TAVR Should Replace Surgery in (Almost) ALL Aortic Stenosis Patients!

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Primary Thesis...

TAVR Should be the Procedure of Choice in (almost) Every Patient with Severe Aortic Stenosis, Regardless of Risk Status!





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To Accept this Primary Thesis requires...

- A "suspension of belief" (uncoupling from the past)
- 2. A reasonable body of evidence (parity or superiority vs. surgery mortality, strokes, QOL, valve performance, secondary benefits)





TAVR for (almost) Everyone

Background







Dr. Alain Cribier First-in-Man PIONEER





April 16, 2002



TAVR Arrives







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TAVR Has Accelerated the Treatment of Aortic Stenosis Patients

Estimated AVR Procedures in the U.S.







U.S. TAVR Penetration After 3 Years

2014 Country TAVR Penetration Total TAVR Units / Millions of Inhabitants







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Start with the Guidelines





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2014 AHA/ACC Guideline for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease: Full Text

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines

Developed in Collaboration With the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, American Society of Echocardiography, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, and Society of Thoracic Surgeons

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2014 ACC/AHA Valve Guidelines CHOICE of Intervention for AS



The severe AS-T

- Old...very old...
- Frail...very frail
- Lots of co-morbidi
 - Prior CABG (poor
 - CKD
 - Severe COPD
 - PVD
 - Chronic AF
 - Cancer in remissi

But still enjoying life !

PARTNER THV Evolution

PI - 2007

PII - 2010

PII S3 - 2013

Edwards SAPIEN™ THV 23 mm and 26 mm

Edwards SAPIEN XT ™ THV 23 mm, 26 mm, and 29mm Edwards SAPIEN 3™ THV 20 mm, 23 mm, 26 mm, and 29mm

PARTNER enrolled 8,494 patients in FDA studies (including 4 RCTs) with 3 generations of TAVR systems in ~ 7 years!

PARTNER Manuscripts in NEJM (October, 2010 – May, 2012)

Scott Lim, M.D., Kevin L. Greason, M.D., Paul S. Teirstein, M.D.,

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PARTNER 5-year FU in Lancet (March, 2015)

5-year outcomes of transcatheter aortic valve replacement compared with standard treatment for patients with inoperable aortic stenosis (PARTNER 1): a randomised controlled trial

Samir R Kapadia, Martin B Leon, Raj R Makkar, E Murat Tuzcu, Lars G Svensson, Susheel Kodali, John G Webb, Michael J Mack, Pamela S Douglas, Vinod H Thourani, Vasilis C Babaliaros, Howard C Herrmann, Wilson Y Szeto, Augusto D Pichard, Mathew R Williams, Gregory P Fontana, D Craig Miller, William N Anderson, Jodi J Akin*, Michael J Davidson†, Craig R Smith, for the PARTNER trial investigators

5-year outcomes of transcatheter aortic valve replacement or surgical aortic valve replacement for high surgical risk patients with aortic stenosis (PARTNER 1): a randomised controlled trial

Michael J Mack, Martin B Leon, Craig R Smith, D Craig Miller, Jeffrey W Moses, E Murat Tuzcu, John G Webb, Pamela S Douglas, William N Anderson, Eugene H Blackstone, Susheel K Kodali, Raj R Makkar, Gregory P Fontana, Samir Kapadia, Joseph Bavaria, Rebecca T Hahn, Vinod H Thourani, Vasilis Babaliaros, Augusto Pichard, Howard C Herrmann, David L Brown, Mathew Williams, Jodi Akin*, Michael J Davidson†, Lars G Svensson, for the PARTNER 1 trial investigators

All-Cause Mortality (ITT) Crossover Patients Censored at Crossover

* In an age and gender matched US population without comorbidities, the mortality at 5 years is 40.5%.

