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To: All EMS Providers

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Re: Advisory 11-03: Ventricular Assist Devices

Patients with Ventricular Assist Devices (VADs) are becoming increasingly common in our community. In response to this, the REMAC developed Protocol 2.37 – Ventricular Assist Devices, to help guide prehospital personnel in their management of patients with VADs.

The Ventricular Assist Device Protocol is attached to this document and available online at http://www.mlrems.org/e107_files/downloads/2.37_ventricular_assist_devices.pdf

. This protocol is effective immediately.

With the support of the University of Rochester Heart Center, an educational vodcast has been created to provide information about the indications, normal operation, and troubleshooting of a VAD device. The vodcast training is not mandatory, but highly encouraged and providers are eligible for one (1) hour of BLS or ALS CME following a review of the vodcast and satisfactory completion of the post test. The link for this training is <http://www.mlrems.org/page.php?137>.

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Program Agency.