

# HeartMate 3™ Left Ventricular Assist System

## 1. Can I do CPR?

Yes, in the right clinical scenario. Chest compressions may pose a risk of dislodgement - use clinical judgment. If compressions are administered, confirm function and positioning of the pump.

## 2. Can the patient be defibrillated while connected to the device?

Yes you can defibrillate, and you do not have to disconnect anything.

## 3. Can this patient be externally paced?

Yes.

## 4. What type of alarm occurs in a low flow state?

A red heart alarm indication and steady audio alarm will sound if less than 2.5 lpm. Can give a bolus of normal saline and transport to a VAD center.

## 5. Can I change the speed of the device?

No, it is a fixed speed.

## 6. Does the patient have a pulse with this device?

Likely they will not because it is a continuous flow device, however some patients may have a pulse.

## 7. What are acceptable vital sign parameters?

MAP 70 - 90 mm Hg with a narrow pulse pressure.

The HeartMate 3™ LVAD has a modular cable connection near the exit site of the driveline (Figure 1). This allows a damaged driveline to be quickly replaced (if damage is external).

- When disconnecting a driveline, NEVER use the modular cable connection.
- If the modular cable requires replacement, it must be done at and by the implanting center. Patients are not given a backup modular cable.
- If the connection is loose, a yellow line at the connection will be showing. If the line is visible, turn the connector in the locked direction. It will ratchet and stop turning once tight.



## FAQs

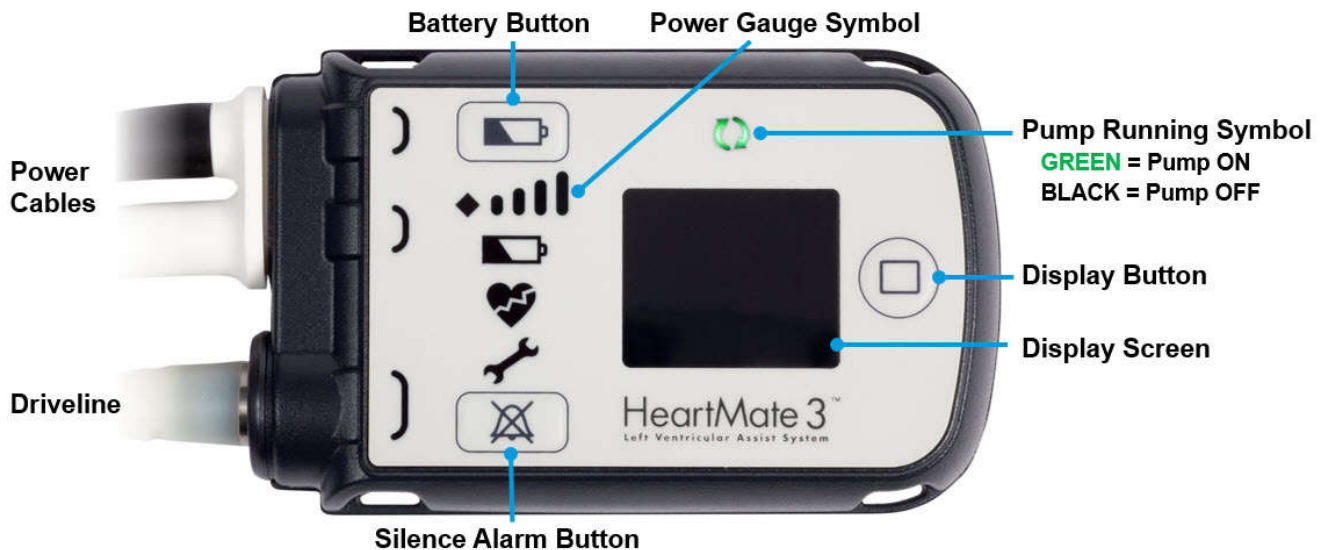
- Pump has “artificial pulse” created by rapid speed changes in the pump. This can be heard when auscultating the heart and differs from other continuous flow devices.
- May not be able to obtain cuff pressure (continuous flow pump).
- Pump connected to driveline exiting patient’s abdominal area and is attached to controller which runs the pump.
- Pump does not affect ECG.
- All ACLS drugs may be given.
- A pair of fully charged batteries lasts up to 17 hours.
- Any emergency mode of transportation is ok. These patients are permitted to fly.
- Avoid pulling, twisting, or kinking the driveline when strapping the patient to a stretcher.
- Be sure to bring **ALL** of the patient’s equipment with them.



Figure 1

# HeartMate 3™ Left Ventricular Assist System

## System Controller



## Changing Batteries

**WARNING:** At least one controller power cable must be connected to a power source **AT ALL TIMES**. Do not remove both batteries at the same time or the pump will stop.

- Obtain two charged batteries from patient's accessory bag or battery charger. The charge level of each battery can be assessed by pressing the button on the battery. Fully charged batteries will display 5 lights. (Figures 1 and 2)
- Check the power level on the batteries, replace the battery with the fewest lights first. Remove only ONE battery from the clip by pressing the release button on the clip to unlock the battery. (Figure 3)
- Controller will start beeping and flashing yellow symbols and will read **CONNECT POWER** on the front screen.
- Insert a new, fully charged battery into the empty battery clip by aligning the **RED** arrows on the battery and clip (Figure 4). The battery will click into the clip. Gently tug on battery to ensure connection. If the battery is properly secured, the beeping and yellow flashing will stop.
- Repeat previous steps with the second battery and battery clip.

