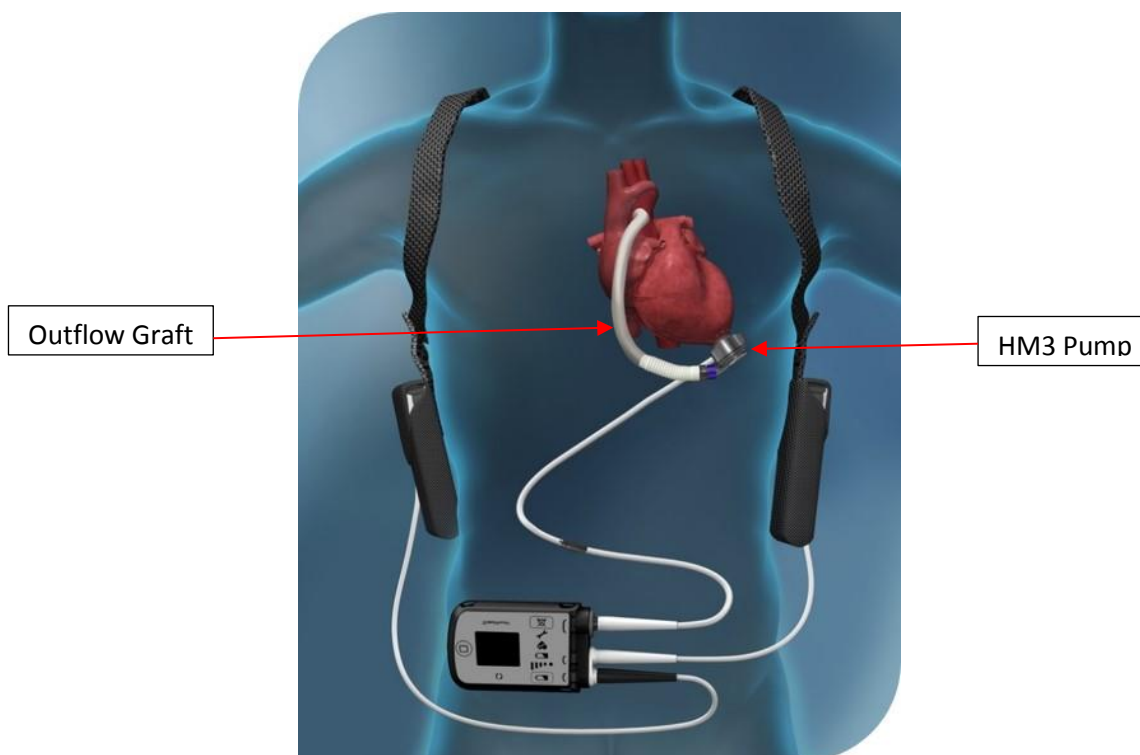


HeartMate 3 Recall Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need to have my pump taken out?
 - No, the FDA has not required removal of any product. The FDA continues to support the use of the HM3 as pump to treat heart failure. The recall requires Abbott (the manufacturer of the pump) to provide more detailed instructions for surgeons who implant the HM3.
2. Do I need to come to clinic more often? No, we will continue your usual clinic schedule.
3. How long after implant can this occur?
 - We are aware of most reports of outflow graft twisting happening shortly after implant, however it has been seen up to nearly 2 years post-implant.
4. How will I know if I have this condition?
 - You would experience ***persistent*** low flow alarms that are not resolved by interventions such as lowering blood pressure or receiving IV fluids.
5. Has this happened to any patients implanted at Strong Hospital? **No**
6. What is the outflow graft? The outflow graft is the tube which brings the blood from the pump to the aorta. The surgeon tightens this graft to the pump at the time of the implant.



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