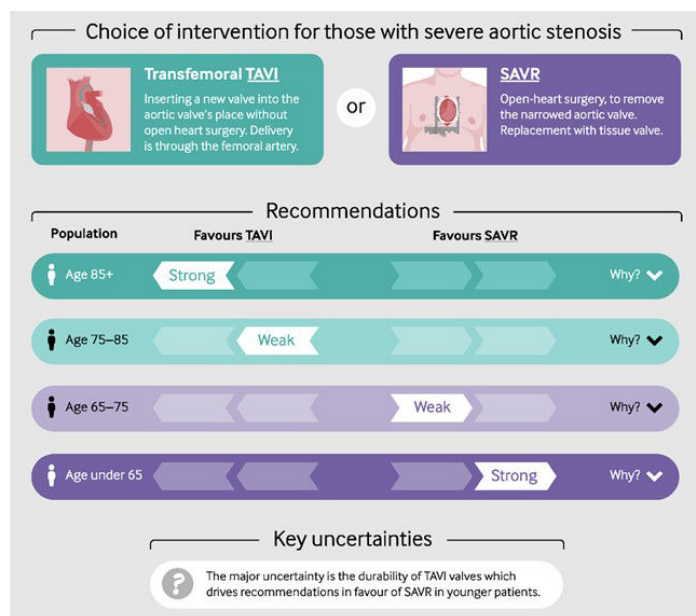


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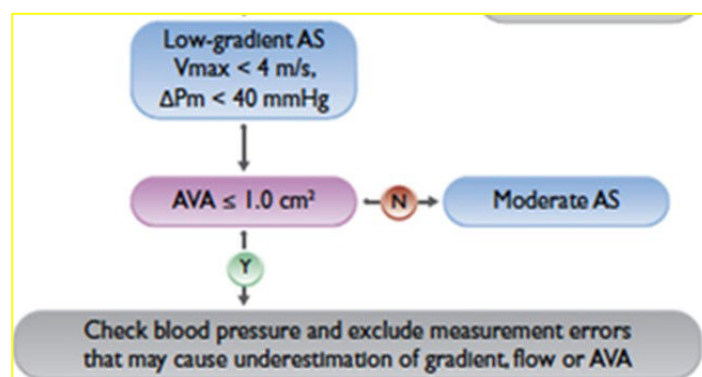
“My patient has very severe aortic stenosis.”

1. Age remains an important variable in selecting TAVR vs. SAVR



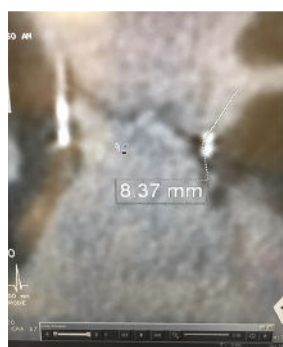
2. TAVR and SAVR should not be seen as competing but rather as different approaches to treating AS

4. Low gradient aortic stenosis requires careful evaluation to determine who would benefit from intervention

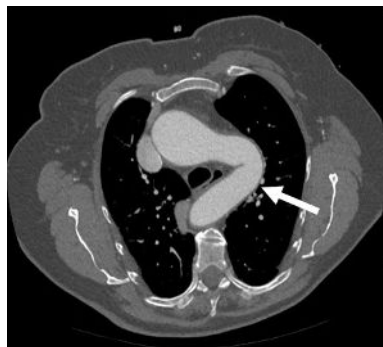


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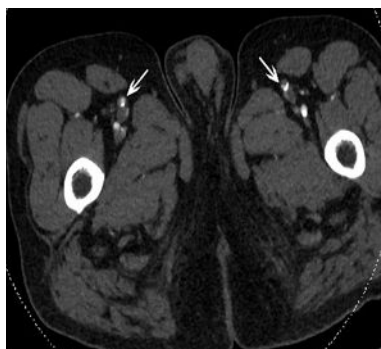
3. Anatomy assessed by CT can help determine best approach between TAVR vs SAVR



Coronary height >10mm



Tortuous aorta



Tiny femoral vessels

5. Patients with poor life expectancy or unlikely chance at improvement may not benefit from intervention

“For symptomatic patients with severe AS for whom predicted post or post-SAVR survival is <12 months or for whom minimal improvement in quality of life is expected, palliative care is recommended after shared decision-making, including discussion of patient preferences and values.”

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