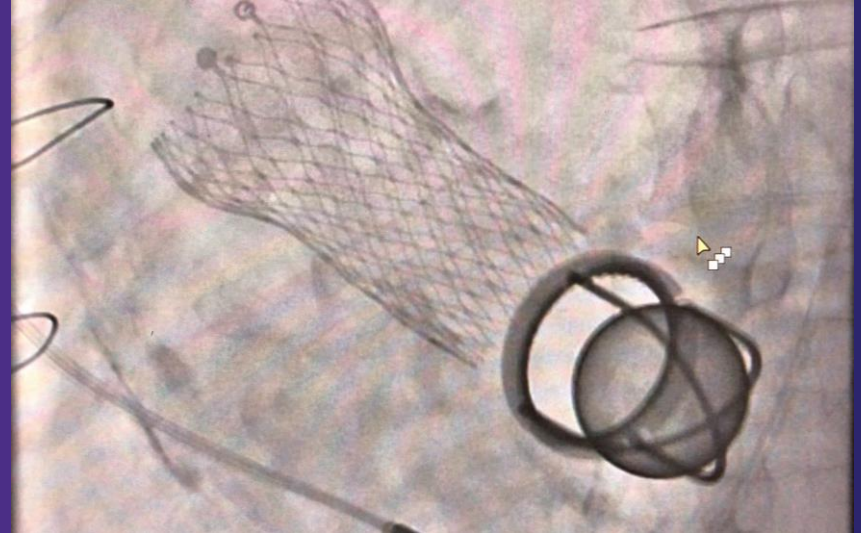


# SAVR is the best, now and for lifetime management...

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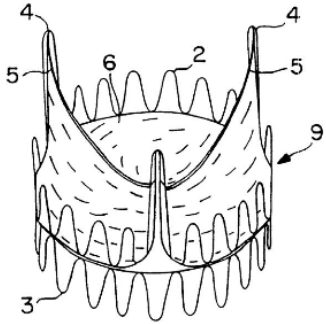
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# On top of this.....Rapid ascent of TAVR



1980's



2002



2016

## To a refined predictable procedure

Emboolic protection devices

PV leak solution

CT analysis software

Recapturable valves

Small Profile delivery systems

Early discharge

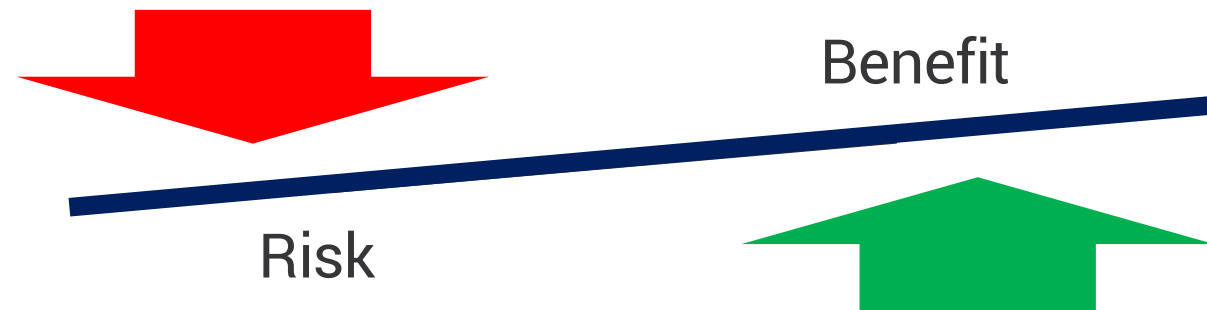
Valve in Valve

Valve in MAC

Development of other Transcatheter technologies

# TAVI approved for all risk profiles - 2019

Inoperable, high-risk, Intermediate and Low risk patients



Is the TAVR new Gold Standard for AS for all patients?

NO

# Myth 1: All TAVRs will function same !

- Trials on which the approval was given

## PATIENTS IN THE TRIALS

- Symptomatic Aortic Stenosis
- Tricuspid Valve
- >65 years old
- No/minimal LVOT Calcium
- Transfemoral access
- Aortic Valve Anatomy Suitable for TAVR
- Majority Male
- None or Mild CAD
- Relatively Normal LV Function

## NOT ENROLLED IN TRIALS

- Other valvular disease
- Aortic Regurgitation
- Bicuspid Valves
- Unsuitable Valve Anatomy
  - LVOT Calcium
  - Low coronary arteries
- Significant Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Many patients <65 years
- Complex CAD
- Severe LV Dysfunction

