

EDUCATION PROGRAM

MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICES (VAD)

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**GOTTLIEB HOSPITAL
Lower Level Conference Room**

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1.0 CEU*

TARGET AUDIENCE: APRN , RN

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Define the characteristics of heart failure according to the NYHA and the AHA and discuss how they differ.**
- 2. Define what a VAD is and how it supports the heart.**
- 3. Describe the components, back-up equipment and how to manage the system.**
- 4. Identify patient assessment/equipment issues that can lead to alarms.**
- 5. Verbalize the “Gold Standard” technique for obtaining a blood pressure with this patient population.**
- 6. Verbalize how to perform a head-to-toe assessment on these patients and what information must be included in the documentation.**
- 7. Verbalize how to assess these patients in emergency situations compared to patients without VADs.**

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