



Southern Cross Eligibility Criteria for TAVI Reimbursement

Southern Cross will reimburse the cost of a Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation under a member's policy when all the following criteria are met as reviewed and agreed by the Heart Team.

- 1. The patient has symptomatic severe calcific aortic stenosis or deteriorated surgical tissue aortic valve.**
- 2. The patient must have a life expectancy of more than 2 years.**
- 3. The patient is at intermediate or higher risk which is defined as either:**

an STS-PROM score of 4% or more.

OR

an STS-PROM score of at least 3% and has increased risk due to:

- 75yrs+
- Heart failure
- Lung function- FEV1 <1000ml
- 5-metre gait speed \geq 6 seconds
- Severe diastolic dysfunction
- Liver disease
- Pulmonary Hypertension \geq 50mm Hg
- Frailty
- Previous open heart surgery

- 4. The patient is technically suitable for TAVI.**

The patient must meet 1-4 as agreed by the Heart team before referral for a Pre-TAVI CT scan for final assessment of technical suitability.

To access the STS-PROM risk calculator on-line, type 'STS-PROM risk calculator' into your search engine, e.g. Google.

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