

Valvular Guidelines: The Past, the Present, the Future

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Stages of Valvular Heart Disease



Stage	Definition
Α	Risk of valve disease (BAV, MVP, RF, CHF)
В	Mild - moderate asymptomatic disease
С	Severe valve disease but asymptomatic C1: Normal LV function C2: Depressed LV function
D	Severe, symptomatic valve disease



Degenerative MR: primary valve disease

Functional MR: primary myocardial disease



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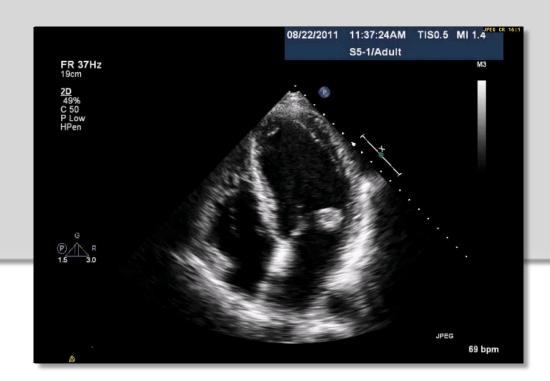








Indications for mitral valve surgery for degenerative MR?













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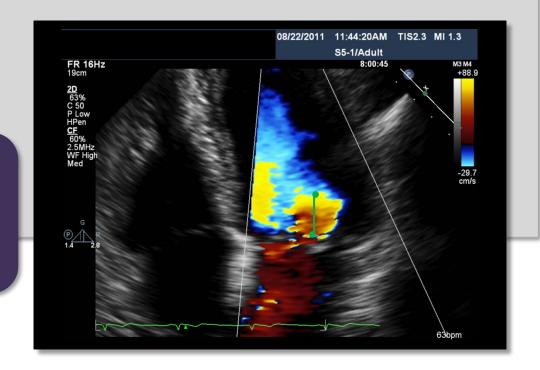




RV = 68 ml

RF = 60%

 $ERO = 0.48 \text{ cm}^2$







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Indications for mitral valve surgery for degenerative MR?

Symptomatic patients















Indications for mitral valve surgery for degenerative MR?

- Symptomatic patients
- Asymptomatic patients
 - LV systolic dysfunction

class I

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LVEF <60%

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LVEF <60% LVSD >40mm class I

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 - Pulmonary hypertension

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PASP >50 mmHg at rest











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 - Atrial fibrillation

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MV repair to improve survival?











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MV repair to improve survival? What is the natural history?











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 - Pulmonary hypertension
 - Atrial fibrillation
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Asymptomatic severe degenerative MR:

- 66% come to surgery in 5 years because of symptoms, LV dysfunction, pulmonary hypertension or AF
- Long-term postoperative survival is worse if surgery is performed after patients become symptomatic



Surgery for Acquired Cardiovascular Disease

Late outcomes of mitral valve repair for floppy valves: Implications for asymptomatic patients

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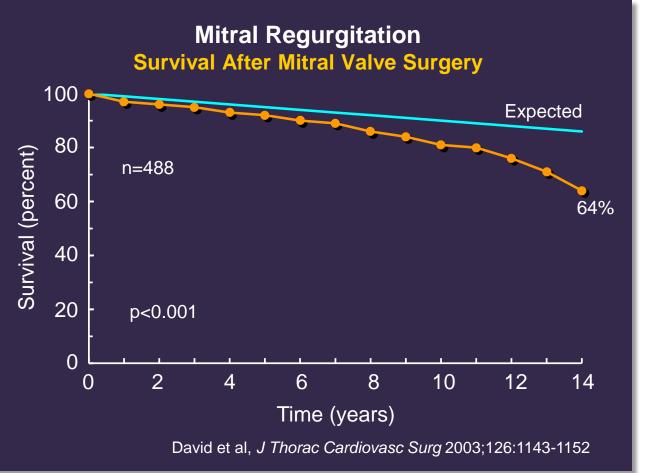
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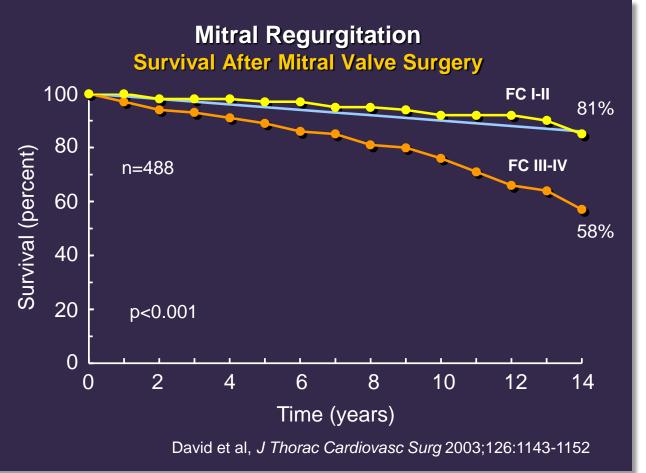




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Indications for MV repair for asymptomatic degenerative MR:





- Chronic severe MR
- Preserved LV function
- Experienced surgical center
- Likelihood of durable repair without residual MR > 95%

