



Skilled Nursing Facility Resources

VAD Clinic Office Hours Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30

Phone #: 585-273-3760 or 800-892-4964

Driveline Dressing Changes:

Watch the driveline dressing video



Driveline dressing change video

Please keep in mind for dressing changes:

Driveline dressing changes ALWAYS require using sterile technique.

Protect the driveline from being pulled, kinked, or twisted.

Ensure the driveline is secure with an anchor.

Never use scissors to remove the old driveline dressing.

Blood Pressure Measurements:

Doppler is standard unless the patient has a bounding radial pulse.

If the patient has a strong radial pulse, you can use an automatic cuff.



How to obtain a Doppler BP

Patient's Routine

Nutrition- low sodium diet, moderate to low Vitamin K foods

Encourage mobility

Daily weight

Self-test controller every morning (hold battery button down for 5 seconds)

Record VAD numbers daily (Section 3 in the discharge binder)

