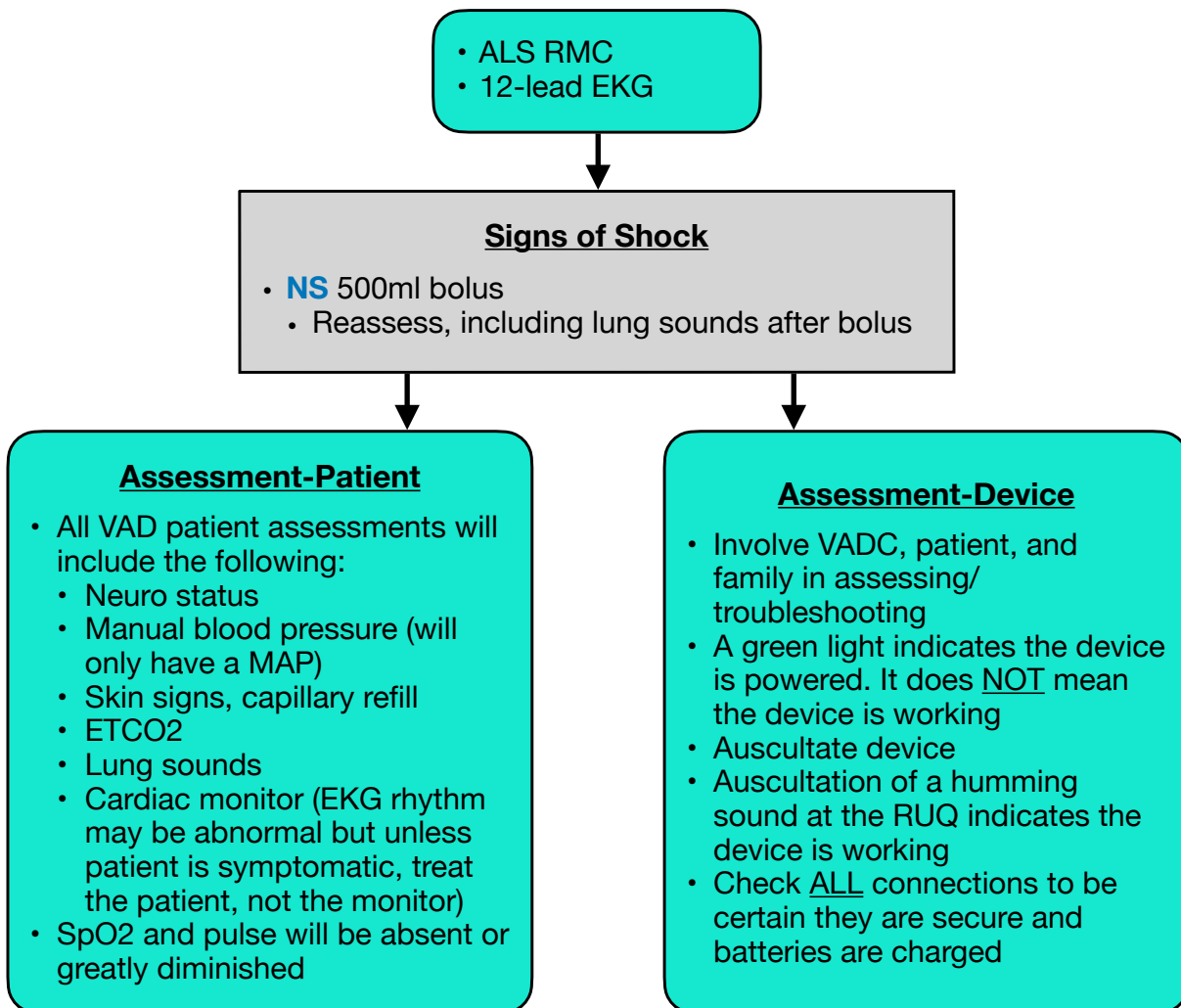


VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE (VAD)

Indications

- For assessment, management, treatment, stabilization and/or transport of a patient with a VAD



Critical Information

- If defibrillation is needed, do not place pads over pt's device
- Withhold chest compression unless the patient is pulseless, unconscious, and you and the VADC has determined the device has stopped working
- The VAD Coordinator (VADC) should be contacted immediately. Dispatch may have VADC contact information. The patient and caregiver will have contact information; it may also be found on the device, a medical alert bracelet, near a phone, or other obvious location. The VADC may be on the phone upon EMS arrival
- The VADC is a valuable resource but is NOT medical control. Request physician consult if necessary
- If appropriate, request POLST/DNR status