

Rodr Family Fundraiser

In 2009 Bart Rodr suffered a massive heart attack at the age of 36. The heart attack was caused by a blood clot in his leg, not high cholesterol or high blood pressure. Three weeks after his heart attack, the company he worked for let him go.



For the last two years, Doctors have tried to improve his condition, but the heart medication is designed for symptoms Bart does not have, and have not been helpful.

This past summer, Bart was accepted into a clinical trial for a device called the “Heart Pod”.

This program was being run in partnership with St. Jude’s Research Hospital.

After this, they did exploratory surgery to “look” at what was happening. What they found was his heart was getting weaker, and his cardiologist, Dr. Adamson, has not been able to figure out why.



Bart Rodr, his wife and his two sons

At the end of August, a decision was made to implant a LVAD device, which is a mechanical heart that uses a portable battery pack for power. This is a “bridge fix” till he can receive a heart transplant. He has been put on a heart transplant list, 1A, and is waiting till one becomes available.

On September 7th, the LVAD, a mechanical heart pump, was successfully implanted and pushes blood, no pulse, throughout his system. This is a temporary fix.

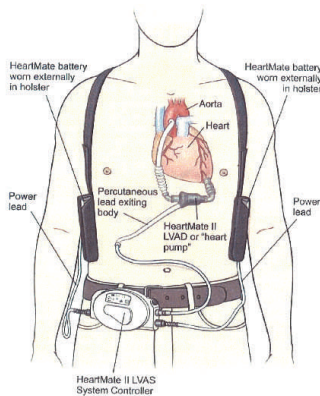
The family has incurred over \$800,000 in medical expenses, which Jennifer’s insurance, (Bart’s Wife), covering only a portion. The heart transplant expense is still needed.

If you can help or know anyone who can help, please donate to the address below.

Thank You

HEARTMATE II LVAD PATIENT HANDBOOK

Figure A Implanted and Worn Components of the HeartMate II LVAD During Battery-Power Operation



LVAD Device

Donations can be mailed to:

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