



GREATER LANSING

What to Expect: TAVR Testing

Your family doctor or your cardiologist has requested a TAVR evaluation. This involves extensive testing to better assess your medical condition and help the TAVR team determine the best plan of care for you.

What is TAVR:

- Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement - A procedure that replaces a narrowed aortic valve that no longer opens and closes correctly (called Aortic Stenosis). If indicated, a special TAVR team including interventional cardiologists and a heart surgeon perform the procedure together.

Testing:

- Lab work
- Chest X-ray
- ECG (also called EKG)
- Echocardiogram
- Carotid ultrasound (also called carotid doppler)
- Pulmonary function test (or PFT)
- Cardiac catheterization
- Gated CT scan of the chest
- Frailty assessment
- Dental clearance

Screening & Appointments:

- Minimally, 2-3 visits with the TAVR cardiologist and/or the valve coordinator for testing
- Evaluated by cardiac surgeon
- Full physical assessment by the TAVR team

Where:

- Most of your appointments will be in the Valve Clinic and your cardiologist's office
- Specialized testing (gated CT scan, other testing not completed at the cardiologist office or valve clinic) will be completed at McLaren Greater Lansing hospital
- The procedure itself will be done at McLaren Greater Lansing hospital

Time Frame:

- All testing and assessments will be spread out over several appointments, clustering as many tests as possible in each visit to limit the visits. We will work with you as much as possible to accommodate your needs and schedule.
- Typically, the testing process takes several weeks. Once the testing is complete, the TAVR team will review your case and develop the best plan of care specifically for you.
- If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the TAVR coordinator