

INTERMACS Data Registry

What is the INTERMACS data registry?

The purpose of the INTERMACS data registry, sponsored by The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, is to track outcomes for patients who have ventricular assist devices (VADs). **Michigan Medicine is required to collect this data** by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and The Joint Commission. The data helps us continuously evaluate areas for improvement and make sure we're giving our patients top-quality care. It also helps us understand how the VAD improves your heart failure symptoms and overall quality of life.

How does Michigan Medicine collect the required INTERMACS data?

Your healthcare providers will collect the data from the following sources:

- **Your medical record**
- **Questionnaires (surveys)**
 - You can complete questionnaires about your health status in person, at your clinic visit, or over the phone.
 - Note: These questionnaires are different from the Quality-of-Life questionnaires completed by the Heart Failure Clinic. We must complete specific questionnaires for the INTERMACS registry.
- **Hall walk assessments** (scheduled during your normal clinic visits)

We're required to collect data a few different times, including before your VAD surgery, 1 week after surgery, 1 month after surgery, 3 months after surgery, 6 months after surgery, and every 6 months at your follow-up visits until your VAD is removed.

We thank you and appreciate your willingness to complete the INTERMACS questionnaires at your follow-up visits!

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