

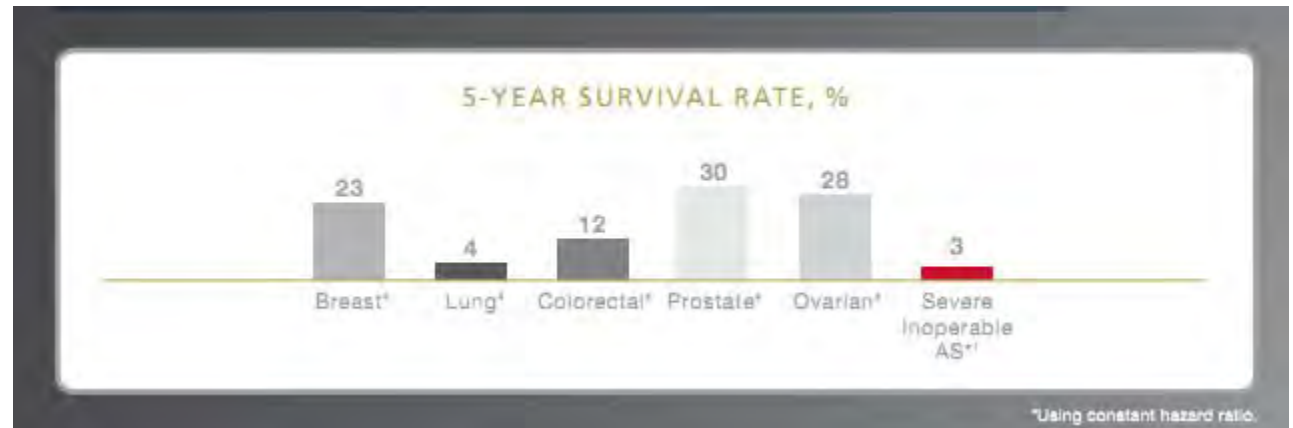
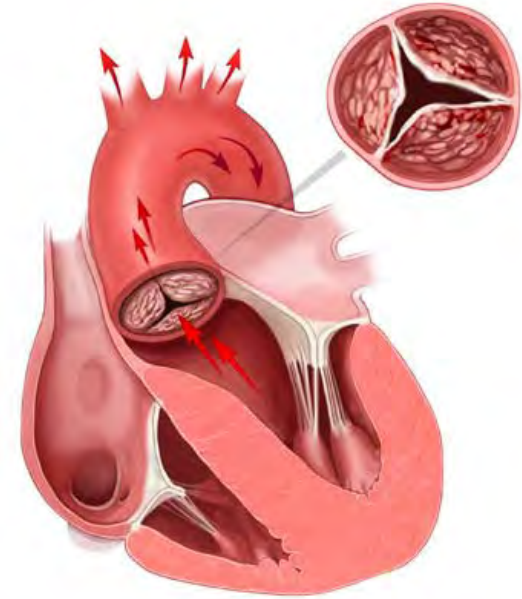
# TAVR Program

# About aortic stenosis

Up to 1.5 million people in the United States affected

250,000 of these patients suffer from severe symptomatic aortic stenosis

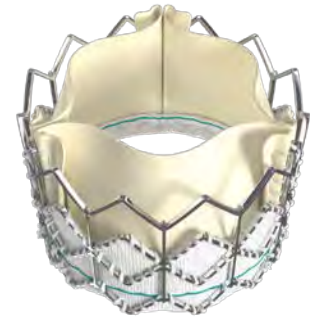
50% of patients will not survive more than an average of two years after the onset of symptoms



# Edwards SAPIEN Transcatheter Heart Valve

Leaflets matched for thickness and elasticity

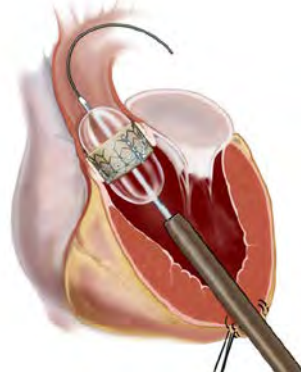
Valve introduced via a catheter in one of three areas, introduced into the heart, and expanded into place.



**Transfemoral**  
- Groin



**Transapical**  
- Ribs



**Transaortic**  
- Aorta



# Referral Process

- Referring physicians are actively involved in the assessment of the patient
- Nikki Porter, RN, point of contact for questions and information
  - Assists in authorizing insurance
  - Obtains clinical history, copies of digital images, and blood work
  - Walks patient through evaluation process:
    - Patient meets our panel (2 of 4 implanting TAVR team physicians and coordinator)
    - Evaluation clinics are once a week
    - Patient is presented to the multi-disciplinary TAVR Physician Panel. Referring physician is invited to attend.
    - Referring physician will be given a formal written summary of the findings and treatment recommendation.

# TAVR Team

## Interventional Cardiologists

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Neal White, M.D.

## Valve Clinic Coordinator

Nikki Porter, R.N.

## Cardiac and Endovascular Surgeons

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# Questions?



