**LVAD (Mechanical Heart Transplant)**

**Epistaxis Protocol-Inpatient Therapy**

**Medications**
- Sodium chloride 0.65% nasal spray (Ayr) 1 spray each nostril PRN dryness & epistaxis
- Oxymetazoline 0.05% nasal spray (Afrin) 1 spray each nostril PRN dryness & epistaxis

If bleeding persists, a nasal tampon with oxymetazoline 0.05% (Afrin) may be inserted by the bedside nurse for 24 hours.

- Notify Nurse: Do not put facial tissue (Kleenex) or cotton balls in nares.
- Notify Provider: Call physician regarding anti-coagulation & anti-platelet therapy.
- Consult: If bleeding persists beyond 24 hours, ENT to be consulted.

**TO**

**Read back**

Order taken by Signature: _________________________________ Date/Time: _______________________________

Physician Signature: _________________________________ Date/Time ________________________________