



# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

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

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- 1. Aortic stenosis is a disease that progresses in severity over time.
- 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).
- 3. Severe aortic stenosis is underdiagnosed and undertreated in underserved communities.
- 4. Replacement valves are made from human tissue.
- 5. The symptoms associated with aortic stenosis are obvious and easy to identify early.
- 6. The Heart Team model is an approach to cardiovascular care that involves a team of cardiac surgeons, interventional cardiologists, and primary cardiologists.
- 7. TAVR is a new and significant open-heart surgery technique.
- 8. Surgical aortic valve replacement continues to be a recommended procedure for certain cases of aortic stenosis.
- 9. TAVR is an alternative to surgical aortic valve replacement.
- 10. Survival of patients with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis is only about 50% at four to five years.
- 11. The durability of the replacement valves has become a more prominent consideration for younger patients who have TAVR.
- 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.
- 13. Good and open communication between primary

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- 14. Patients born with a bicuspid aortic valve experience a wearing out of their heart valves, usually at age 80 or older.
- 15. Aortic stenosis is the narrowing of an opening in the aortic valve that limits blood flow from the left ventricle to the aorta.
- 16. Echocardiograms can help determine the severity of aortic stenosis in patients with a heart murmur.
- 17. All patients undergo routine screenings for aortic stenosis.
- 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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