Let’s Talk About Transfers!

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Objectives

• Explain the process for transferring patients to another facility
• Review the process as the receiving center
• Discuss the Shared Care process
• Define non-Intermacs or international transfers
• Clarify the death prior to transfer process
Checklist for Transferring Out

 ✓ Verify VAD Team patient had been accepted to transferring center (MD, VAD Coordinators, social workers)
 ✓ Complete all outstanding follow-ups, readmissions, adverse events
 ✓ Contact accepting center’s Intermacs Site Administrator
 ✓ Notify Jeanne Anne Love ([jfowler@uabmc.edu](mailto:jfowler@uabmc.edu)) of pending patient transfer
   ✓ via secure email
   ✓ Include race, gender, DOB, implant data and center
 ✓ Add Patient Transfer form in the web based data entry system indicating the patient is no longer in their care
Checklist for Receiving Center

✓ Verify patient had been accepted by your center
  ✓ Consult the VAD Team
    ✓ MD, VAD coordinators, social workers

✓ Contact transferring center’s Intermacs Site Administrator
  ✓ Verify effective date of transfer
  ✓ Validate that all previous forms have been submitted to Intermacs
Shared Care

• Shared care is **not** a transfer.

• This is a formal arrangement between two centers providing care in given internals

• Clinical information is shared between the two centers to optimize care coordination
Transfers from Non-Intermacs or International Sites

• Implant
  • If implanted at a Non-Intermacs site (in or outside of the U.S.) and transfers to an Intermacs site, the patient **will not** be entered into Intermacs Registry

• Device exchange
  • If a device exchange occurs at an Intermacs site, the patient **should be** entered into Intermacs Registry
Transfer Form

Transferred Care to another hospital
Yes  No
Patient, followed exclusively at another hospital

Validate and Submit
Save for Later

Not Started
No Transfer Button

- Verify the follow-up forms are completed on the patient summary screen

- Once the forms are completed, the transfer form button should appear **top right** of the Intermacs screen
Death after Transfer

• If death occurs after transfer
  • If not seen at receiving site, do not report in Intermacs

• Notify the transferring site
  • Mortality will impact the transferring site

• Notify STS/UAB
  • Jeanne Anne Love (jfowler@uabmc.edu)
    • Via secure email
    • Include race, gender, DOB, implant date and center, and date of death
Discussion

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