

# Our Cardiovascular Valve Clinic Coordinator is here for you.

To make the referral process as easy and smooth as possible, we have designated a key point of contact to help guide you and your patients through our evaluation process:

- Obtains clinical history, copies of digital images, and blood work
- Walks patients through the evaluation process:
  - Patient meets with our Valve Clinic Team (2 of 4 implanting team physicians and nursing staff)
  - Patient will then be scheduled for further evaluation including possible CTA, heart catheterization, PFTs, carotid ultrasound, and other tests as needed
  - Patient's test results and case information are presented to the multi-disciplinary TAVR Physician panel
  - Referring physician will be faxed the findings and treatment recommendation
- Assists in gathering documentation insurance authorization

## Our TAVR Program

John Muir Health is one of select hospitals accepting referrals of qualified patients for transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), an alternative to traditional surgical valve replacement procedures approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in November 2011 to treat aortic stenosis. This minimally invasive procedure is an option for patients who are at high risk for open-chest surgery, in particular if they present with co-morbidities that may compromise potential benefits from traditional treatment.

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