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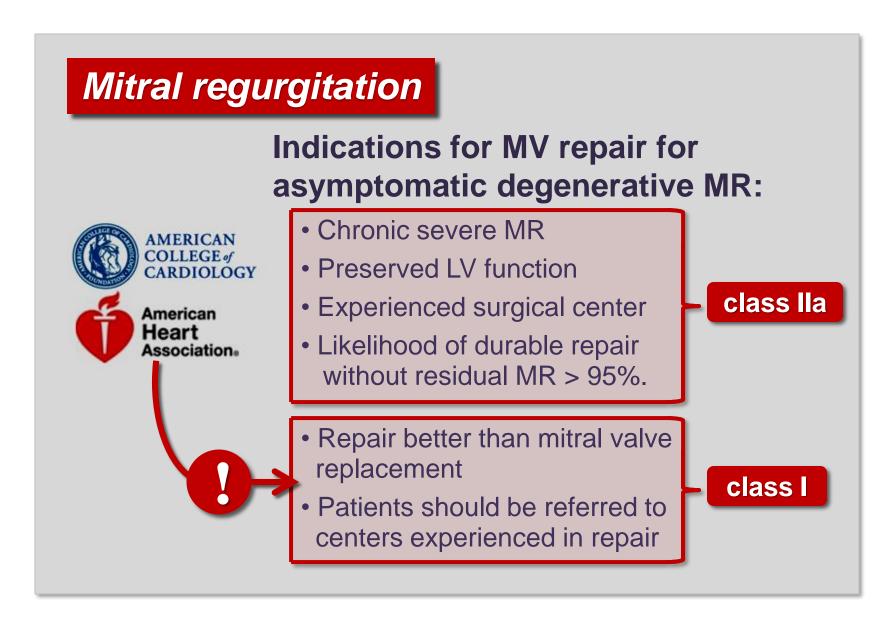
- Preserved LV function
- Likelihood of durable repair and low risk for surgery, and
- LA dilatation >60 ml/m2

-- or --

Exercise PAP >60 mmHg

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Indications for transcatheter MV repair for severe degenerative MR:





- Chronic severe MR
- Severely symptomatic
- Prohibited surgical risk

Reasonable life expectancy

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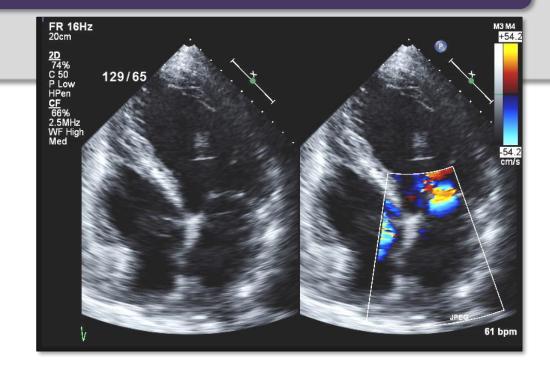






Primary MR: primary valve disease

Secondary MR: primary myocardial disease





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- Diagnostic dilemmas
- Therapeutic dilemmas





Imprecision in grading severity of secondary MR

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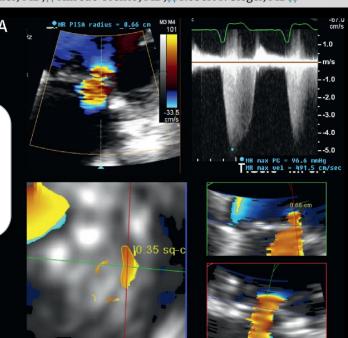
Defining "Severe" Secondary Mitral Regurgitation

Emphasizing an Integrated Approach

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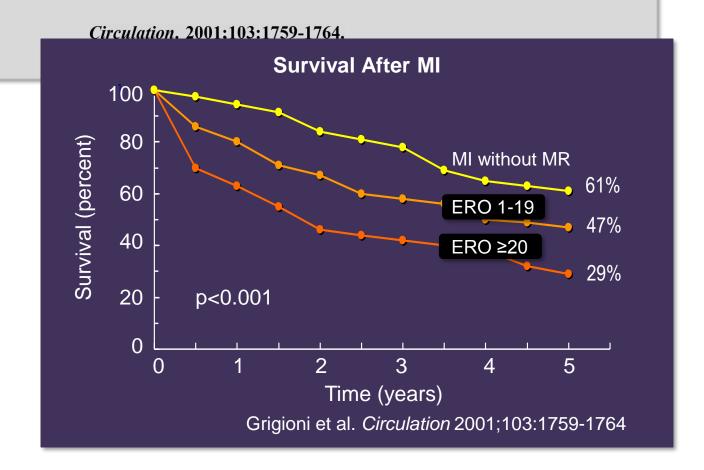




Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation

Long-Term Outcome and Prognostic Implications With Quantitative Doppler Assessment

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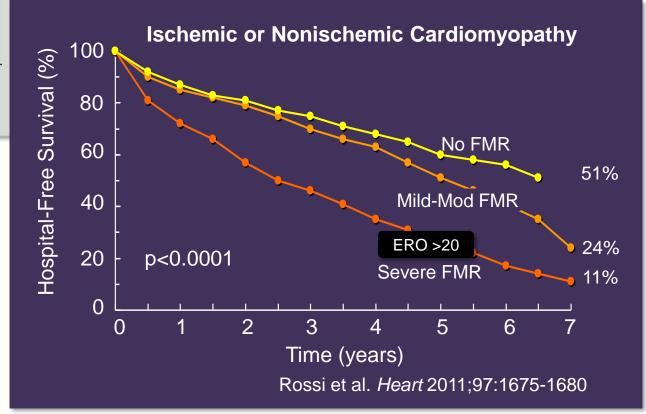


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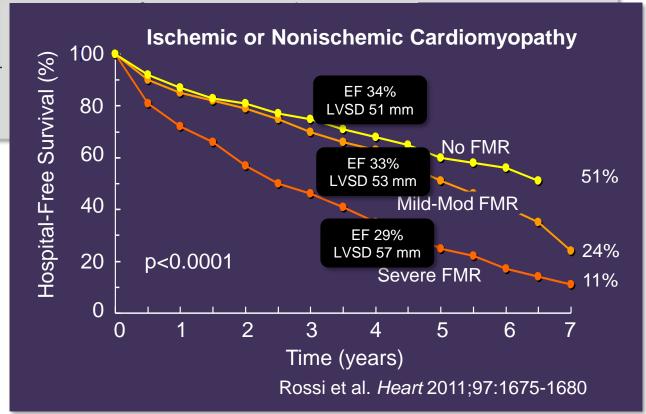


