

Dear Sir/Madam

I work as a freelance researcher and am interested to learn more about TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implant – or sometimes Replacement [TAVR]) procedures and products used at your hospital. Please can you provide me with the following information:

Questions regarding transcatheter aortic valve implants (TAVI)

1) Please provide figures of the type of valve used for your TAVI procedures in the table below.

Valve brand	Number of procedures 2017	Number of procedures Jan- June 2018	Estimated number of procedures for 2019
Sapien 3 (Edward Life Sciences)	94	74	0
CoreValve Evolut R (Medtronic)	3	2	0
Acurate (Boston Scientific)	0	0	0
Portico (StJude/Abbott Laboratories)	0	3	30
Other	0	0	210
Total number TAVI procedures	94	76	

2) Is cost an issue when considering use of valve systems?

No

3) Do you expect and have you budgeted for a price increase in valves for 2019

No

4). Do you carry out any TAVI procedures on patients considered low risk (STS below 3) or is TAVI still only considered suitable for high risk patients?

No – for High and intermediate risk patients after Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) discussion

5) Do you expect the re-launch of Lotus/Lotus Edge to reduce your overall use of Edwards valves?

No

I look forward to your response. If it is at all possible, it would be very helpful if you could get your reply to me by the 8th September. I am, of course, fully aware that you are under no obligation to do so.

Many thanks

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