



## Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Symposium for Community Partners

*In Partnership with UCSD, UCI and Sharp HealthCare*

*March 26, 2026*

*Live Streaming Virtual Event*

### Course Overview

The Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Symposium for Community Partners will cover VAD fundamentals, patient monitoring, and complication assessment. This virtual event includes live and recorded demonstrations of Heartmate and HVAD equipment, along with patient and caregiver discussions on life with a VAD. Designed for ER, EMS, LTAC/SNF staff, primary care providers, home health, hospice, cardiac rehab teams, and physical/occupational therapists, the symposium offers essential training to support VAD patients in community settings.

### Educational Objectives

**Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:**

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

### Agenda

8 a.m.

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

Nicole Romeo, PA-C

8:05 a.m.

#### **From Heart Failure GDMT to Advanced Therapies**

Nathalie De Michelis, RN

8:25 a.m.

#### **VAD 101: HeartMate II, 3 and HVAD**

Nicole Romeo, PA-C

9 a.m.

#### **Everyday VAD Patient Management**

Tobi Miller, RN

9:20 a.m.

#### **Troubleshooting: Most Common Complications**

Monica Patterson, RN, Rebecca Waldhaus, RN

9:40 a.m.

#### **Real Life: Patients in the Community**

Caroline Kielty, RN, Whitney Donnelly, RN

10 a.m.

Break

10:10 a.m.

#### **Emergency Management of the VAD Patient**

Jose Rodriguez, RN

10:30 a.m.

#### **Social Workers Perspectives on VAD Therapy**

Frances Ber, LMFT

10:50 a.m.

#### **Palliative Care Perspective on VAD therapy and End of Life Discussions**

Nicole Myers, NP

11:10 a.m.

#### **Coordinator Q&A**

11:20 a.m.

#### **Patient & Caregiver Panel**

Moderator: Nicole Romeo PA-C

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*All times listed are Pacific Time (PT)*

*Topics, times, and speakers are subject to change*

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