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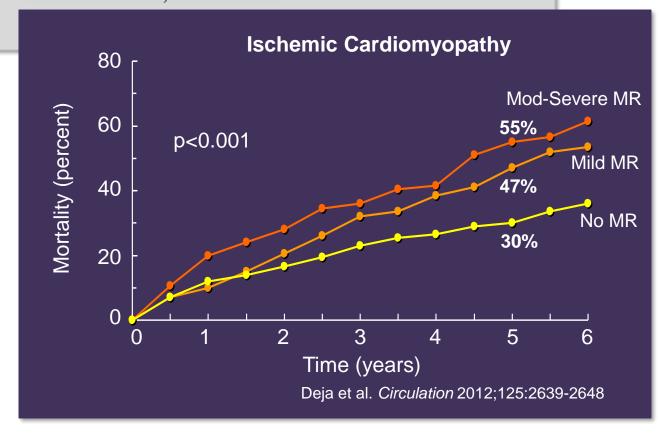
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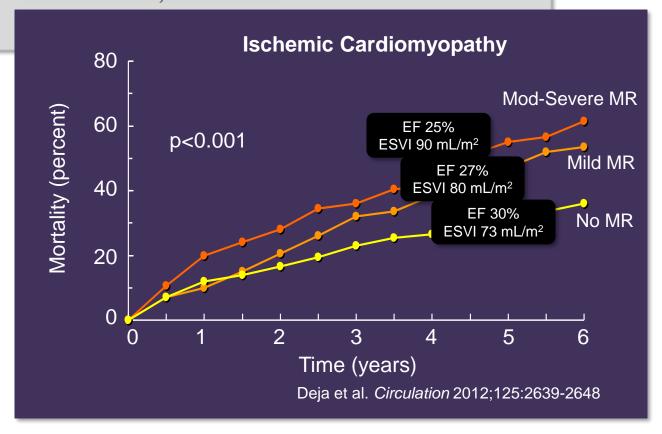
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Secondary mitral regurgitation:
...a marker of a sicker LV
- or ...a contributor to a sicker LV?



Secondary mitral regurgitation:
...a marker of a sicker LV
- or ...a therapeutic target?

Therapies that produce beneficial reverse remodeling also reduce severity of functional MR





Guideline-directed medical therapy for heart failure, including CRT

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Indications for mitral valve surgery:

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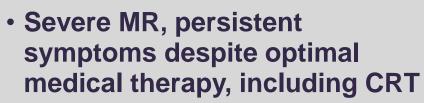
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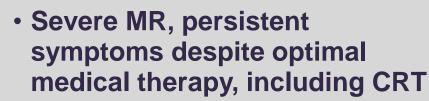
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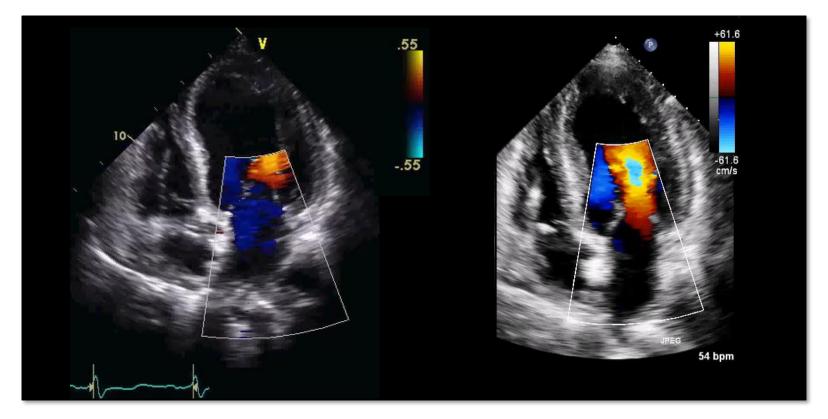
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Baseline

Optimized Medical Therapy and Biventricular Pacing



FOCUS ISSUE: STRUCTURAL HEART DISEASE

Clinical Research

Correction of Mitral Regurgitation in Nonresponders to Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy by MitraClip Improves Symptoms and Promotes Reverse Remodeling

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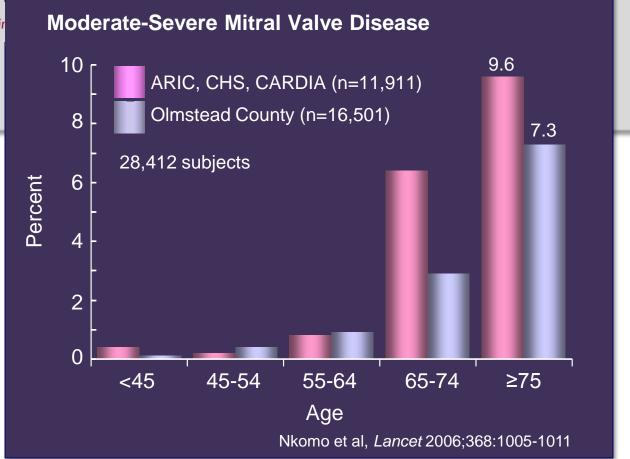
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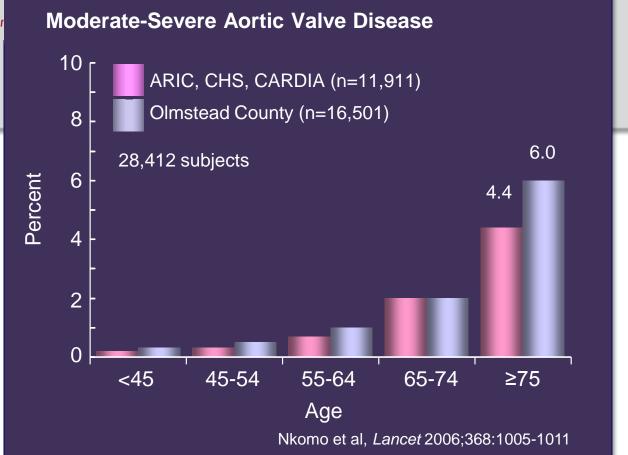
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Congenital AS



