Deciding if a Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) is right for you can be a difficult and personal choice. The handouts and books on this page are meant to help you understand what a VAD is and to help you and your family make the most informed decision. Please read these in the order they are listed.

   **Link:** [https://tinyurl.com/s3dh5cg](https://tinyurl.com/s3dh5cg)

2. *A Decision Aid for LVAD Candidates: A device for patients with advanced heart failure.* (Booklet: Colorado Program for Patient Centered Decisions)  
   **Link:** [https://tinyurl.com/y6rf578l](https://tinyurl.com/y6rf578l)

3. Michigan Medicine Adult Heart Transplant and LVAD Support Group Schedule:  
   **Link:** [http://michmed.org/R11dj](http://michmed.org/R11dj)

4. What Are the Caregiver's Rights? (Article from the American Heart Association)  
   **Link:** [https://tinyurl.com/ww5sgb2](https://tinyurl.com/ww5sgb2)

5. *Heart 2 Heart: Stories from Patients with Left Ventricular Assist Devices*  
   (Book). Author Ruth Halben, BA, MSW, LMSW. Purchase the book on Amazon, or download reusable and remixable chapters from the book by visiting the link here: [http://michmed.org/axx31](http://michmed.org/axx31) (click “Materials” then “Texts”).