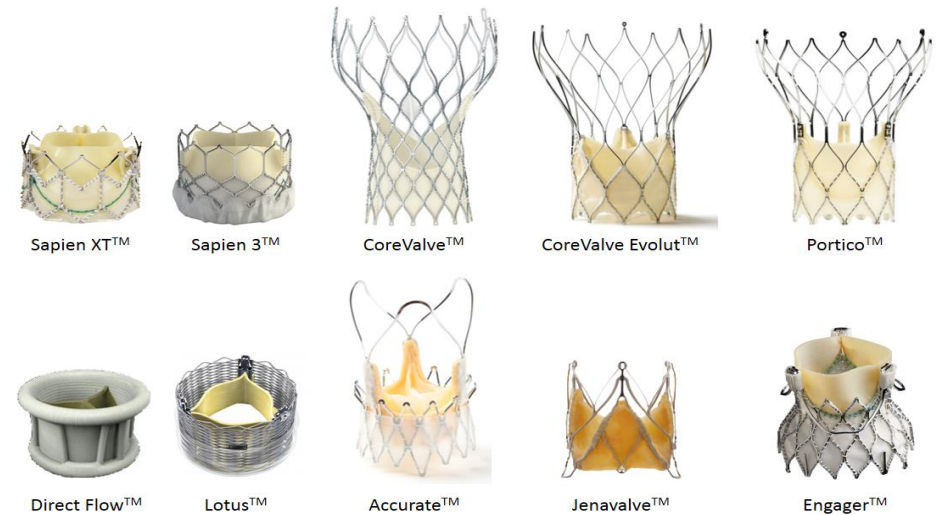
# But TAVR designs are evolving constantly

## TAVR discontinued

- Lotus
- Directflow
- Engager
- Sapien XT
- CoreValve

## SAVR discontinued

- Trifecta
- Mitraflo?