Calcific AS





Rheumatic AS



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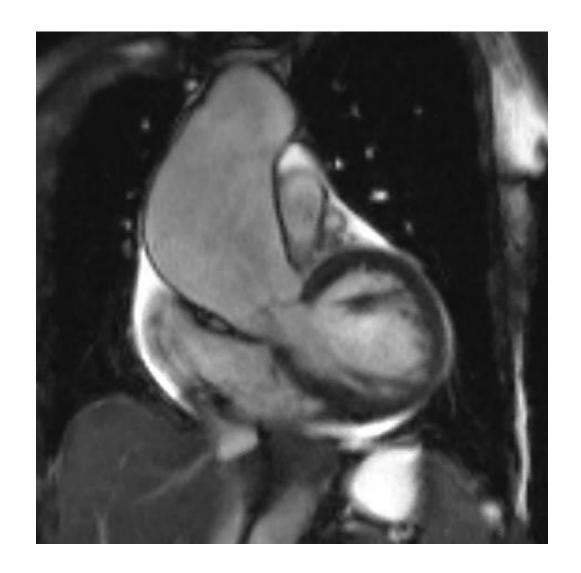
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Aortic-Valve Stenosis — From Patients at Risk to Severe Valve Obstruction

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Normal leaflets	Aortic sclerosis	Aortic stenosis	
At risk	Disease initiation	Progressive disease	Valve obstruction
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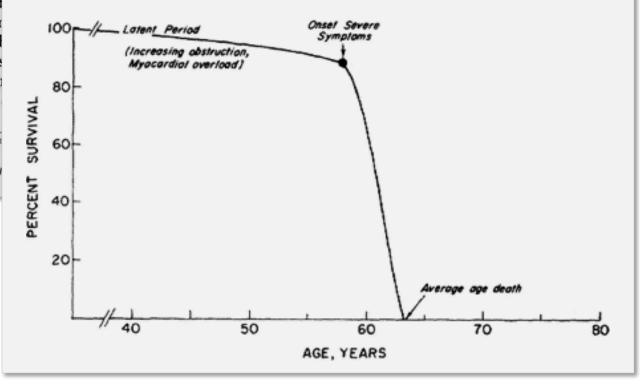
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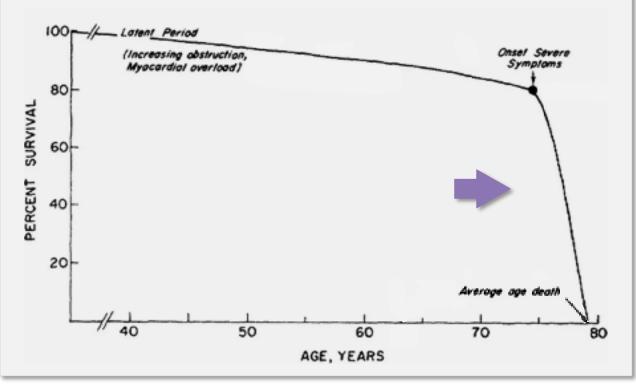
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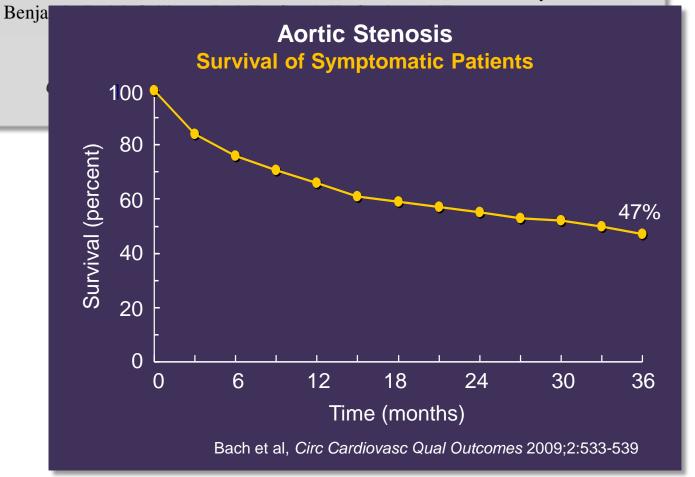
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Evaluation of Patients With Severe Symptomatic Aortic Stenosis Who Do Not Undergo Aortic Valve Replacement The Potential Role of Subjectively Overestimated Operative Risk

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Indications for AVR

Symptomatic patients
 with severe AS

class I

...if it is likely that the symptoms are cardiac in origin



Management challenges:

- The asymptomatic patient with severe AS
- Low-flow, low gradient severe AS
- Indications for TAVR



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Are asymptomatic patients with severe AS *really* asymptomatic?











Indications for valve replacement

Exercise test results:

- Symptoms
- Hypotension

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How are *symptoms* determined?

- Everyone has symptoms on stress test
- Are the symptoms cardiac in origin?
- What level of exercise?

How is *hypotension* defined?

Less than 20 mmHg increase (?)











