

Medicare panel meeting highlights concerns about gaps in LVAD research

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A November panel meeting at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services highlights the agency's concerns about gap in evidentiary research supporting ventricular assist devices.



At a meeting of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services surveyed members agreed almost universally that there are clinically significant gaps in research regarding ventricular assist devices.

The panelists gathered earlier this month to review coverage decision for VADs, which is currently provided for heart failure patients after open-heart surgery, as a bridge to heart transplant and as a destination therapy.

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