** Only 1 standard Rx patient was alive at 5 years who didn't crossover to TAVR or had SAVR (out of protocol)

All-Cause Mortality (ITT) All Patients

236

All-Cause Mortality

SAVR

351

174

131

64

210

ER

CoreValve High-Risk U.S. Pivotal Trial (presented at ACC 2014)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Replacement with a Self-Expanding Prosthesis

David H. Adams, M.D., Jeffrey J. Popma, M.D., Michael J. Reardon, M.D.,
 Steven J. Yakubov, M.D., Joseph S. Coselli, M.D., G. Michael Deeb, M.D.,
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Adams DH, Popma JJ, Reardon MJ, et al. Published in N Engl J Med on March 29, 2014 at NEJM.org

All-Cause Mortality (AT)

CoreValve US Clinical Trials ACC 2015

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Shifting to Lower Risk Patients

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 Contemporary clinical practice has already evolved in the EU and in the U.S. – risk strata are "downshifting"

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Lower surgical risk patients in the EU are being treated by TAVR

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CLINICAL RESEARCH

A 3-Center Comparison of 1-Year Mortality Outcomes Between Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation and Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement on the Basis of Propensity Score Matching Among Intermediate-Risk Surgical Patients

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STRUCTURAL HEART DISEASE

Acute and Late Outcomes of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) for the Treatment of Severe Symptomatic Aortic Stenosis in Patients at High- and Low-Surgical Risk

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Improvements in Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation Outcomes in Lower Surgical Risk Patients

A Glimpse Into the Future

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Clinical outcomes of patients with estimated low or intermediate surgical risk undergoing transcatheter aortic valve implantation

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Transcatheter vs surgical aortic valve replacement in intermediate-surgical-risk patients with aortic stenosis: A propensity score–matched case-control study

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Transcatheter aortic valve implantation versus surgical aortic valve replacement for severe aortic stenosis: Results from an intermediate risk propensity-matched population of the Italian OBSERVANT study

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Evolution in Patient Selection in U.S. TAVR Clinical Trials

TAVR Categories (risk is a continuum) **Operable AS patients** Surgery (AVR) Futile **Current TAVR Clinical Use** ~65% ~2 High Intermed Extr Too Low **Risk Risk* Sick** Risk Risk **TAVR in 2015** irresponsible, "equipoise" OK preferred No reckless

* Extreme risk = "inoperable"

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- Contemporary clinical practice has already evolved in the EU and in the U.S. – risk strata are "downshifting"
- TAVR results have been better in lower risk patients (early [30 days] and late [1 year] mortality).

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Retrospective Analyses Indicate Improved Outcomes in Lower risk Patients

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TAVR in Low/Moderate Risk Patients

2 EU centers have directly compared TAVR outcomes of patients at lower- and higher-risk...

	Bern ¹		Munich ²		
	Lower Risk (n=254)	Higher Risk (n=94)	Lower Risk (n=105)	Higher Risk (n=105)	
STS (%)	5.1 ± 1.4	13.3 ± 7.1	4.8 ± 2.6	7.13 ± 5.4	
Log EuroSCORE (%)	22.1 ± 11.9	35.1 ± 15.7	17.8 ± 12.0	25.44 ± 16.0	
30 Day Mortality (%)	3.9	14.9	3.8	11.4	
Total Vascular Complications (%)	17.7	20.3	14.7	28.6	
Stroke / TIA (%)	5.0	3.4	1	6.7	

¹Wenaweser, et al., Eur Heart J 2013; 34: 1894-905; ²Lange, et al., J Am Coll Cardiol 2012; 59: 280-7

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TAVR vs. Surgery in "Matched" Moderate Risk Patients

3 EU studies have compared TAVR vs. Surgery using propensity-matching in moderate risk patients...

	Piazza ¹		OBSERVANT ²		Latib ³				
	TAVI (n=255)	SAVR (n=255)	р	TAVI (n=133)	SAVR (n=133)	р	TAVI (n=111)	SAVR (n=111)	р
STS (%, mean)	3-8	3-8		na	na		4.6	4.6	
Log EuroSCORE (%, mean)	17.3	17.6		8.9	9.4		23.2	24.4	
30 Day Mortality (%)	7.8	7.1	0.74	3.8	3.8	1.000	1.8	1.8	1.00

¹Piazza, et al., *J Am Coll Cardiol Intv* 2013; 6: 443-51; ²D'Errigo, et al., *Int J Cardiol* 2013; 167: 1945-52; ³Latib, et al., *Am Heart J* 2012; 164: 910-7

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- Important TAVR procedure-related complications have been declining which have already favorably impacted mortality.