Indications for valve replacement

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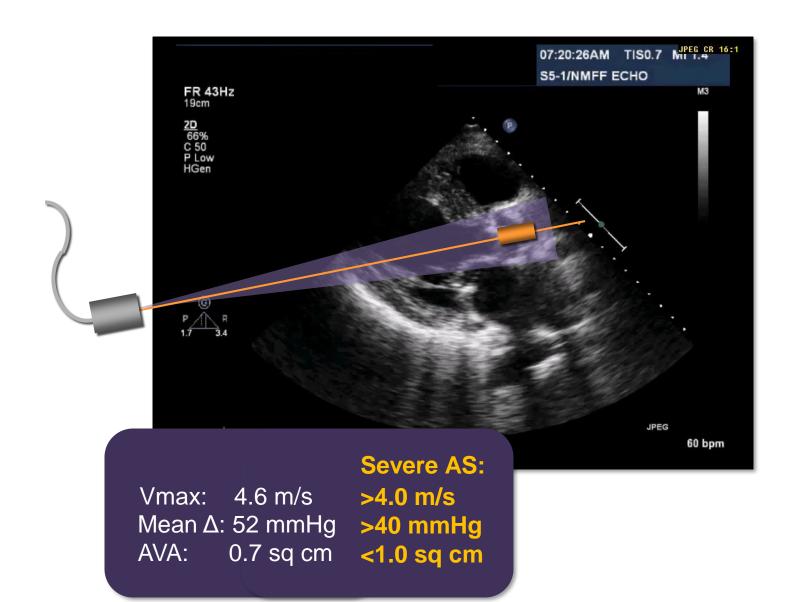
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Should asymptomatic patients with severe AS undergo AVR?
...when they are really asymptomatic?







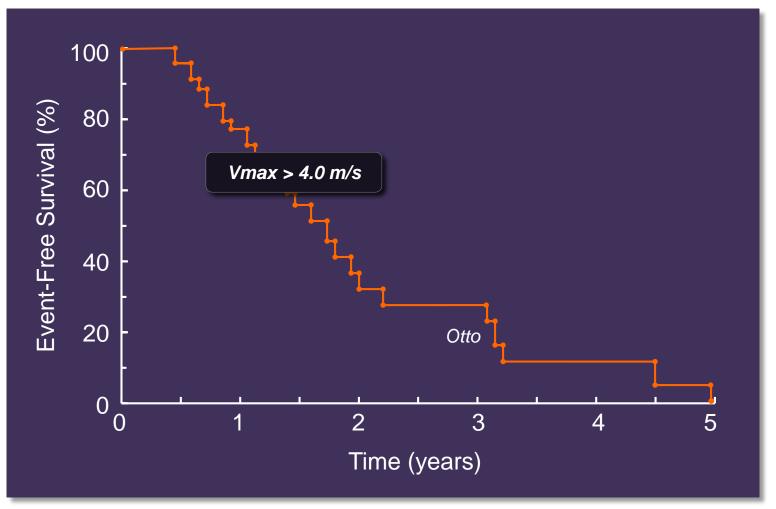
84 year old man with severe AS

- Watchful waiting? *
- More data (more testing)?
- Aortic valve replacement?

* Wait until he develops symptoms in 5-6 years and then recommend TAVR?



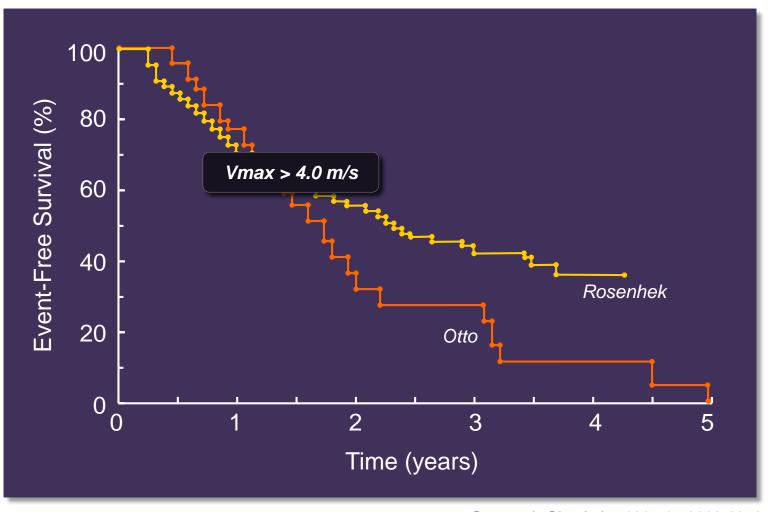
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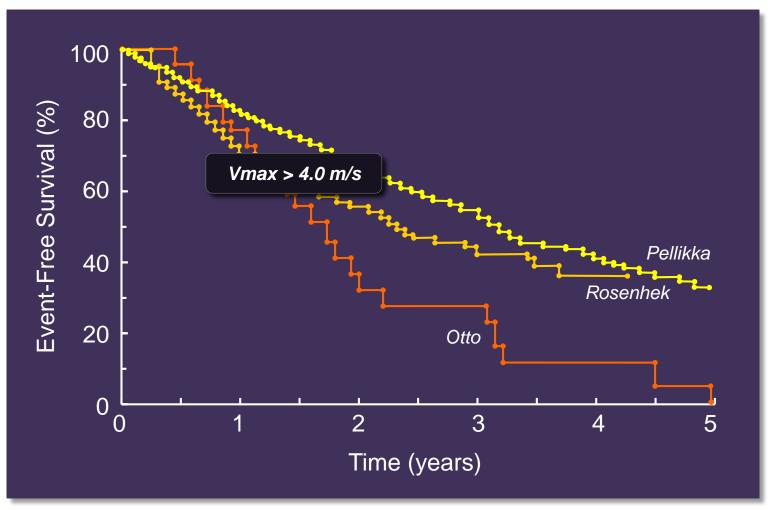
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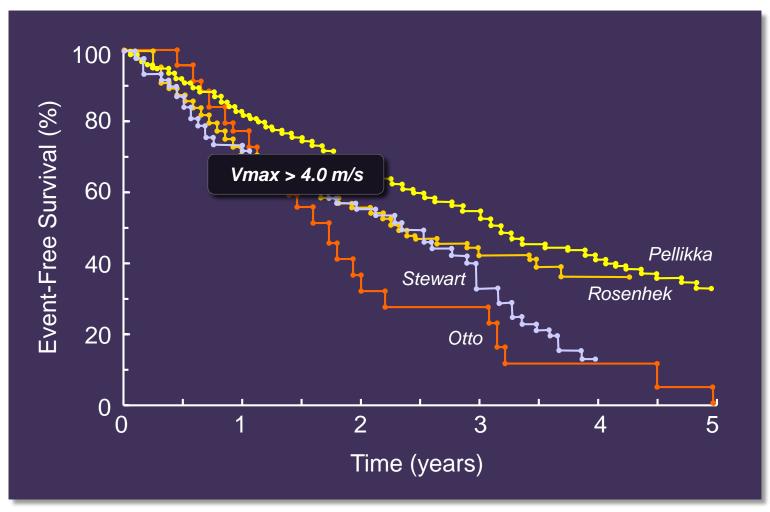


