Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Directions: Determine the correct answer to each of the following, based on information derived from the article.

T F 1. Aortic stenosis is a disease that progresses in severity over time.

T F 2. A disadvantage of transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) is that it requires strong sedation, resulting in a longer recovery time than with surgical aortic valve replacement (SAVR).

T F 3. Severe aortic stenosis is underdiagnosed and undertreated in underserved communities.

T F 4. Replacement valves are made from human tissue.

T F 5. The symptoms associated with aortic stenosis are obvious and easy to identify early.

T F 6. The Heart Team model is an approach to cardiovascular care that involves a team of cardiac surgeons, interventional cardiologists, and primary cardiologists.

T F 7. TAVR is a new and significant open-heart surgery technique.

T F 8. Surgical aortic valve replacement continues to be a recommended procedure for certain cases of aortic stenosis.

T F 9. TAVR is an alternative to surgical aortic valve replacement.

T F 10. Survival of patients with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis is only about 50% at four to five years.

T F 11. The durability of the replacement valves has become a more prominent consideration for younger patients who have TAVR.

T F 12. The current medical recommendation is for patients to take a prescription blood thinner and low-dose aspirin after the TAVR procedure to prevent blood clots.

T F 13. Good and open communication between primary care providers and specialists such as cardiologists is crucial for adequately treating aortic stenosis.

T F 14. Patients born with a bicuspid aortic valve experience a wearing out of their heart valves, usually at age 80 or older.

T F 15. Aortic stenosis is the narrowing of an opening in the aortic valve that limits blood flow from the left ventricle to the aorta.

T F 16. Echocardiograms can help determine the severity of aortic stenosis in patients with a heart murmur.

T F 17. All patients undergo routine screenings for aortic stenosis.

T F 18. Aortic stenosis often leads to a thinning of the muscles in the wall of the left ventricle because the heart must work harder to pump blood.

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