

Figure A: Temporal Trend of LVAD Utilization by Income per Years.

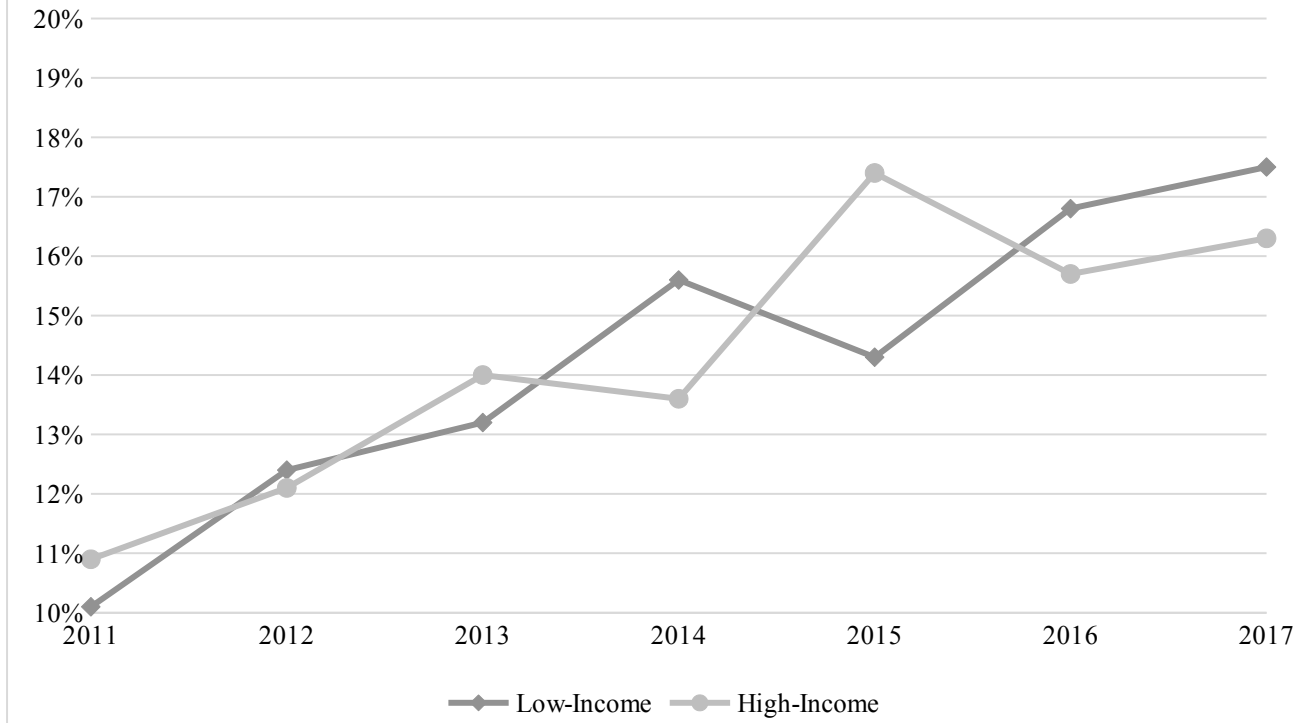


Figure A: Number of left ventricular assist devices implanted per every calendar year by income. Average increase per year of the low-income group was 11% and for the high-income group was 8%.