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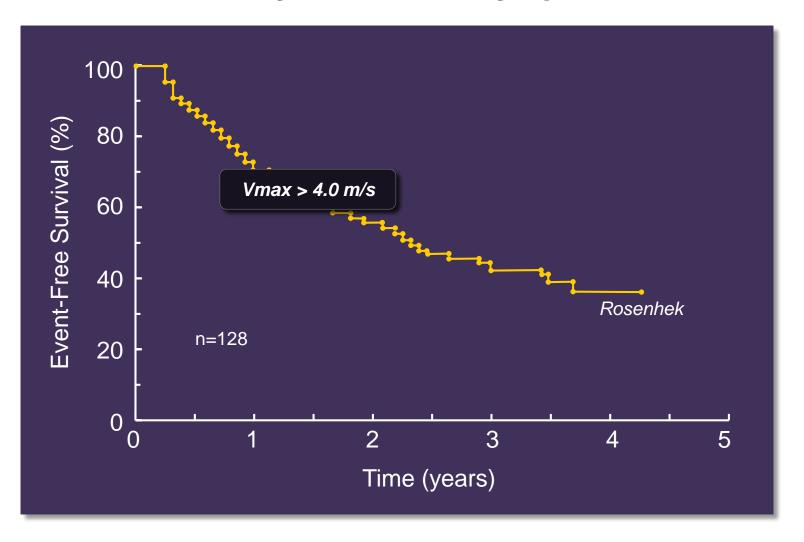
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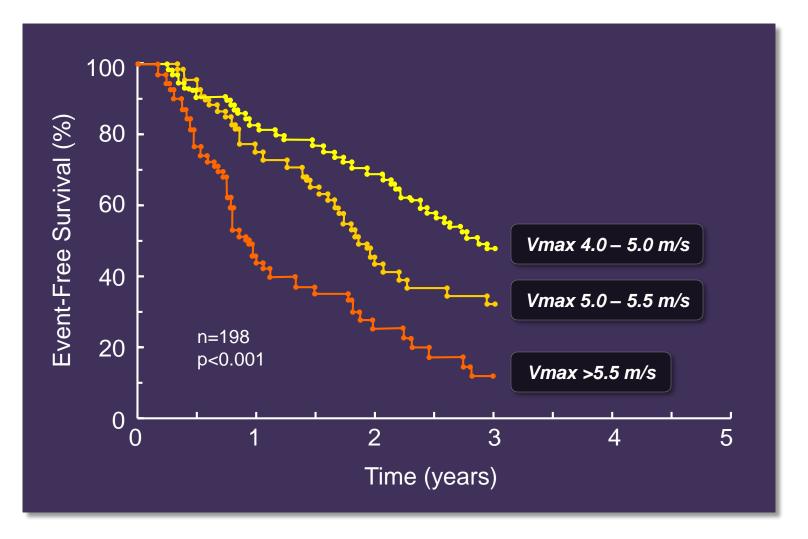




