

TAVI at ESC 2012: Germans quickly adopt minimally invasive valve replacement

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About half of all elderly patients in Germany receive transcatheter aortic valve replacement therapy, but adverse event rates remain low.



German doctors have adopted transcatheter aortic valve implantation faster than any other country, according to researchers attending the European Society of Cardiology Congress in Munich.

Analyses of the country's German Aortic Valve Registry suggest that, although about half of all elderly patients are receiving TAVI therapy, doctors are primarily recommending the procedure for high-risk patients, as advised.

"It is quite impressive to see that, nowadays, around 50% of patients more than 75 years of age receive transcatheter aortic-valve implantation in Germany," study discussant Dr. Olaf Wendler told [Heartwire](#) [1]. "This is by far a higher number than any other country worldwide."

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