MMC’s Advanced Heart Failure Program recently earned certification for destination therapy Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) implantation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation, Healthcare and Certification.

The LVAD is a mechanical pump that helps the heart pump blood. It allows the heart and other body systems to rest, heal, and grow stronger before the stress of transplant surgery. It can be used as destination therapy, which provides support for patients who are not candidates for transplant.

This is an important step toward achieving MMC’s goal of providing quality, multidisciplinary care for all end-stage heart failure patients in the region. MMC’s Advanced Heart Failure Program – the only one in the state -- has excellent outcomes that exceed the national averages and maintains collaborative relationships with all heart transplant programs in Boston. The program continues to grow to meet patient needs, and the team is using cutting edge technology.

Our multidisciplinary heart failure team is committed to quality care from medical management, to transplant, temporary and durable mechanical support and end-of-life care, and also accepts transfer of care for LVAD and heart transplant patients who previously had to travel out of state for care. The team has recently expanded to include: Samuel Coffin, M.D., Michael McGrath, M.D. and Walter DeNino, M.D.

Two Healthcare Heroes Honored at Gibson Pavilion

Congratulations to Gibson Pavilion nurses Jared Walker and Alec Brydon who received recognition as Healthcare Heroes this week.

The Healthcare Heroes program provides a chance for patients and their families to thank MMC employees who especially touch their lives during their stay.

Jared and Alec’s patient writes: “I’ll never forget Alec’s calmness when I was first admitted to Gibson 5 or Jared’s support when I was near discharge and just wanted to go home.”

Thank you to everyone on Gibson for your dedication to patient centered care.

Jared Walker, R.N., left, and Alec Brydon, show off their Healthcare Hero certificates and pins. This is Jared’s second Healthcare Heroes recognition.
Employee Engagement Survey

Ends March 19

Employees, look for your unique, confidential survey link in a reminder email from the Advisory Board sent Wednesday, March 9.

Globetrotter Scores a Slam Dunk at BBCH

The Harlem Globetrotters’ “El Gato” Melendez helps BBCH patient Colin spin a basketball on his fingertip. The star of the half court came to the BBCH Atrium to show off his world-class tricks and talk about life as a Globetrotter. The Globetrotters played in Portland this past weekend.