# Aortic Valve Stenosis: Replace (SAVR) or "Stent" (TAVR)

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#### **AVR**

Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement: SAVR

Chest incision

Cardiopulmonary bypass

Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement: TAVR

place expandable aortic valve into stenotic valve with catheter-femoral or non-femoral approach

no cardiopulmonary bypass

#### TAVR vs SAVR



Your Parent is 86 years old, no medical problems other than HTN. You will choose his/her care for aortic stenosis.

NI LV, no CAD, NI renal function, mod MR, atrial fib

TAVR?

Please Vote Now

SAVR?



#### SAVR

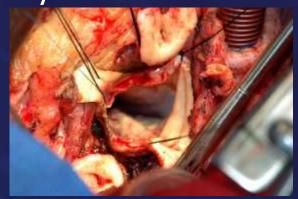
US - 500,000 people have severe aortic stenosis -half are symptomatic



50% die within 2 years after onset symptoms without treatment

85,000 surgical AVR's performed yearly in US

What about the other 165,000 patients?



#### SAVR

Hysterectomy – 600,000 procedures/yr (90% for benign ds)
mortality = 0.1%

<u>Cholecystectomy</u> – 600,000 procedures/yr mortality = .2%

All Heart Surgery – 300,000 procedures/yr

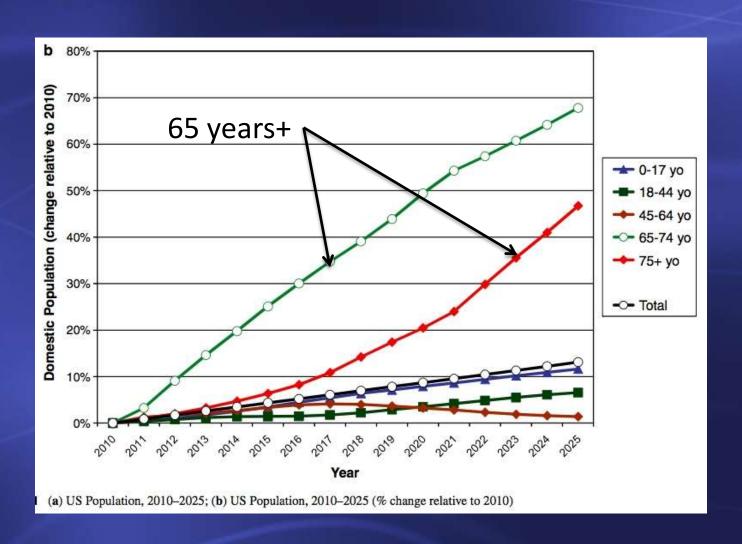
<u>Aortic Valve Replacement</u> – 85,000 procedures/yr mortality = 2.0% (STS 2013)

AVR is 10 – 20 times higher risk than other more common surgeries

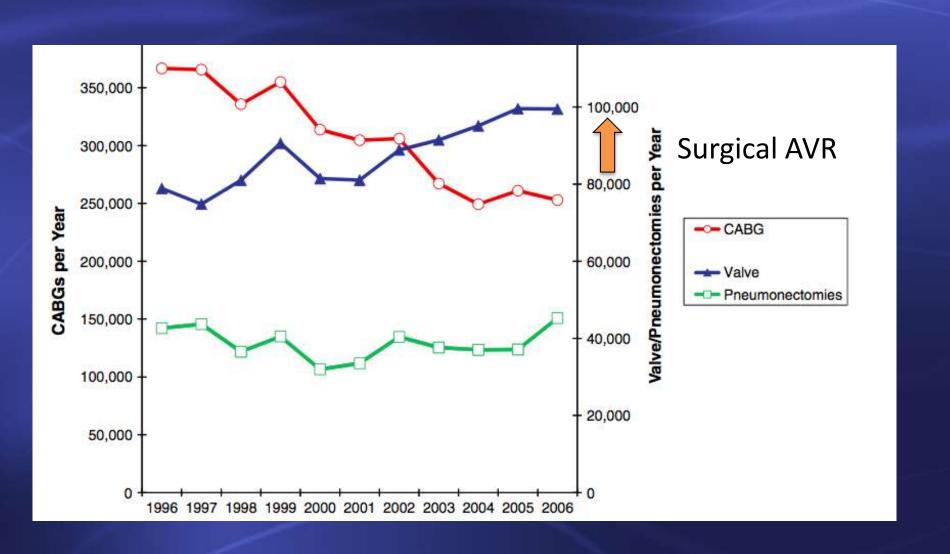
## Why TAVR

- Addresses patients too high risk for surgery
- Increased number of high risk patients-aging population
- May have less risk than SAVR in similar risk patients (to be determined)
- Easier recovery for patients
- \$\$Less expensive????