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Influence of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement Strategy and Valve Design on Stroke After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

A Meta-Analysis and Systematic Review of Literature

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- 25 multicenter registries and 33 single center studies
- No differences in 30-day stroke rates for...
 - FF vs. TA (multicenter 2.8% vs. 2.8% and single-center 3.8% vs. 3.4%)
 - CoreValve vs. SAPIEN (multicenter 2.4% vs. 3.0% and single-center 3.8% vs. 3.2%)
- Decline in stroke risk with increased operator experience and technological advancement (newer TAVR systems)

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Athappan G et al. JACC 2014; 63:2101-10

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PARTNER I A+B (high-risk + inoperable) Procedural Complications (RCT vs. NRCA)

*Based on Modified VARC 1 Definitions (TF patients only)

*Complication = Stroke, major vasc, major bleeding, mod/severe PVL, and AV reintervention (Modified VARC 1 Definitions)

 TAVR bioprosthetic valve performance has been excellent (? PVR) with good durability (no premature structural valve deterioration).

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Mean Gradient & Valve Area (AT) All Patients

Aortic Valve Mean Gradient

SAPIEN TAVR has Demonstrated Durability up to 9 Years (Vancouver experience)

1st generation

2nd generation SAPIEN

Horse pericardium Untreated

Bovine pericardium Anticalcification treatment

Valves explanted after 7 years

Vancouver 9 year durability experience

Vancouver

- 9 year experience
- >1,000 implants
- 5 failed valves

Webb at ACC 2014: New Balloon-Expandable Aortic Valves

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TAVR "Friendly" Subgroups

- Female gender
- Diabetics
- Small annulus size (less PPM)
- AS + moderate/severe MR
- AS + concomitant CAD (non-complex)
- AS + LV dysfunction
- Low flow low gradient AS

TAVR "Friendly" Subgroups

- Oxygen-dependent COPD
- Chronic kidney disease
- Frailty and extreme age (e.g. >90 yo)
- Mild/moderate dementia
- Mild/moderate hepatic dysfunction

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- TAVR in the "modern era" is "less invasive" with simplified procedures and the next generation technologies have significantly improved clinical outcomes in both high and lower risk patients!

TAVR for (almost) Everyone The "Modern" TAVR Era

Procedural Considerations - There is a strong trend (led by many physician thought leaders) to maximally simplify TAVR procedures!

- preferential percutaneous transfemoral access (>90%)
- reduced use of general anesthesia ightarrow
- less intra-procedural TEE •
- eliminate pre-dilatation ۲
- decreased use of complex and costly hybrid cath lab/OR ۲ environments
- early discharge programs

The 3M strategy in Vancouver

- Multidisciplinary
- Multimodality
- Minimalist

Stct2014

✓ TF access
✓ next day discharge

Dr David Wood from St-Paul Hospital: Same day discharge after TAVR!

A 97 years old women discharged the same day after a TAVR procedure stretching while waiting for the bus to get home... read more on page 3.

