* First one was inserted at TGH last week on 6/9
* This device is still in the research phase and patients with this device placed are part of an ongoing multicenter study
* Information:
  * HM III is smaller than previous versions
  * HM III is fully magnetically levitated for nearly no friction and wear
  * HM III is centrifugal and has large blood flow gaps
    * This reduces blood trauma
  * HM III periodically increases and decreases the pump speed to create an artificial pulse
    * This is done to create pressure differences and prevent clotting

* Heartmate III
Care of these patients

* Still have a pocket controller similar to HM II
* The artificial pulse of the pump will normally not be felt only heard when auscultating over the chest/upper abdomen (pump sounds change)
* Volume dependent just as previous versions
* Still risk of bleeding due to anticoagulation until study identifies therapeutic levels as compared to previous versions

*Heartmate III*
* Care of these patients
  * BP still needs to be manually done using a doppler
  * Ensure you have the patient’s spare controller, batteries, AC plug/charger
  * As with any of these patients VAD coordinators are available 24/7 at the pager number:
    * 813-844-VADS(8237)