## The US population is Aging



## Surgical AVR is Increasing: 1996-2006



### **TAVR vs SAVR: Consider Costs**

SAVR: valve cost = \$3,000 - 5,000



TAVR: valve cost = \$32,500



Hospital reimbursement: <u>same</u> for both procedures:

East/west coast = \$88,000 - 94,000

Midwest = \$32,000 - 62,000

### **AVR: Just Valve Cost**

 "If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!"

P.J. O'Rourke

<u>AVR</u>



10x

**TAVR** 



Honda Accord

**Ferrari** 

#### **TAVR Costs**

#### Partner B trial:

– Average cost of procedure = \$78,000

#### Programs attempt to justify costs:

- Profits from more surgical AVR's subsidize costs of TAVR patients
- Shorter length of stay compared to SAVR

Physicians have strong desire to use the best therapies available and don't always consider costs

### **TAVR**





#### St. Vincent Heart Center

approx. 1,000 OHS/yr Add 100 TAVR/yr at \$10,000 loss /patient

Can we afford TAVR???

#### TAVR costs

More valves on market will increase competition and lower cost

Regionalization of procedures to streamline techniques and improve efficiency

High volume centers likely will have less complications = less cost

The valve costs 8,000 US dollars in Europe-the US subsidizes the world

#### SAVR: Obsolete or Better than TAVR?

St. Vincent Heart Center performed > 400 aortic valve surgeries in 2012

Society of Thoracic Surgeons Database (STS)

