

HEART VALVE DISEASE TREATMENT WITH TAVR

TRANSCATHETER AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT (TAVR)

may be an option to fix your heart valve if you have aortic stenosis.

Talk with your heart doctor to review your options and decide what is right for you.

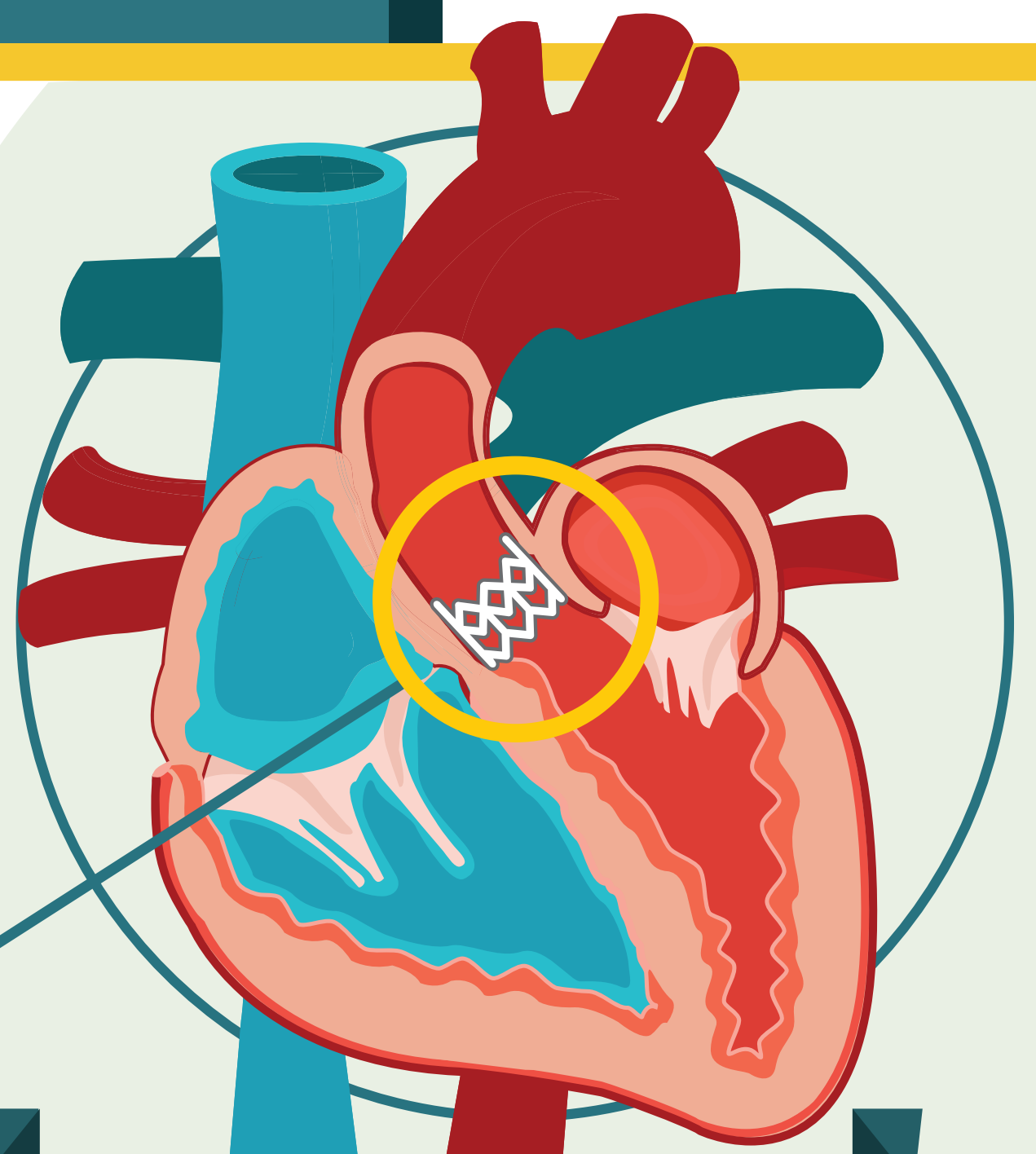
MAY NOT BE FOR EVERYONE

Researchers are studying TAVR for patients:

- Born with a unique aortic valve anatomy
- Who are younger

WHY FIX YOUR VALVE?

Aortic stenosis occurs when the valve that directs blood flow from the heart narrows or becomes stiff. **THIS MAKES IT HARDER FOR THE HEART TO PUMP BLOOD.**



WHAT TO EXPECT

A physician inserts a new valve into your heart using a **CATHETER**, a thin tube that enters your body through a small incision most often in your leg. This entry allows access to the heart, where the valve is placed.

BENEFITS

- Live longer
- Feel better
- Recover faster than surgery

RISKS

- Heart attack or stroke
- Bleeding
- Blood clots
- Infection
- Death

OPTIONS

- Manage your symptoms
- Replace your valve with TAVR
- Replace your valve with open-heart surgery

Information provided for educational purposes only. Please consult your health care provider about your specific health needs.

➔ Go to [CardioSmart.org/TAVRDecisionAids](https://www.cardiosmart.org/TAVRDecisionAids) for tools to help decide what option is right for you.