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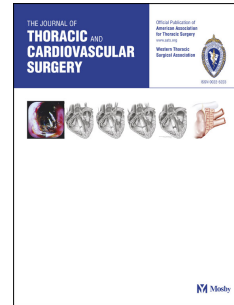
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Central Message (200 characters): Outcomes of SAVR and TAVR in high-risk patient populations could be improved by refocusing future investigations on early recognition of physiological and physical dysregulations and prompt referral for therapy.

Picture:**Commentary:**

Despite continued improvements in cardiac surgical outcomes¹, the invasiveness of SAVR remain consequential particularly in subsets of vulnerable patient populations. In this publication, Dr. Gaudiani and colleagues demonstrated two critical findings. In high-risk patients with aortic stenosis, those undergoing SAVR have: 1) a 2-fold higher mortality compared to those undergoing TAVR (7.9% vs. 4%, p=0.025) that accounts for the difference in

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