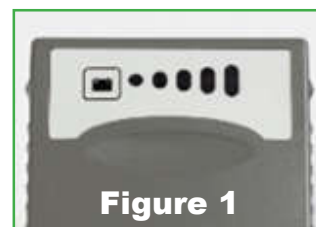


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



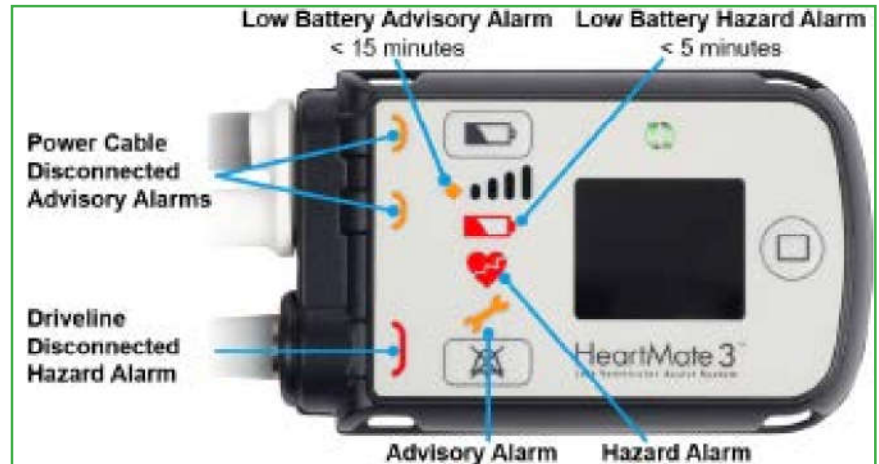
Figure 4

# Troubleshooting HeartMate 3™ LVAS

## Alarms: Emergency Procedures

### When an alarm occurs:

- Contact the Implant Center for direction when possible.
- Check alarm messages on controller display screen.
- Check if pump is running:
- Allow care providers trained on LVAD emergencies to remain with the patient.



### When the Pump Has Stopped

- Check modular cable connection, driveline and power cable connections to the controller. Fix any loose connections to restart the pump.
- If the pump does not restart and the patient is connected to batteries replace the current batteries with a new, fully-charged pair. (see Changing Batteries section on previous page)
- If pump does not restart, change controllers if directed by implant center. (see Changing Controllers on next page)
- Be sure to bring ALL of the patient's equipment with them.

## HAZARD ALARMS

Continuous Audible Tone

Low Flow ⌚ :03	+ Call Hospital Contact ⌚ :07		Pump is off.	See above, when pump has stopped
			Pump flow is < 2.5 lpm.	Ensure that a power source is connected to the controller. Evaluate the patient for low flow - treat the cause. Assess volume status, hypertension, arrhythmia, right heart failure, etc.
Connect Driveline ⌚ :02			Driveline disconnected.	Immediately reconnect Driveline to the controller. Check modular cable connection.
Connect Power Immediately ⌚ :05	+ Backup Battery ⌚ :01		Both power cables are disconnected.	Immediately connect to batteries or the Mobile Power Unit.
Low Battery ⌚ :06	+ Replace Power ⌚ :02		Low Battery Power < 5 min. remaining.	Immediately replace batteries or switch to the Mobile Power Unit.

## ADVISORY ALARMS

Intermittent Audible Tone

Low Battery ⌚ :06	+ Replace Power Immediately ⌚ :02		Low Battery Power <15 min. remaining.	Immediately replace batteries or switch to the Mobile Power Unit.
Connect Power ⌚ :04		OR	A power cable is disconnected.	Reconnect the power cable to power.

Check display for alarm type.



Call VAD Coordinator at implant center for direction.

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## Changing the System Controller

**Step 1:** Have the patient sit or lie down since the pump will momentarily stop during this procedure.

**Step 2:** Place the replacement Controller within easy reach, along with the batteries/battery clips. The spare Controller is usually found in the patient's travel case.

**Step 3:** Attach the battery clips to the replacement controller by lining up half circles, firmly pushing together, and tightening connector nut. Insert the batteries into the clips by aligning the **RED** arrows.

**Step 4:** On the back of the replacement controller, slide the safety lock so the red release button is fully visible. Repeat this step on the original controller.

**Step 5:** Disconnect the drive-line from the original controller by pressing the red release button and pulling it out. The pump will stop and an alarm will sound. Note: The alarm will continue until the original controller is turned off. You can silence the alarm by pressing the silence alarm button.

### Getting the replacement controller connected and the pump restarted is the first priority!

**Step 6:** Connect the replacement Controller by aligning the **WHITE ARROWS** on the driveline and replacement Controller and firmly pushing the driveline into the replacement Controller. The pump should restart, if not complete the following steps:

- Firmly press the Silence Alarm or Battery Button to restart the pump.
- Check the power source to ensure that power is going to the controller.
- Ensure the driveline is fully inserted into the socket by gently tugging on the metal end. **DO NOT** pull the driveline.

**Step 7:** After the pump restarts, slide the safety lock on the new controller so the red release button is fully covered. If unable to close the safety lock into fully locked position, gently push the driveline into the controller to ensure proper connection. Retry to close safety lock.

**Step 8:** Disconnect power from the original Controller.

**Step 9:** Hold down battery symbol for 5 full seconds for complete shutdown of old controller.



Step 3



Step 4



Step 7



Step 5



Step 6



Step 9