

Protocol Driven Care



Gaylord Hospital has been successfully caring for LVAD patients for years. Patients are admitted to the Milne Pavilion for care following the placement of the LVAD with a goal of transitioning home with increased functional capacity, having received education for patient and family on managing the device and self-care, especially related to any new medication regime.

Gaylord staff has received training sessions from acute care hospital LVAD teams in order to safely transition patients. In place, are LVAD protocols based on our acute care partners' programs for continuity of care and dressing changes.

Communication is key, between the patient, the Gaylord team, and the referring hospital team throughout the stay. We pride ourselves in acting as a successful partner for these patients and their families.

The multidisciplinary team at Gaylord consists of:

- Hospitalists
- Wound Care APRNs
- Physical Therapists
- Nurse Care Manager
- Telemetry monitoring technicians
- Occupational Therapists
- ACLS trained nurses
- Psychologists and counselors
- Recreational Therapists
- Respiratory therapists
- Pharmacists
- Speech Therapists, if needed

Benefits of the LVAD Program at Gaylord:

- Patients are cohorted in the Milne Pavilion, in private rooms, with state-of-the-art technology
- Communication between Hartford LVAD Coordinator and Gaylord Care Manager occurs a minimum of weekly, often several times a week
- Patients are under the 24/7 care of a hospitalist, with consults from cardiology and other specialists
- Therapy sessions are individualized to the patients interests and abilities
- Discharge planning begins upon admission for a successful stay and transition to home care or outpatient services following Gaylord
- Nutritional counseling is available for oral, enteral and parenteral nutrition to carry over health habits
- Psychology interventions for counseling and support of the patient and significant other
- Cardiac support group held on campus every other month

Admissions



FAST FACTS for FY16 + FY17

- Average length of stay for LVAD patients was 26 days
- 88% discharge to home w/or w/o services
- 65 is the average age served

Referrals for LVAD care at Gaylord Hospital are coordinated through the Admissions Department:

Gaylord Hospital

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Pictured, the Milne Pavilion, has private rooms with bedside and ambulatory telemetry monitoring, observation rooms, on-site laboratory, pharmacy, CT scan and radiology services.