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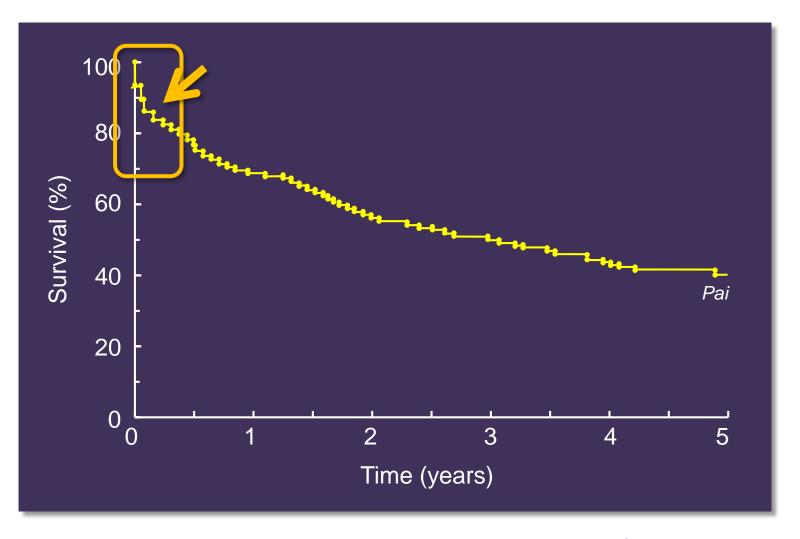
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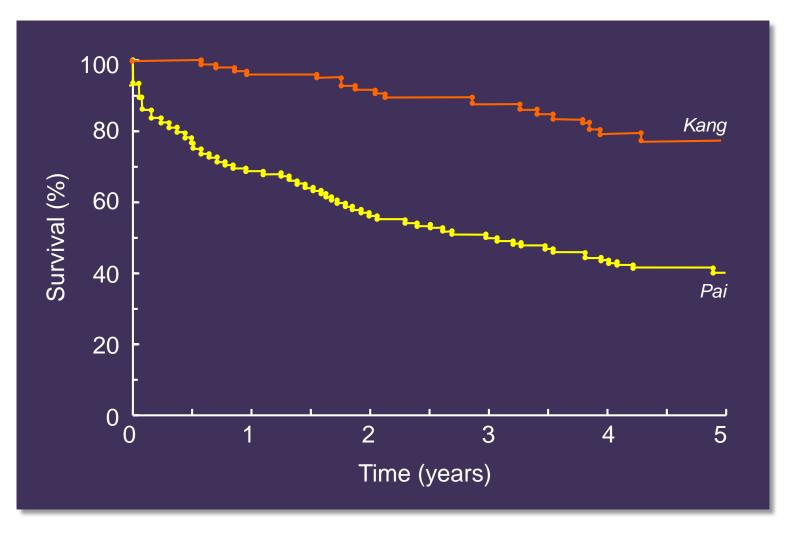
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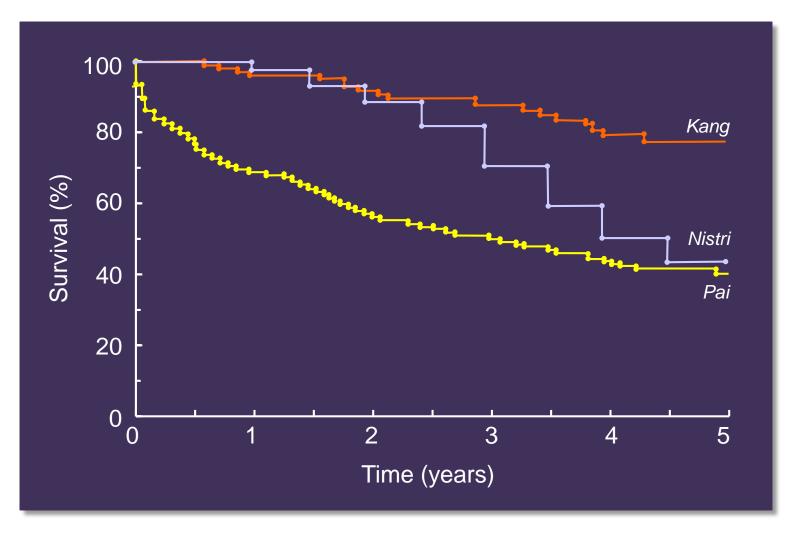




