

## Eligibility criteria for transcatheter aortic valve implantation or replacement for low risk patients

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of a transcatheter aortic valve implantation or replacement (TAVI/TAVR) under a member's policy when **all** the following criteria of low risk symptomatic severe calcific aortic stenosis or deteriorated surgical tissue aortic valve are met for that member as reviewed and agreed by the Heart Team of the applicable angiography facility.

1. The patient has a diagnosis of severe symptomatic calcific aortic valve stenosis that specifically excludes:
  - congenital unicuspid or bicuspid aortic valves,
  - non-calcified native aortic valve, and
  - severe mitral or tricuspid regurgitation or stenosis.
2. The patient is suitable for a safe transfemoral approach only.
3. The patient must have a life expectancy of more than two years with treatment of their aortic stenosis with appropriate consideration for frailty by the Heart Team of the applicable facility.
4. The patient must not have concomitant multivessel coronary artery disease with a Syntax score > 22 and/or unprotected left main coronary artery.

Please also ensure you are familiar with all **policy exclusions**, including:

- Acute care
- Congenital conditions
- Cosmetic treatment/procedures
- Health screening
- Treatment of any condition not detrimental to health
- Unapproved healthcare services.

Refer to the relevant policy document for specific conditions and exceptions that apply to these exclusions.