And now we have X4, FX, Navitor 😊

**If TAVR is so good, then WHY CHANGE???**



# Myth 2: Circularity does not affect performance

- SAVR

Circular stent frame

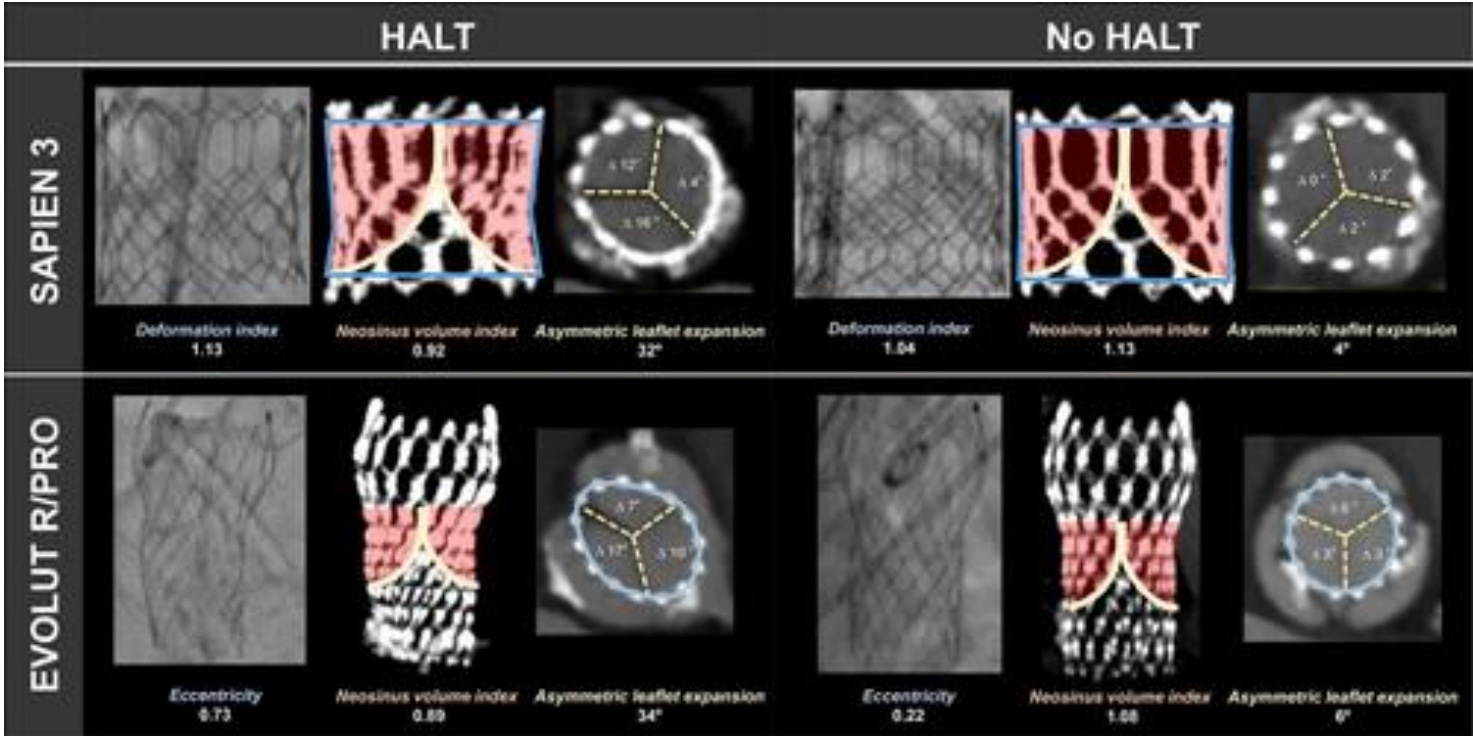
Leaflets are never touched

Valve remains circular after  
implantation

Anti-calcification treatment is  
well documented

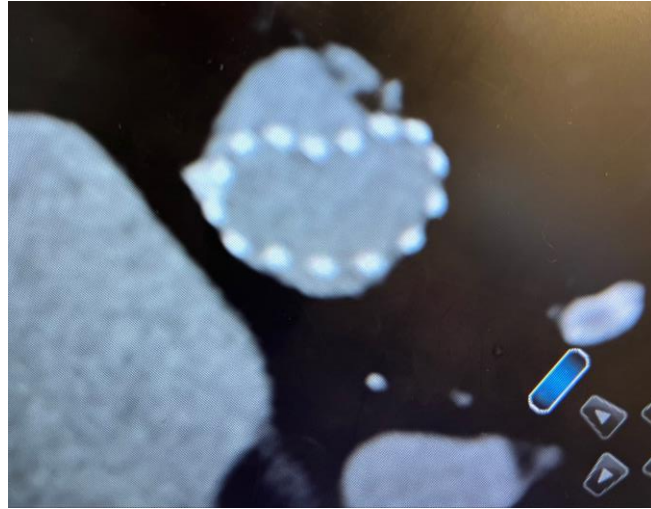
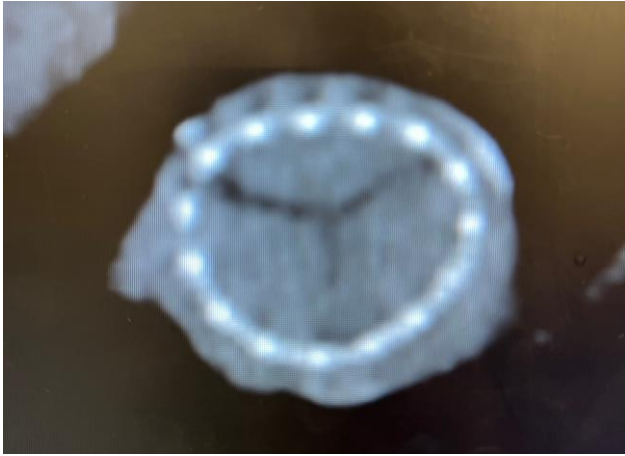


# TAVR deformation



Never fully expanded

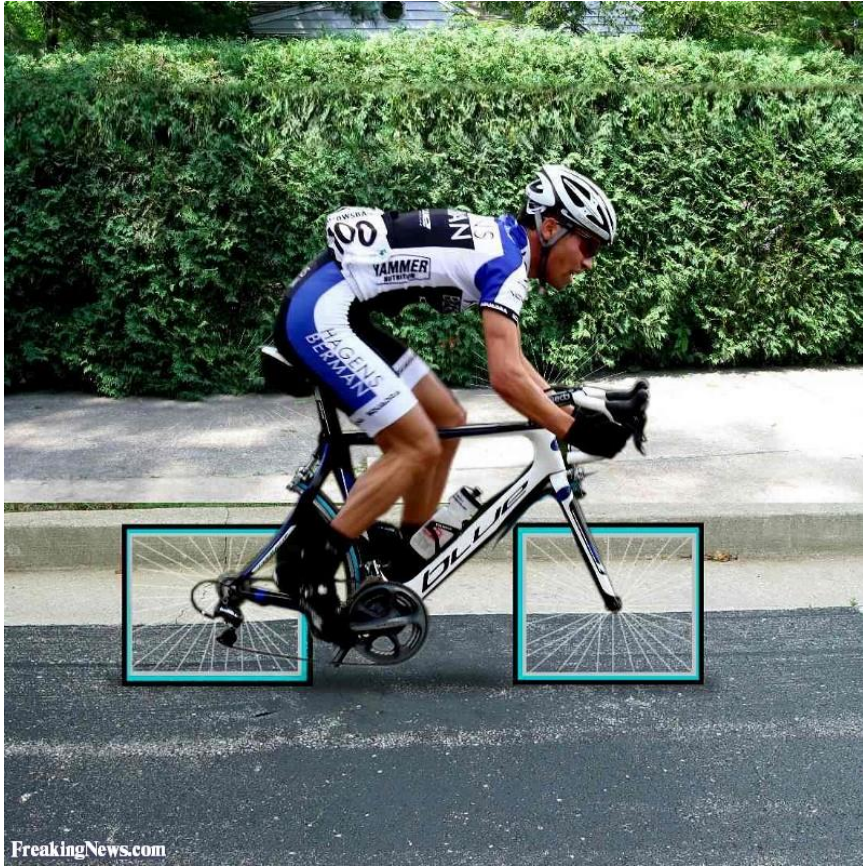
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Valentine day special !!

