' booklet in the DA.
10. Coordinator **reviewed the Knowledge Quiz questions with patient** and corrected any misconceptions.

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While all of these steps are recommended to facilitate shared decision making, you may decide to prioritize specific steps based on a patient's circumstances and decisional needs.

More resources regarding implementation of *Deciding Together* can be found at lvaddecisionaid.com. Questions? Email Jennifer.Blumenthal-Barby@bcm.edu.