



## The Heartmate II: The New Era Begins

Leslie O’Neil has worked in the Cardiovascular field for the last 25 years in the Orange County and San Diego areas, with a focus on creating awareness of treatment options for the advanced heart failure patient population. Currently, Leslie is employed by Thoratec Corporation, as a Market Development Specialist, to bring awareness and drive adoption of the HeartMate II LVAD to

community-based cardiology practices. Prior to Thoratec, Leslie worked as a Business Development Manager with Medtronic in the pacemaker and defibrillator market.

Leslie’s talk will focus on the role of LVAD’s for the advanced stage HF patient, with a general overview/demonstration of the heart pump, patient selection criteria

and how the HeartMate II can improve a patients’ quality of life, functional capacity, and survival. Leslie will be joined by several HeartMate II patient ambassadors, who will share their extraordinary stories of life “on pump”.

As a very special guest, Peggy Kirkwood, R.N., A.C.N.P.C., of Mission Hospital will join Leslie to discuss her experience with HeartMate II patients, and to answer any questions you may have about this exciting therapy. We also have three heart transplant patients scheduled to attend this meeting!