
Medical Edge from Mayo Clinic

Treatment for Bicuspid Aortic Valve Disease (BAV)

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL.
	AFFECTING ABOUT TWO OUT OF EVERY HUNDRED PEOPLE, BICUSPID AORTIC VALVE DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CONGENITAL HEART PROBLEM. THE VALVE CAN LEAK OR RESTRICT BLOOD FLOW TO THE REST OF THE BODY. IN SOME PEOPLE IT CAN TAKE YEARS BEFORE TREATMENT IS NEEDED. BUT...
Thor Sundt, M.D. Track 1 (2:00)	"ULTIMATELY THE LIKELIHOOD IS THAT IT WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU

	AND REQUIRE AN AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT.”
	IT’S A MAJOR OPERATION, SAYS MAYO CLINIC CARDIAC SURGEON DR. THOR SUNDT... BUT FAIRLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD WITH VERY LOW RISK. IN GENERAL THERE ARE TWO REPLACEMENT OPTIONS, TISSUE VALVES FROM PIGS OR COWS, OR MECHANICAL VALVES. MECHANICAL VALVES HAVE BETTER DURABILITY, BUT...
Dr. Sundt Track 2 (8:36)	“INDIVIDUALS WITH MECHANICAL VALVE REPLACEMENT DO REQUIRE ANTI-COAGULATION TO PREVENT BLOOD CLOTS FORMING ON THE VALVE.”
	ALL PATIENTS WILL ALSO NEED TO TAKE ANTIBIOTICS BEFORE DENTAL WORK OR SURGERY TO FEND OFF POSSIBLE INFECTION.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT

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