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 ≥ 6 seconds
   - Severe diastolic dysfunction
   - Liver disease
   - Pulmonary Hypertension ≥ 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.

For further information contact Mercy Angiography or John Ormiston.

Mercy Angiography
Level 1, Mercy Hospital
98 Mountain Road, Epsom, Auckland 1023
Phone: +64 (0)9 630 1961
admin@mercyangiography.co.nz
www.mercyangiography.co.nz

Professor John Ormiston
MBChB, FRACP, FRANZCR, FCSANZ FAPSIG, FRCR, FACC, ONZM
Mercy Angiography Ltd
Phone: +64 (0)9 630 1961
Mobile: +64 21 921 351