

Subject:	Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI)
Summary:	<p>In the opinion of CVZ, TAVI fulfils the established medical science and medical practice criterion for patients with severe aortic stenosis and an unacceptably high surgical risk. For these patients, TAVI is regarded as an insured right guaranteed in the basic package.</p> <p>In the opinion of CVZ, TAVI does not fulfil the established medical science and medical practice criterion for patients with severe AS who have an increased - but acceptable - surgical risk. TAVI is not part of the insured basic package for this group of patients.</p> <p>The distinction between operable and inoperable patients is made by the doctors in charge and will depend on multiple factors including a risk-score and a clinical estimation involving numerous disciplines. The scientific associations of cardiologists and heart surgeons (NVVC and NVT) joined forces to draw up an indication protocol. In the opinion of CVZ, the indication protocol guarantees the medical justification and efficiency of the indications for TAVI.</p>
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