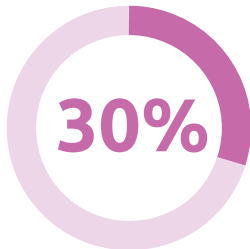


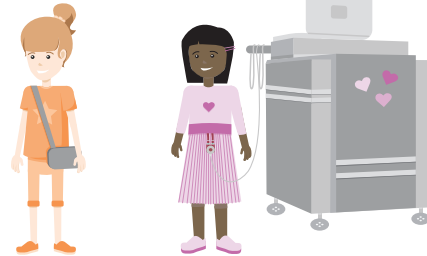
# Infections in Pediatric VAD\* Patients

## HOW COMMON IS INFECTION?



of pediatric patients with any VAD get an infection

\*Ventricular Assist Device



## HOW DO I RECOGNIZE INFECTION?



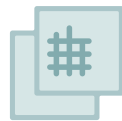
Swelling, tenderness, increased temperature, drainage, odor, redness, pain/tenderness

## HOW CAN I PREVENT INFECTION?



Wash hands, proper hygiene

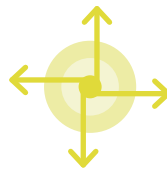
Sterile dressing changes



Leaving dressing in shower



Prevent tugging/pulling



Maintain good nutrition

## HOW ARE INFECTIONS TREATED?



Most infections are treatable with antibiotics and changes in driveline/cannula care