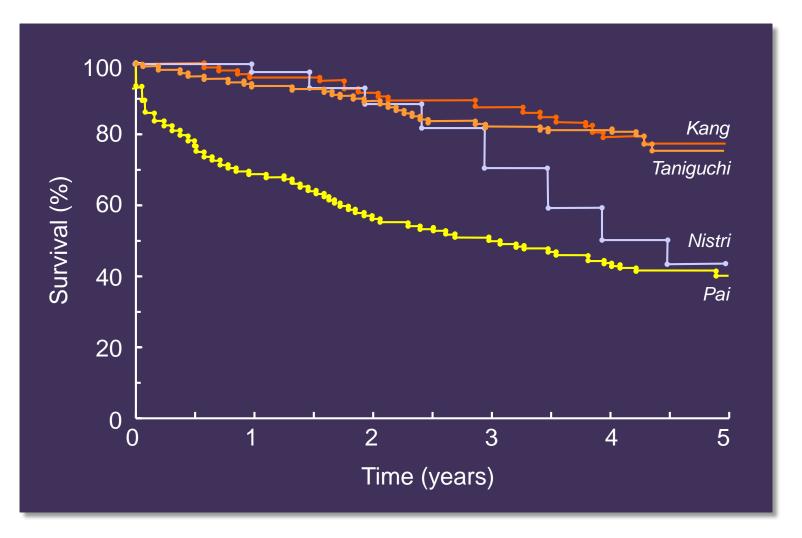






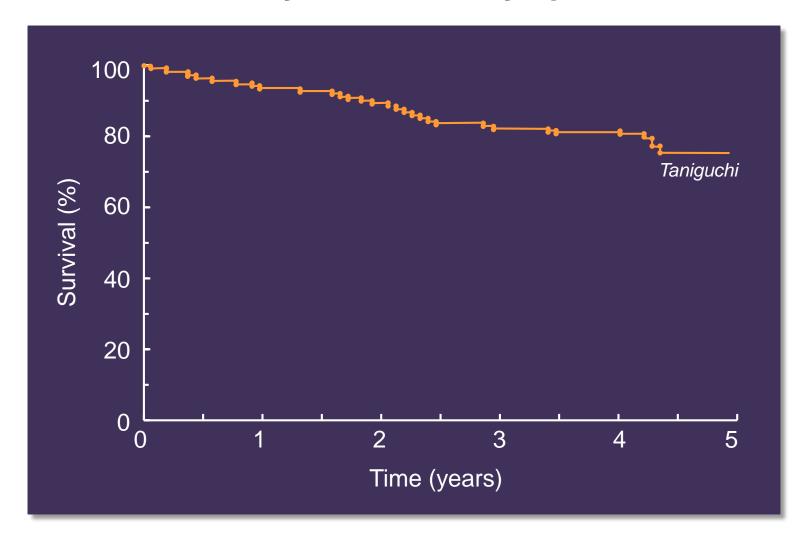




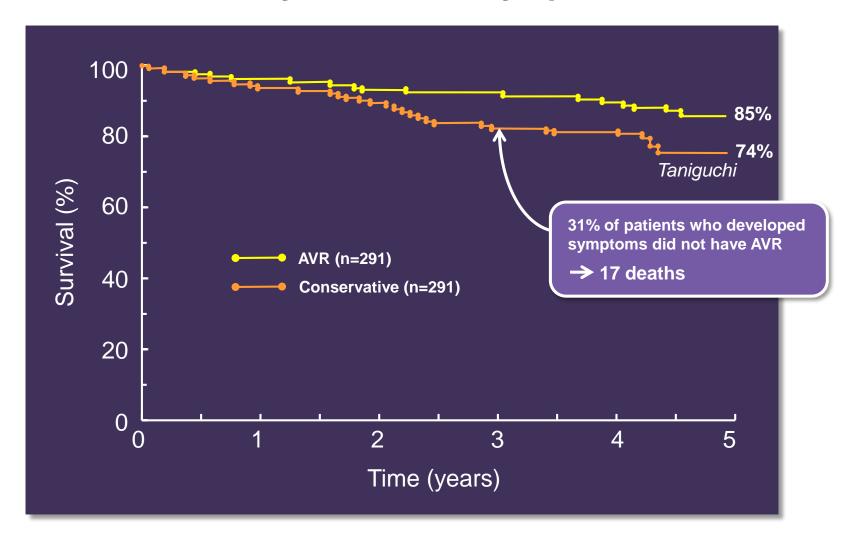




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Very severe AS:
 Vmax ≥5 m/s





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 Rapid progression and low surgical risk class lla

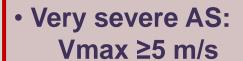
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Indications for valve replacement:







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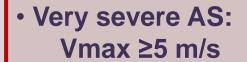
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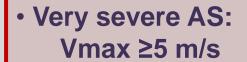
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Indications for valve replacement:







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Very severe AS: Vmax >5.5 m/s

 Severe valve calcification and rate of progression
 ≥0.3 m/s / year

- Markedly elevated BNP
- Increase in gradient with exercise >20 mmHg
- Excessive LVH

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Indications for valve replacement:



The ACC/AHA and ESC/EACTS guidelines have lowered the threshold for surgery in asymptomatic patients with AS





- Severity of AS
- Severity of calcification
- Left ventricular function
- Exercise response



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Heart Valve Disease

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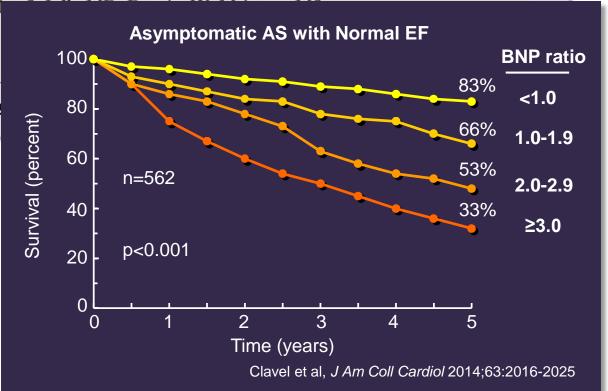
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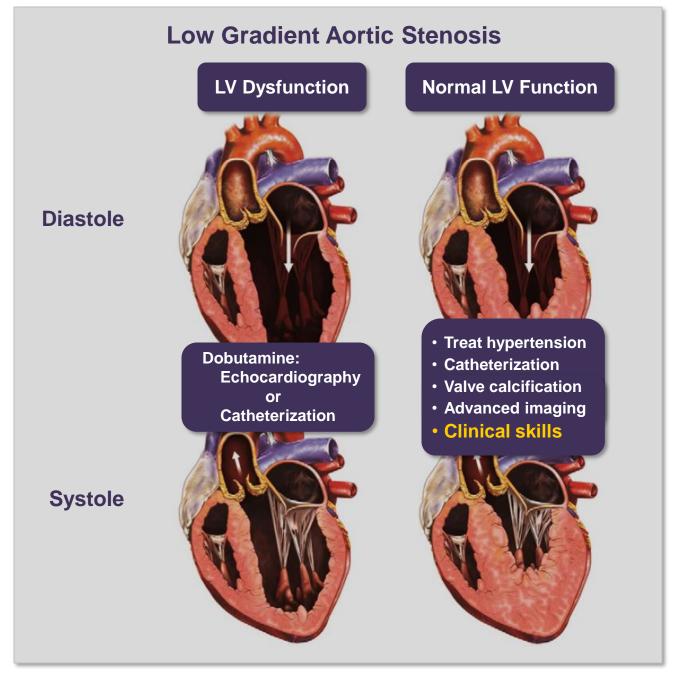


Aortic stenosis

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Low Flow, Low Gradient Aortic Stenosis

Indications for valve replacement:



Reduced EF:

Dobutamine study showing:
 Vmax >4 m/s or
 Mean Δ >40 mmHg or
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Reduced EF:

With contractile reserve



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Normal EF:

 Only if clinical, anatomic and hemodynamic data support severe AS class lla

class IIa





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 Only after thorough confirmation of severe AS class lla



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Indications for TAVR vs surgical AVR:



Evaluation by a Heart Team

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Indications for TAVR vs surgical AVR:





- Evaluation by a Heart Team
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Indications for TAVR vs surgical AVR:







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Indications for TAVR vs surgical AVR:



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TAVR Now

- TAVR has been truly transformative
- Surgical AVR remains the standard with proven durability and safety for most patients
- TAVR provides treatment options for patients who previously had no options other than a predictably very poor short term outcome
- TAVR is an alternative to SAVR in patients at high or intermediate surgical risk
- The threshold for TAVR is declining in clinical trials, registries and clinical practice
- All patients want this
- Determining when to withhold TAVR is difficult



TAVR in the Future

 Guidelines will need to adapt to the rapidly evolving TAVR evidence base

TAVR in intermediate and low risk surgical patients

- Availability of TAVR is likely to inform new indications for valve replacement
 - Moderate AS in primary cardiomyopathy
 - Asymptomatic severe AS?
- Judgment of the Heart Team remains essential in patient selection for TAVR
- Appropriate use criteria and performance measures are needed to define quality



Clinical Studies

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