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New TAVR Technologies New Self-Expanding TAVR Systems

PORTICO (St. Jude)

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ENGAGER (Medtronic)

ACURATE (Symetis)

EVOLUT R (Medtronic)

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An All-comers Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing Transcatheter with Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients with Aortic Valve Stenosis

Nordic Aortic Valve Intervention Trial (NOTION)

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NOTION: Participating Centers

NOTION: Study Flow

NOTION: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic, % or mean ± SD	TAVR n=145	SAVR n=135	<i>P</i> value
Age (yrs)	79.2 ± 4.9	79.0 ± 4.7	0.71
Male	53.8	52.6	0.84
Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) Score	2.9 ± 1.6	3.1 ± 1.7	0.30
STS Score < 4%	83.4	80.0	0.46
Logistic EuroSCORE I	8.4 ± 4.0	8.9 ± 5.5	0.38
NYHA class III or IV	48.6	45.5	0.61

NOTION: Death (all-cause), Stroke or MI at 1 Year (as-treated)

NOTION: 2^{ry} Outcomes at 30 Days

Outcome, %	TAVR n=142	SAVR n=134	<i>P</i> value
Death, any cause	2.1	3.7	0.43
Death, cardiovascular	2.1	3.7	0.43
Bleeding, life-threatening+major	11.3	20.9	0.03
Cardiogenic shock	4.2	10.4	0.05
Vascular lesion, major	5.6	1.5	0.10
Acute kidney injury (stage II+III)	0.7	6.7	0.01
Stroke	1.4	3.0	0.37
TIA	1.4	0	0.17
Myocardial infarction	2.8	6.0	0.20
Atrial fibrillation	16.9	57.8	<0.001
Pacemaker	34.1	1.6	<0.001

NOTION: Aortic Valve Performance

New TAVR Technologies Not All New TAVR Systems are Self-Expanding Designs

Direct Flow: Polyester fabric cuff with two inflatable rings; positioning wires for placement; bovine tissue valve

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Lotus: Nitinol wire frame, bovine tissue valve; outer PU skirt; mechanical expansion and locking

SAPIEN 3: balloon exp (4 sizes), cobalt frame; bovine tissue valve; outer skirt; precise positioning

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Clinical and Echocardiographic Outcomes at 30 Days with the SAPIEN 3 TAVR System in Inoperable, High-Risk and Intermediate-Risk AS Patients

Susheel Kodali, MD on behalf of The PARTNER Trial Investigators

ACC 2015 | San Diego | March 15, 2015

The PARTNER II S3 Trial Study Design

Baseline Patient Characteristics S3HR Patients (n=583 at 29 sites)

Baseline Patient Characteristics S3i Patients (n=1076 at 51 sites)

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Paravalvular Leak: S3HR & S3i (Valve Implant Patients)

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Changing the Paradigm

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TAVR for (almost) Everyone Checking the "Low Risk" Boxes

- \checkmark It's already being done (risk strata downshifted)
- Outcomes are better in lower risk patients
- Parity with or superior to surgery (need more data) in lower risk patients, but NOTION and S3i helps)
- Complications are rapidly decreasing (already there – PVR dilemma is solved)
- Excellent valve performance and encouraging durability (mid-term results)
- Procedure becoming simplified and remarkable iterative technology evolution!

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TAVR for (almost) Everyone Who Does Well with TAVR?

- Calcific aortic stenosis (avoid some bicuspid aortic valves)
- Acceptable aortic valvar complex annulus size matched to valve size availability, calcium patterns
- Percutaneous femoral access
- Avoid unfavorable anatomies severe CAD, multi-valve disease, extreme aorta pathologies

Almost Everyone!

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TAVR for (almost) Everyone Changing the Paradigm

- Use the most recent guidelines to decide on the *timing for intervention* in patients with AS (less emphasis on Sx).
- Rely heavily on the multi-disciplinary heart team to determine the *choice of intervention*; starting with, *is the patient a good candidate for TAVR* (the less invasive intervention) vs. SAVR (based on clinical, anatomic, and patient preference factors), *independent of risk profiles?*
- Careful *informed patient consent* to discuss current data gaps with TAVR (especially in low risk patients).
- Convince regulators and payors that TAVR is not a niche therapy, but rather should be endorsed as a mainstream therapy with appropriate reimbursement!

"Outpatient" Same-Day TAVR Sacre-Coeur Hospital; Montreal, CN

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