

# The Shared Care™ Advantage

*For managing HeartMate II® LVAD patients in the community*



Shared Care is a partnership program to comanage HeartMate II patients and enable a smooth transition home.

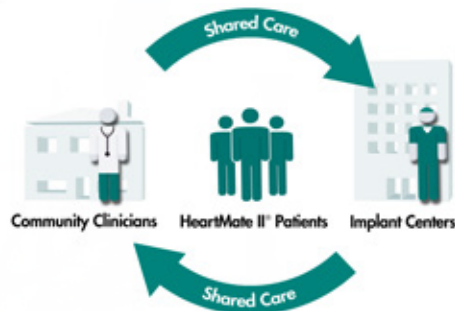
Shared Care allows HeartMate II recipients to resume their regular life and maintain a relationship with their primary community cardiologist.

## **The Thoratec® Shared Care program includes:**

- Patient management protocols with your partnering LVAD implanting center
- Extensive in-person and online training/certification on HeartMate II patient management
- Equipment to interrogate the HeartMate II LVAD
- Thoratec Clinical and Market Development support



# Sharing Patient Care Provides Shared Benefits



Community  
Clinicians

- Enables continued hands-on involvement in the care of your patients
- Provides greater familiarity with the benefits of LVAD treatment and quality-of-life improvements
- Broadens and differentiates your practice, potentially increasing the number of new advanced heart failure patients seeking evaluation



Patients

- Reduces travel time and increased convenience for routine monitoring appointments
- Allows for a continued close relationship with their community cardiologists



Implant  
Centers

- Reduces burden of ongoing patient care while still ensuring good outcomes
- Drives program growth through stronger relationships with community cardiologists

To learn more about designating your practice a Thoratec Shared Care site, contact your Thoratec representative.

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