Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Eight years ago, Glen learned that he had a murmur from his aortic valve in his heart. At the time, it wasn’t a big concern to his doctor, who thought he would outlive it. A year and a half ago, he was told that his murmur from his aortic valve had gotten worse and was now stiff, calcified, and needed to be repaired.

Up until recently, repairing an aortic valve required open heart surgery with a long recovery. Glen had researched the new, less-invasive Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR), but it wasn’t available at the time. He postponed his repair until after the procedure became available to him at Glenwood, the first hospital in the region to offer it.

The surgery and recovery time were nothing short of “miraculous”! He had the TAVR procedure on a Monday and was discharged from the hospital the following day. Two days after the surgery, Glen returned to normal activities and was able to walk a mile and carry on a conversation without getting short of breath. Today, he feels just as good as he did eight years ago!

“My experience at Glenwood was 100% positive. Their service and support, from the time I arrived until the time I was discharged, went way beyond my expectations!”

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To learn more about the new, less invasive TAVR procedure, call our TAVR Coordinator at 318-329-4462.