

Supplemental Appendix 1

Questions Regarding VAD Care Issues after Discharge
(Appended in Instrumentation Research)

Direction: *Please provide as much as responses you would like on the following questions.* (Note: Ample spaces were in the actual data collection tool used in the study).

1. Do you have any difficulty in retaining the information you had learned at the hospital regarding the daily care of the LVAD at home?

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, please explain _____

2. Do you have problems remembering to carry out all the daily tasks required for LVAD care?

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, please explain _____

3. Do you think an LVAD re-training session is necessary after leaving the hospital?

- a. Yes
- b. No

If yes, please explain _____

4. If the answer to # 3 is YES, when is the ideal time to do it? _____ weeks or months after discharge.

5. Considering the distance of the LVAD clinic to your house, do you think a frequent follow-up from the VAD team (coordinator) after discharge will ease your stress in caring for yourself?

- a. Yes
- b. No

6. If the answer to # 5 is YES, which of the following interactions would work best for you? Rank each according to your preference: 1= MOST preferred, 2 = preferred, 3= LEAST preferred

_____ Telephone call
_____ Face-to-face
_____ Text message
_____ Video conferencing using smart phone (e.g., iPhone Face Time)

7. Does a home care RN is helpful to you with regards to caring for your LVAD?

- a. Yes
b. No

Please explain your response about home care RN _____

8. Please tell us more about your problems caring for the LVAD at home, and tell us how these problems should be handled by the VAD care team?

9. Other comments _____