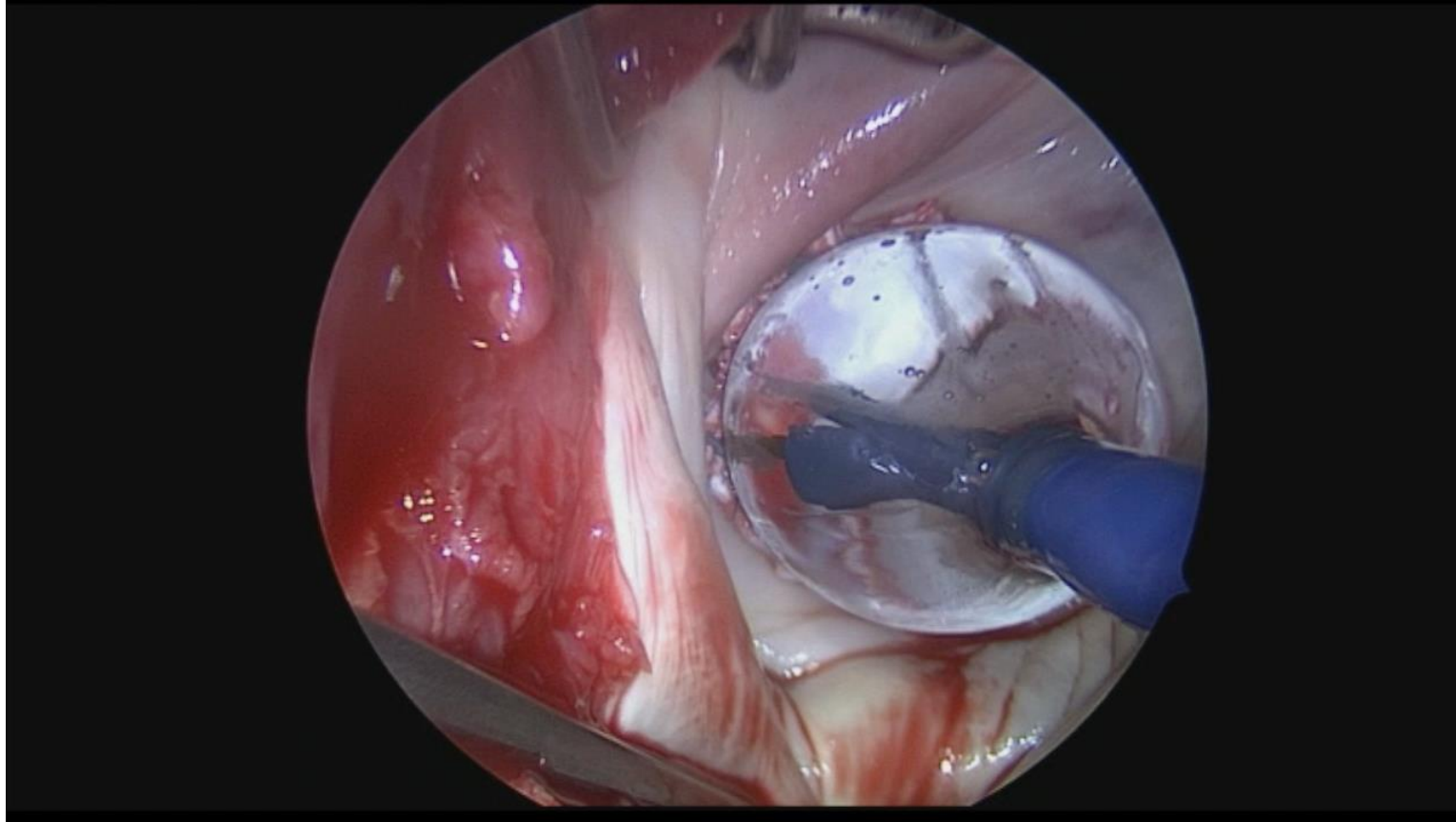


# Anyone for square wheels???



Best case scenario – it will still be less than perfect

# Myth 3: Balloon doesn't affect TAVR leaflets !



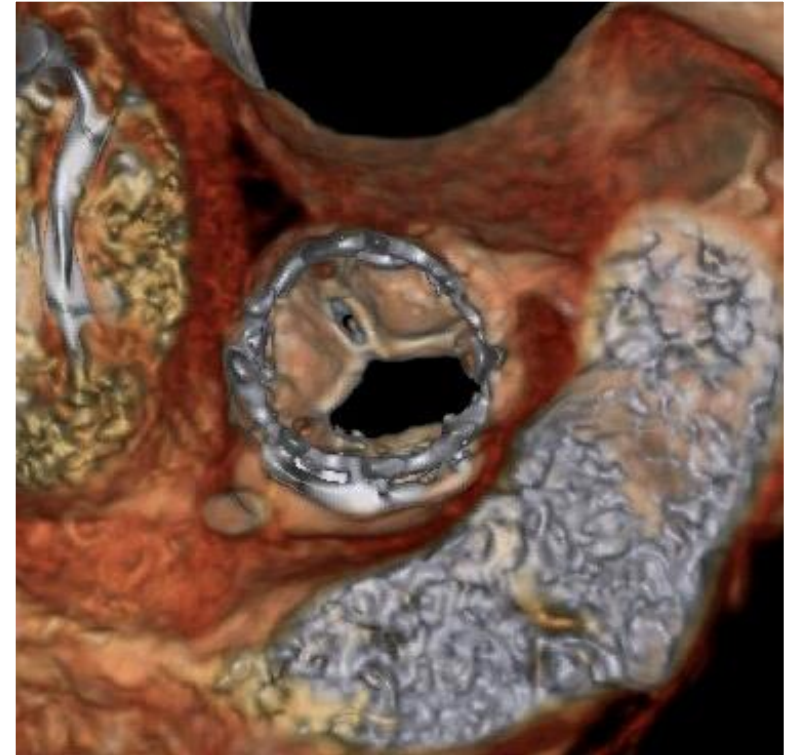
# No wonder HALT is seen with more frequency in TAVR

