Infections in Pediatric VAD* Patients

**HOW COMMON IS INFECTION?**

![30% Circle Graphic]

30% 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

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