Evolving Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) - Mercy Experience 2008-2016

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BACKGROUND

TAVI has evolved considerably since Asia Pacific's first procedure was performed at Mercy Angiography in 2008. Broadened indications, device modification, and procedural improvements have expanded the role of TAVI as the procedure of choice in high and intermediate risk patients with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis.

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Deployment of the Transcatheter Aortic Valve

Severe aortic stenosis due to marked thickening and calcification, with immobility of the leaflets.







METHODS

We describe longitudinal practice changes over an eight year period, using 2 different prostheses, with a changing risk profile.

RESULTS

CoreValve® used for the first 40 patients and Edwards SAPIEN XT and SAPIEN 3 since 2010 (31 patients). Procedural and 30-day complications are low. No conversion to open heart surgery has occurred. Pacemaker requirement is much lower in the Edwards group. A lower risk cohort now treated, and local anaesthesia and sedation has superseded general.

Balloon Valvuloplasty (inflation of a balloon) to open up the diseased valve

Passage of the new valve around the aorta

Crossing the native valve with the Edwards valve

valve Valve deployed by Ive balloon expansion

Completed insertion

OUTCOME FOLLOWING TAVI IN COREVALVE AND EDWARDS PATIENTS

	CoreValve	Edwards
Patients, n	40	34
Age, mean (range)	85.2 (44-96)	83.1 (67-95)
Male/female	25/15	23/11
Euroscore,% mean (range)	22.2 (7.4-52.3)	10.86 (0.88-41.2)
Symptoms, class III and IV	37 (93%)	19 (55%)
Ejection fraction <50%	12 (30%)	8 (23%)
Aortic Valve Area, cm ² (SD)	0.7 (0.4-1.3)	0.8 (0.4-1.3)
Peak gradient mmHg (SD)	80 (38-132)	75 (43-122)
Mean gradient mmHg (SD)	49 (23-85)	45 (28-75)
General anaesthesia	40/40	26/34
Procedural duration, mins	80 (49-122)	74 (43-169)
Conversion to cardiac surgery	0	0
Peripheral vascular surgery	0	4 (11%)
Pacemaker	11/40 (27%)	1/34
Stroke/TIA	1/40 (0.2%)	0/34
Death procedural	1	0
In hospital	1	1
AR post TAVI		
None or gr I	20 (51%)	29 (85%)
gr II	14 (36%)	5 (14%)
gr III	5 (13%)	0
Hospital stay, days	7.2 (4-23)	5.7 (2-23)
5 year actuarial survival	44%	60%



Normal aortic valve with thin supple leaflets.











In calcific aortic stenosis, leaflets are thick and rigid. They do not open properly,

CONCLUSION

Our results are consistent with international standards: TAVI was performed with good acute results and few major complications. The risk of procedural death or stroke is very low and pacemaker need

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and aortic regurgitation grade have decreased. Other drivers of cost, eg procedural time and length of stay are reducing and intermediate risk patients are now recruited.

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