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Possible Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis in Bioprosthetic Aortic Valves

R.R. Makkar, G. Fontana, H. Jilaihawi, T. Chakravarty, K.F. Kofoed, O. de Backer, F.M. Asch, C.E. Ruiz, N.T. Olsen, A. Trento, J. Friedman, D. Berman, W. Cheng, M. Kashif, V. Jelnin, C.A. Kliger, H. Guo, A.D. Pichard, N.J. Weissman, S. Kapadia, E. Manasse, D.L. Bhatt, M.B. Leon, and L. Søndergaard

- Incidence 40% in PORTICO IDE study
- Incidence 13% in RESOLVE and SAVORY registries
- Association with neurologic events (3 strokes and 3 TIAs)



# Myth 4: PPM only matters in SAVR

- Confusing
- In TAVR at present no one knows how to measure EOA !!!

\*\* EOA was larger for SAVR than TAVR in Partner 3 trial

# Myth 5: TAVR durability is amazing !

The image displays two screenshots of the PubMed website. The top screenshot shows a search for 'TAVI' with 6,299 results, and the bottom screenshot shows a search for 'TAVR' with 5,893 results. Both result counts are circled in red.

Top Screenshot (TAVI search):

- Search term: TAVI
- Results: 6,299 results
- Sorted by: Most recent
- Page: 1 of 630

Bottom Screenshot (TAVR search):

- Search term: TAVR
- Results: 5,893 results
- Sorted by: Best match
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- Highest number of
1. Self reported Multicenter studies
  2. White papers
  3. Expert opinions

Durability definitions have been modified to suit TAVR



# On one hand

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### Abstract

**Objectives:** This study assessed the long-term durability of nominally deployed transcatheter heart valves (THV) to 1 billion cycles (equivalent to 25 years) and non-nominal (overexpansion, underexpansion, and elliptical) THV deployments to 200 million cycles (equivalent to 5 years) with accelerated wear testing.

**Background:** The long-term durability of THVs is currently unknown. As transcatheter aortic valve replacement expands to lower-risk patients, durability will be of increasing importance.

**Methods:** SAPIEN 3 THVs, sized 20, 23, 26, and 29 mm were assessed. Nominally deployed

## On the other

Multicenter Study > JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2020 Jan 27;13(2):210-216.

doi: 10.1016/j.jcin.2019.08.042 Epub 2019 Dec 25.

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**Objectives:** The aim of this study was to report the 1-year results of transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) with the Edwards SAPIEN 3 (S3) valve in extremely large annuli.

**Conclusions:** S3 TAVR in annular areas  $>683 \text{ mm}^2$  is feasible, with favorable mid-term outcomes.

Mid-term = 1 years!!!

# Time scale in TAVI field ???



# Myth 6: SAVR is bad for lifetime management but TAVR is good



Surgeons criticized for implanting small size SAVR

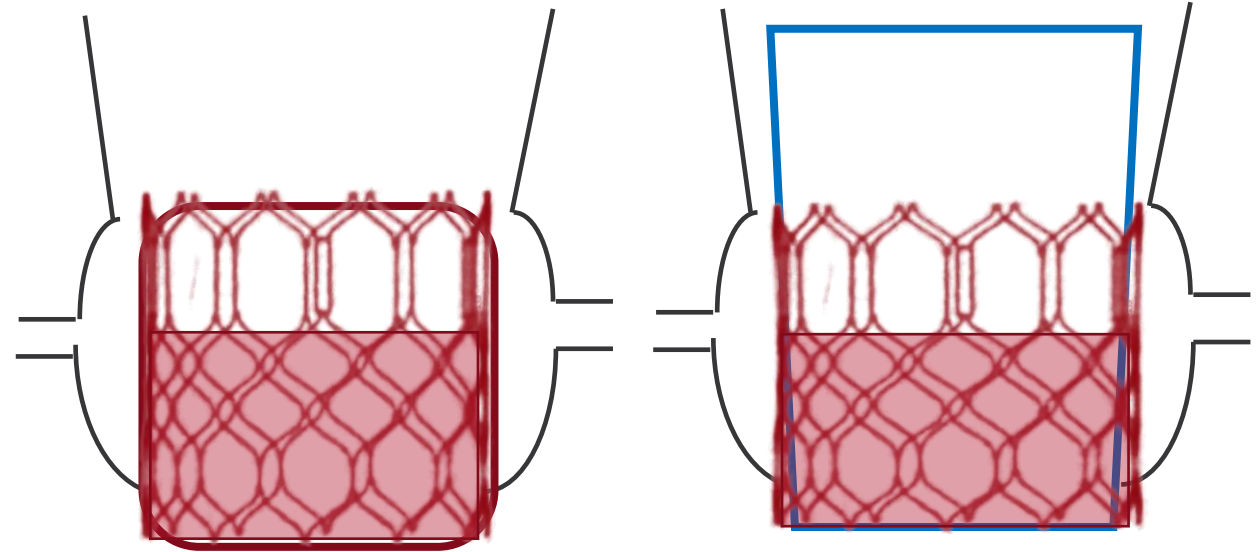


Root Enlargement  
Expandable Valves

With TAVI ??????

