

## **Laurie Ventura, RN**

Laurie Ventura, RN has been a Cardiovascular Nurse Clinician for 22 years. She graduated from LSU School of Nursing where she received a BS degree in 1985. She has worked at Ochsner Medical Center for her entire career.

She began as a floor nurse on the telemetry floor and then moved to the CCU where she became the charge nurse. Her next move took her to the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory where she worked as the Head Nurse and ran the Quality Assurance Program for 4 years.

She then started the Interventional Cardiology Section at Ochsner with Drs. White and Ramee and worked as the Lead/Manager for the last 15 years of both Clinical Interventional Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology Research. Currently she runs one of the largest and busiest Clinical Interventional Cardiology programs in the State with nine full time interventional cardiologists, four RN's, and administrative support staff. She is the mentor and advocate of the nurse clinicians in the Cardiac Cath Lab and the Interventional Cardiology Section.

Her knowledge and leadership have afforded her numerous opportunities to teach and perform Interventional Cardiology Procedures all over the world. She has done PCI, peripheral vascular intervention, mitral valvuloplasty, carotid stenting, and first in man research in the USA, Central and South America, Africa, Asia, Middle East, Europe...every continent in the world except Antarctica.

She is the President/Owner of a meeting planning company. Through this company she has run well over 100 coronary and vascular training programs for physicians and allied health personnel. She is founding course director of one of the largest and longest running peripheral vascular angioplasty meetings in the country, All That Jazz, which is currently in it's twentieth year. She has also run one of the largest and longest running live demonstration courses for Nurses and Technologists. She has also run numerous Forums for the Public on Heart and Vascular Disease in conjunction with the All That Jazz meeting, including live demonstration cases for the public.