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Resident gets award for Heart & Soul

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LAGUNA WOODS – Resident Sharon Davis has been named O'Connor Mortuary's Heart & Soul Award recipient for April.

The award recognizes Orange County residents each month for their achievements and dedication to their fields.

Davis, 67, has been a registered nurse since 1977 and began working in clinical research at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center in 1996 after she was asked to fill in for a colleague who was on maternity leave. She has worked primarily in the Women's Oncology Unit and helps conduct research for treatments for ovarian, endometrial and cervical cancers.

Davis said she enjoys testing new treatments against the standard therapy and helping patients through the experience while monitoring blood tests, chemotherapy and toxicity levels.

"You feel like you're on the frontline of what's new and what's working and not working, and you still have good interaction with the patient," Davis said.

She said she follows patients through treatment and checks in with them every three months for the first two years, and then every six months for

the next three years.

"That part of it is especially interesting to be able to be with them for so long," Davis said.

"She pours her heart and soul into helping women through a difficult process," Neil O'Connor, CEO of O'Connor Mortuary in Laguna Hills, said in a press release. "(She is) bringing hope by watching over them, keeping in touch and researching different treatments and therapy options."

Davis will be presented with an official plaque and a donation will be made in her name to Saddleback Memorial Medical Center.

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