

New lease on life for heart valve patients

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Jim Bier, TAVR patient (pronounced BYER)

“I’ve been at home, exercising, building up my legs, and I don’t have the difficulties breathing like I did before all this happened back in the garden days,” Bier says. “And so I would say I’m in very good shape at this point. From my waist up. I still have to work on my legs.” (:29)

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Dr. Tariq Enezate, cardiologist at OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute in Urbana, Illinois, on potential TAVR patients (pronounced tah-REEK // EN-eh-zaht)

“Those patients are old. They have a lot of diseases. So, many of them, they are not good candidate for surgery. And the surgery team might think they might not be in good shape and strong enough to handle the stress of open heart surgery. In those situations, TAVR is actually lifesaving.” (:20)

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Jim Bier, TAVR patient

“I’m a person who goes with the flow. You talk to any of the nurses who’ve dealt with me at the hospital. They’re saying all the time, ‘Go with the flow.’ That’s what I kept telling them all the time. And in that way I’m pretty optimistic about it.” (:19)

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“We have a big team of doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, therapists, social workers, and so many people. Take care of the patient, take care of their family, answer their questions, get the tests, the procedures that they need. And after the procedure, we are on top of things.” (:21)

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“If you asked a cardiologist 10, 20 years ago and you tell them a patient with valve replacement can go home next day, they would think that you’re crazy. But now, it is reality.” (:13)