# Issues with lifetime management

1. Lifetime management does not mean we reduce the life !!!
2. Issues with Coronary access
3. PPM
4. HALT
5. Anticoagulation



Higher implantations  
TAVRs with under expansion  
Tall neo-skirts



Poor Lifetime management options

# TAV in TAV registry

Median duration of reintervention is previously perfect TAVR  
Not promising (<3 years)

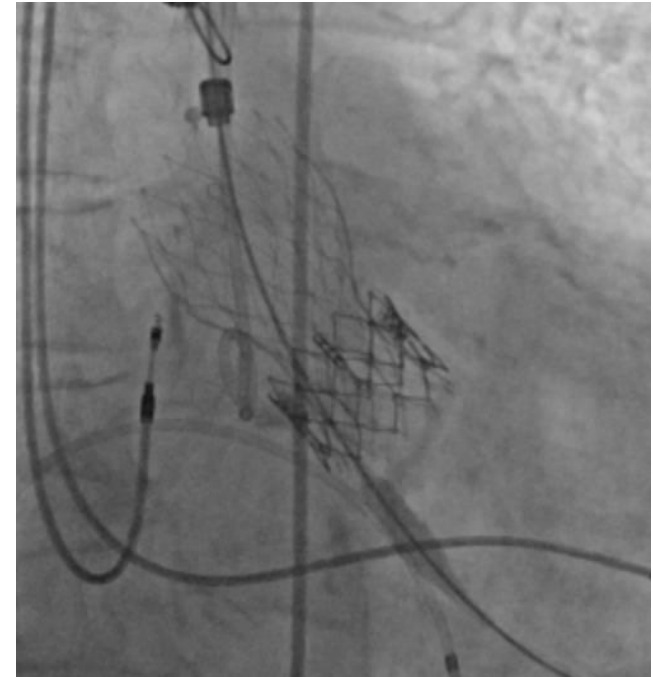
**Residual gradient** >20 is common

**Residual AR** is not uncommon

**Pacemaker** risk is higher than VIV

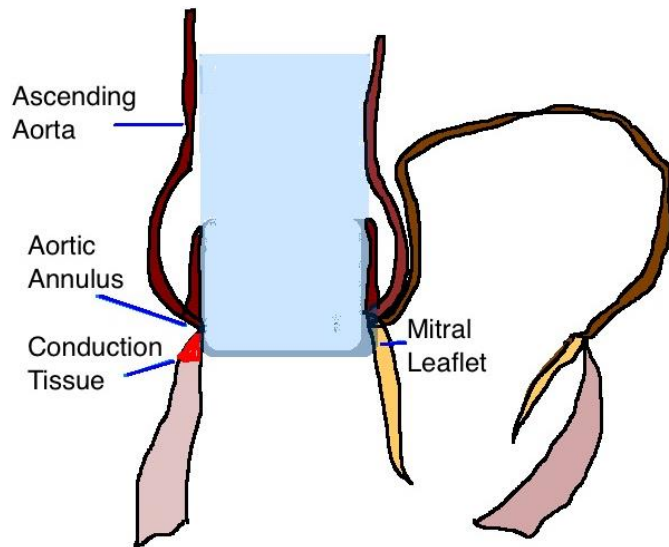
Risk of **Coronary obstruction** is possibility

Need for **anticoagulation** may be higher

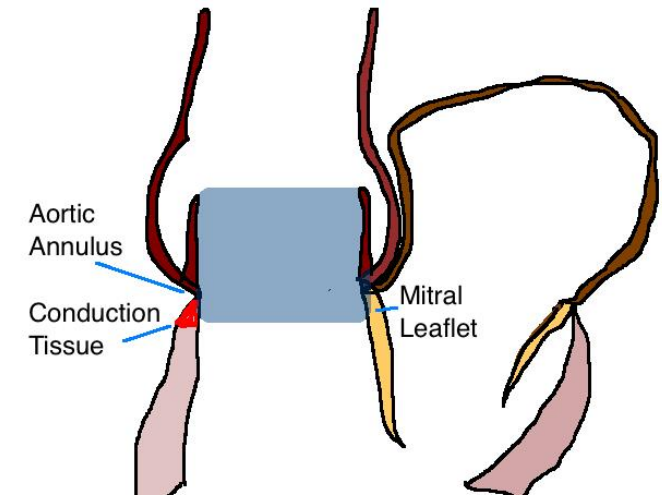


**Recent Publications – 30-60% patients will have suboptimal TAV in TAV strategy**

# TAVR explant



1. Ascending aorta?
2. Annular damage?
3. Mitral leaflet proximity
4. Conduction tissue proximity



Risks are higher than first time AVR and reop AVR

# Lifetime management???

## Mick Jagger Dances 6 Weeks After TAVR on Instagram

By Adam Pick on May 22, 2019

Ya gotta love this...

