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What is involved in this procedure?

Valve replacement may require open-heart surgery with the chest surgically separated (opened) for the procedure. TAVI (or TAVR) can be done through very small openings that leave all the chest bones in place.

treatment options to people who are not candidates for valve replacement with open-heart surgery due to poor health status or other medical conditions. You will likely spend less time in the hospital after TAVI compared to open-heart valve replacement.

