

# The HVAD® System

## Steps to a Successful Dressing Change

You have been trained by your VAD Team to properly change your dressing. Follow those instructions.

- It is necessary to take proper care of your driveline exit site to prevent complications like infection.
- Be sure to notify your VAD Team if you notice any changes (Refer to your Patient Manual for more details).

Below are key steps for good dressing change technique.

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**Gather Supplies**



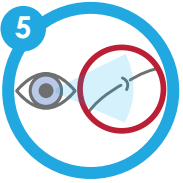
**Wash Hands**



**Put on Clean Gloves and Mask**



**Remove "Dirty" Dressing**



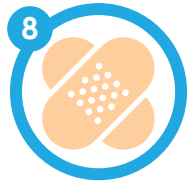
**Inspect Site**



**Put on Sterile Gloves**



**Clean Site**



**Cover Site and Tuck Excess**

### Washing hands



- Use soap and water method if hands are visibly dirty.
- Use antimicrobial (or anti-bacterial) soap to kill germs.
- After wetting hands in warm water, apply soap and rub hands vigorously, include every surface including the areas between your fingers, under nails and up forearm.
- Dry your hands with a paper towel or clean towel. Do not touch the faucet with your clean hands; use the towel to turn off the faucet.
- If using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer instead of soap: Apply product to the palm of your hand and rub briskly until your hands are dry. Be sure to cover all surfaces of your hand, fingers and forearm.
  - Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can kill organisms or stop them from growing, but does not remove dirt.

### Applying sterile gloves



- Peel open the outer package containing the sterile gloves.
- Remove the inner wrapper (containing the gloves) and set on flat surface.
- Grasp the folded edges of the wrapper and pull open (the inside of this wrapper and the gloves are sterile).
- Using your thumb and first finger, pinch the cuff of one glove and slide your opposite hand in (be careful not to touch the outside of the glove).
- Using your gloved hand, slide your fingers under the cuff of the remaining glove and slide your other hand in (again, be careful not to touch the outside of the glove).

**CAUTION:** Federal law (USA) restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician. Refer to the "Instructions for Use" for complete Indications for Use, Contraindications, Warnings, Precautions, Adverse Events and Instructions prior to using this device. The IFU can be found at [www.heartware.com/clinicians/instructions-use](http://www.heartware.com/clinicians/instructions-use).

**WARNING:** Serious and life-threatening adverse events, including stroke, have been associated with use of this device. A user must fully consider the risks of this device with that of other treatment modalities before deciding to proceed with device implantation.

In the USA the HVAD System is intended for use as a bridge to cardiac transplantation in patients who are at risk of death from refractory end-stage left ventricular heart failure.

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