Just 6 weeks after [transcatheter aortic valve replacement surgery](#), Mick Jagger posts this video at Instagram. As you will see in the video, Jagger is strutting all the great dance moves he has entertained us with for the past 57 years as the lead singer of The Rolling Stones.



Dr. Craig R. Smith uses a model of a human heart to explain to reporters the heart bypass surgery he performed on former President Bill Clinton on Sept. 6, 2004



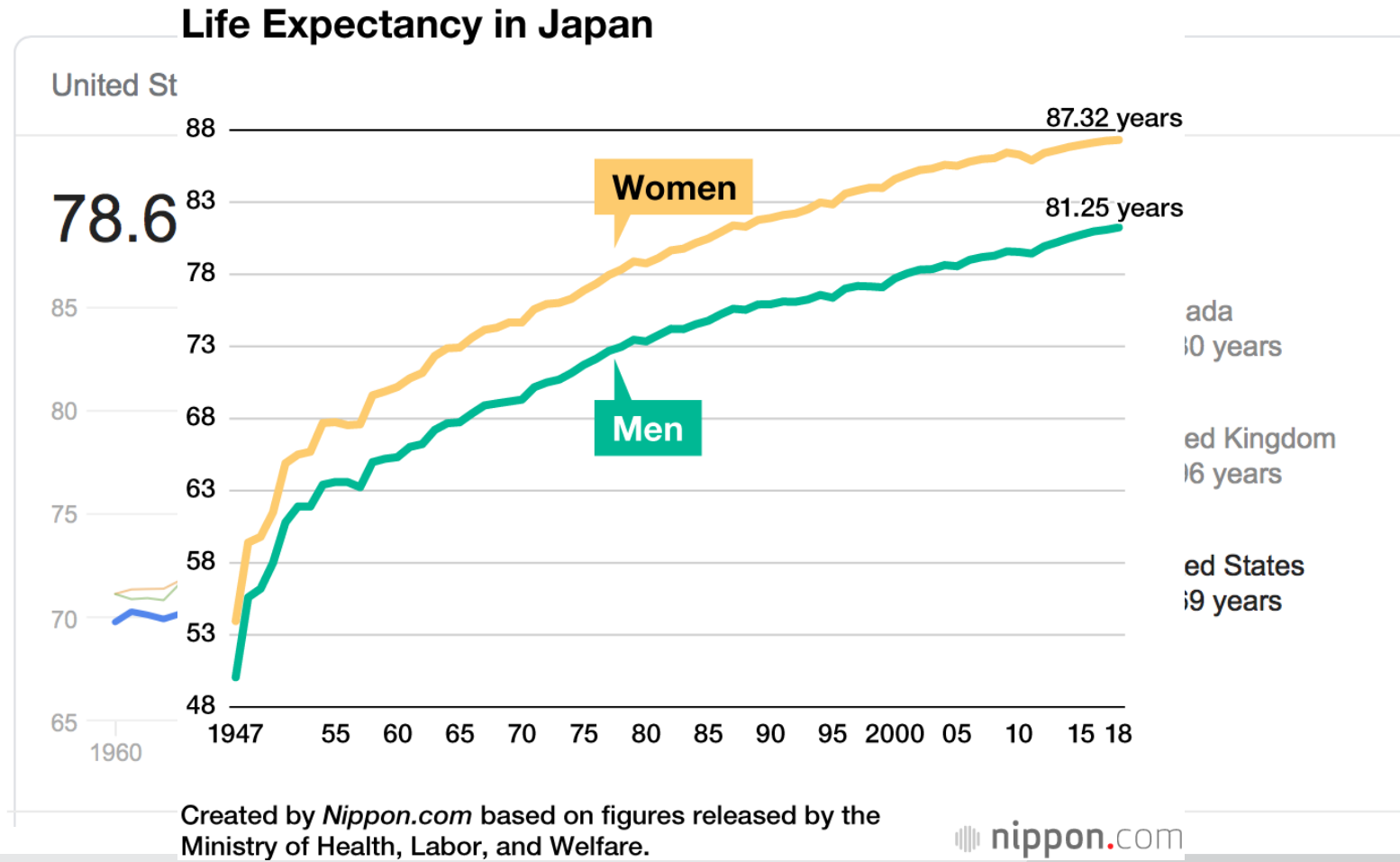


# TAVR

- Is good for patients with short life expectancy
- Is good only if good durability data is available for that Model

