

# Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Symposium for Community Partners

March 27, 2025 • **Live Streaming Virtual Event**

## Course Overview

This course will review the basics of ventricular assist devices and how they function. This will include a review of how to monitor patients and assess for potential complications. As a virtual symposium there will be live and previously recorded demonstrations on HeartMate and HVAD equipment. There will also be patient and caregiver discussions on living life with a VAD. This training is designed for those who may encounter or assist with VAD patients in the community including ER, EMS, LTAC and SNF facilities, primary care, home health, hospice, cardiac rehab center staff, physical and occupational therapists.

## Educational Objectives

After attending this live internet activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify patients appropriately for advanced therapies.
- Identify components, function, and theory of device.
- Demonstrate how to assess and monitor a VAD patient.
- Describe daily management and emergency care for VAD patients.
- Identify and manage potential complications associated with VADs.

## Target Audience

- Primary Care and Internal Medicine
- Emergency Medicine and Urgent Care
- Home Health and Hospice Providers
- Cardiac Rehab Providers
- Dialysis Centers
- Physical and Occupational Therapists
- Acute Rehab Facilities

## Agenda

8 a.m. <b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b> <i>Nicole Romeo, PA-C</i>	10:10 a.m. <b>Emergency Management of the VAD Patient</b> <i>Jose Rodriguez, RN</i>
8:05 a.m. <b>From Heart Failure GDMT to Advanced Therapies</b> <i>Nathalie De Michelis, RN</i>	10:30 a.m. <b>Social Workers Perspectives on VAD Therapy</b> <i>Frances Ber, LMFT</i>
8:25 a.m. <b>VAD 101: HeartMate II, 3 and HVAD</b> <i>Nicole Romeo, PA-C</i>	10:50 a.m. <b>Palliative Care Perspective on VAD therapy and End of Life Discussions</b> <i>Nicole Myers, NP</i>
9 a.m. <b>Everyday VAD Patient Management</b> <i>Katherine McFarland, RN</i>	11:10 a.m. <b>Coordinator Q&amp;A</b>
9:20 a.m. <b>Troubleshooting: Most Common Complications</b> <i>Rebecca Waldhaus, RN</i>	11:20 a.m. <b>Patient &amp; Caregiver Panel</b> <i>Moderator: Nicole Romeo PA-C</i>
9:40 a.m. <b>Life: Patients in the Community</b> <i>Caroline Kielty, RN</i>	<b>Noon Adjourn</b>
10 a.m. <b>Break</b>	<i>All times listed are Pacific Time (PT) Topics, times, and speakers are subject to change</i>

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### Emergency Medical Services

This course has been approved by San Diego County EMS Provider #37-0230 for 3.75 contact hours.

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All registered participants will receive an email with instructions on how to access the virtual event the day prior to the conference.

### Conference Fees & Registration—\$40. Space is limited, so register early!

**Included:** Course tuition, live stream, and electronic course materials.

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