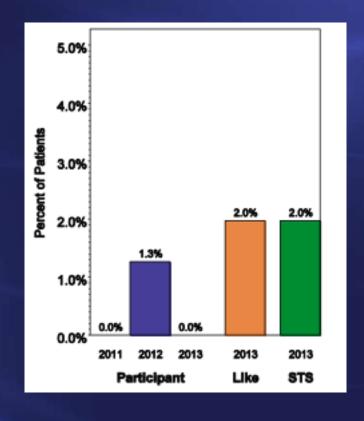
Observed/Expected Ratio

**Isolated AVR**:

2011:0

2012: 0.4

2013: 0



## SAVR: Improved Bioprostheses

Excellent proven valve long-term durability in older patients

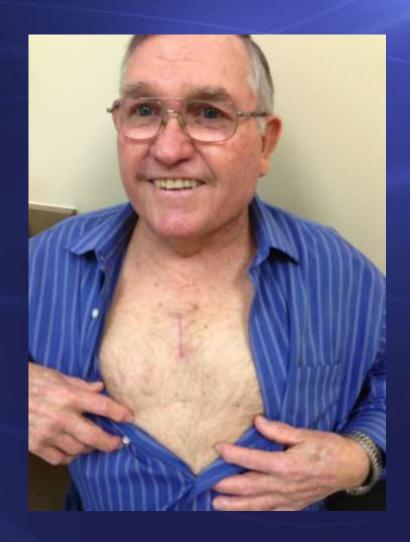
Low morbidity/mortality

Less invasive approaches – smaller incisions, shorter operative times

## SAVR: Less invasive



**Traditional AVR** 

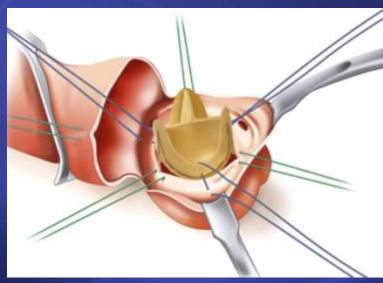


4 weeks After Mini-AVR

## SAVR: Improved Prostheses



Stentless pericardial AVR



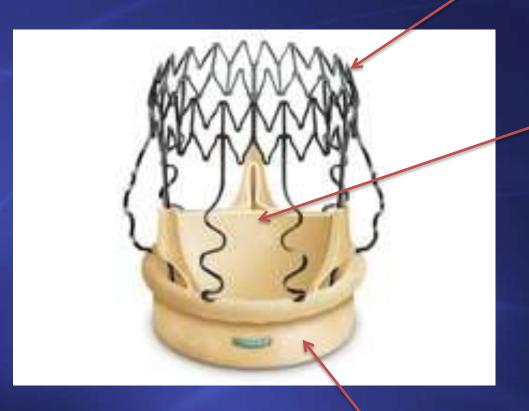




**Excellent Hemodynamics** 

## Sutureless AVR: Perceval

Nitinol Frame

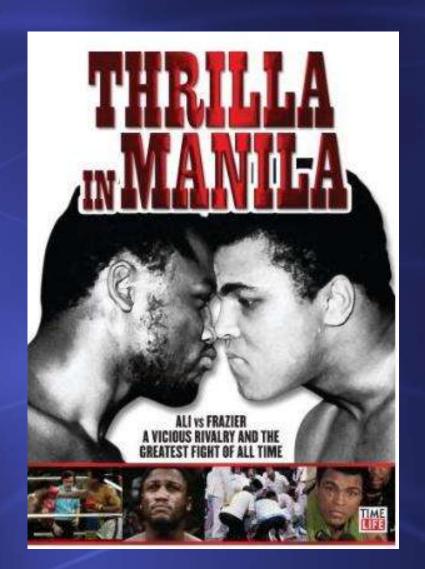


Pericardial Leaflets



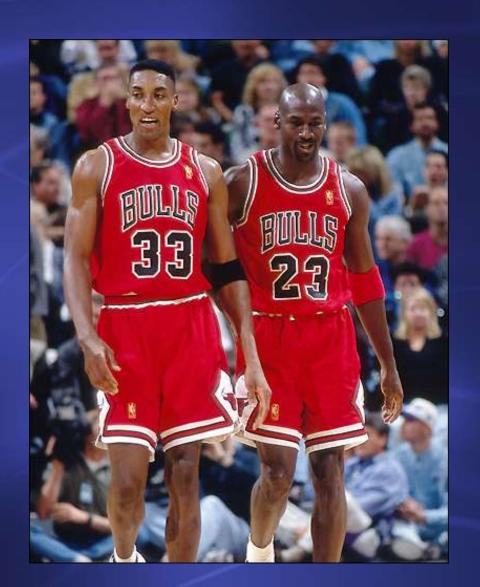
**Annular Cuff** 

## SAVR vs TAVR



May the best Procedure win!

#### TAVR vs SAVR



Same Team!

Cardiology and CV surgery meet regularly to discuss best approach to treat aortic valve disease

"Virtual" Valve
Clinic

### Valve Clinic

#### **Aortic Stenosis**

- Treatable (can they survive therapy)?
  - Low risk, younger age, need for other surgical therapy
     SAVR
  - Higher risk, elderly, "frail" → TAVR
  - Not Candidate
    - Medical Rx, hospice
    - BAV, see if can optimize, improve medical condition and become candidate

## **TAVR: Our Program**



February 2011
First TAVR in Indiana



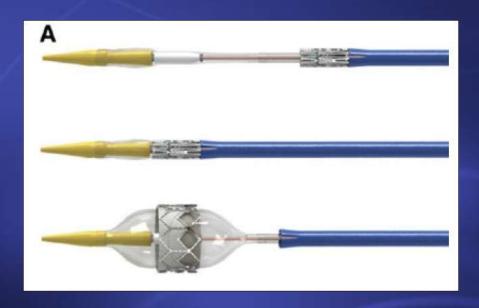
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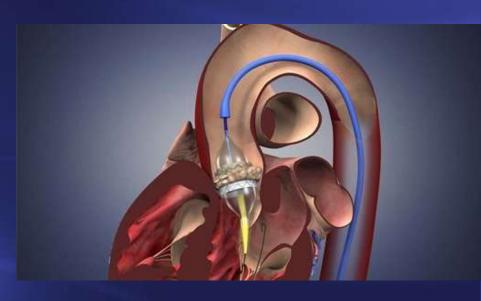
Home in 3 days

# TAVR: Our Program Edwards Sapien

FDA approved for patients too high risk for surgery

First implanted in June, 2012





## **TAVR: St Vincent Heart Center**

Cardiologists: James Hermiller, Greg Elsner

Cardiac Surgeons: David Heimansohn, Sina Moainie

	2011	2012	2103(august 31)	Total
Corevalve	33	34	42	109
Sapien	0	23	40	63
Total	33	57	82	172

# TAVR: St Vincent Heart Center Demographics

	Male/Female	Mean Age
2011	23/10	81.7
2012	25/32	81.6
2013	54/28	82.9
Total		

# TAVR: St Vincent Heart Center Outcomes

	Bleeding	CVA	30 day mortality	30 day Readmit	Prolonged Vent
2011(33)	0	2	2	3	3
2012(57)	0	0	4	3	4
2013(82)	0	0	5	11	7
incidence	0%	1.1%	6.4%	9.9%	8.1%