Not a good Choice if life expectancy is longer

# Life expectancy and regional differences

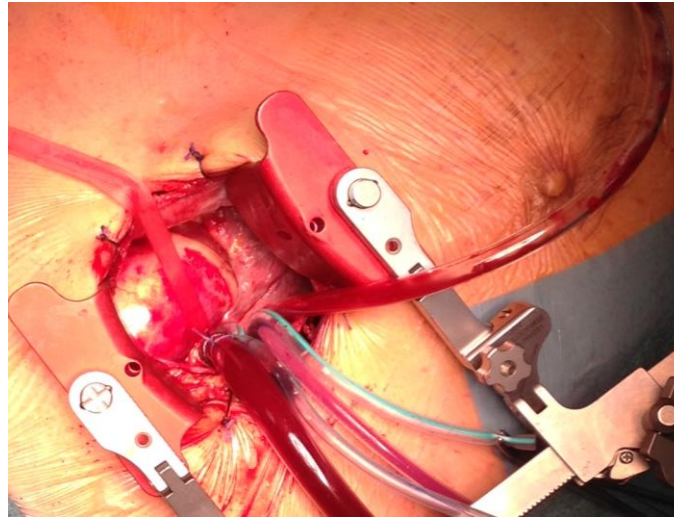


Guidelines for USA/Canada/Europe may not be applicable to other regions



# SAVR

- Approach: mini AVR
- Valve choice: Inspiris with V-fit and Reselia tissue\*
- Pacemaker: low risk



- Expected recovery: 4 days
- Anticoagulation: none
- Back to work: 3 to 4 weeks

# Valve with proven longevity

## SHV design (Perimount - INSPIRIS)

1. Platform with > 4 decades of experience
2. Minimal design change
3. Design change focused on durability\*
4. Frame optimized for larger EOA for a given size\*\*

## TAVR design (SAPIEN - SAPIEN 3)

1. Multiple design changes in short span
2. Design changes focused on 'small crimp profile'
3. Rigid stent frame = more leaflet strain
4. Circularity, EOA suboptimal for long term performance?

- Resilia tissue:  Durability, uncrimped leaflet
- \*\* EOA is larger for SAVR than TAVR in Partner 3 trial

# What about Second intervention

## SAVR

May not be needed

VIV: mid term data promising

Need for anticoagulation: minimal

SAVR reop – good data

## TAVR

Need – 100%

TVIV: early data not promising

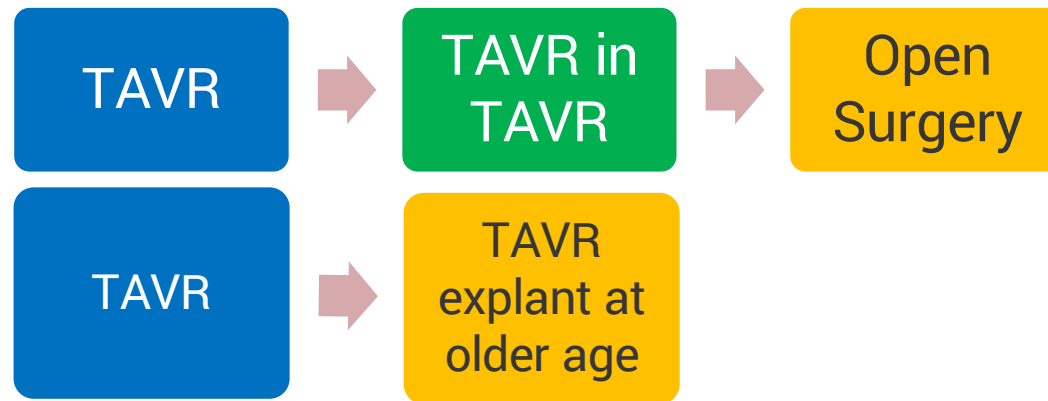
Need for anticoagulation: higher\*\*

TAVR explant – lot of unknowns

\* INSPIRIS is design optimized for TAVR

# TAVR in these patients – suboptimal for lifetime management

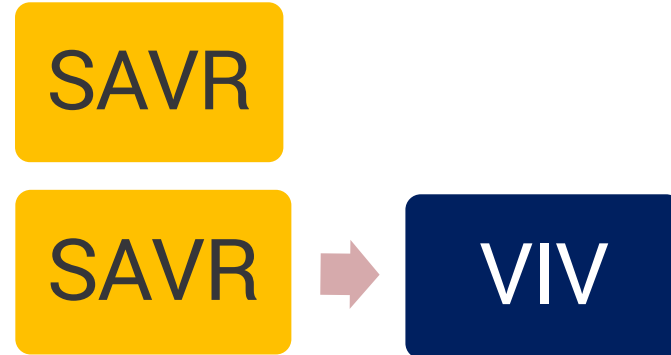
- High chance of 3 interventions
- Each intervention adding additional unknown issues
- Higher cumulative risk of stroke, mortality, need for anticoagulation



Is this worth it for 2-3 weeks of less recovery time??

# SAVR is best choice for life time management

- Hemodynamically superior
- Less chance of pacemaker
- Only one procedure may be needed if at all
- If needed VIV with elimination of 'Russian doll' effect
- Cumulative risks of various procedures is lower, including need for anticoagulation



Imperfect

Can not be

new  
Perfect

30 THEEDENMAGAZINE.COM June 2019

But if you think logically

TAVR is Good    Compromise



# SAVR vs TAVR



SAVR



TAVR