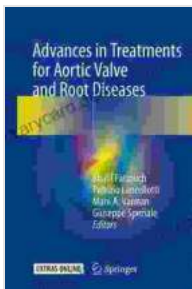


# Advances In Treatments For Aortic Valve And Root Diseases

Aortic valve and root diseases are serious conditions that can lead to heart failure and death. In recent years, there have been significant advances in the treatment of these diseases, offering new hope for patients. This article provides an overview of the latest advances in aortic valve and root treatments, including minimally invasive surgery, transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), and aortic root repair.



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## Aortic Valve Disease

Aortic valve disease is a condition in which the aortic valve, which is located between the left ventricle and the aorta, does not function properly. This can lead to narrowing of the valve (aortic stenosis) or leaking of the

valve (aortic regurgitation). Aortic valve disease can be caused by a variety of factors, including aging, infection, and congenital heart defects.

Symptoms of aortic valve disease can include chest pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, and lightheadedness. In severe cases, aortic valve disease can lead to heart failure and death.

## **Aortic Root Disease**

Aortic root disease is a condition in which the aortic root, which is the first part of the aorta, is weakened or damaged. This can lead to aortic dissection, a life-threatening condition in which the layers of the aorta tear apart. Aortic root disease can be caused by a variety of factors, including high blood pressure, infection, and trauma.

Symptoms of aortic root disease can include chest pain, shortness of breath, and fatigue. In severe cases, aortic root disease can lead to aortic dissection, which can be fatal.

## **Treatment Options**

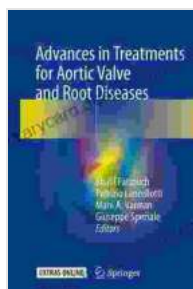
The treatment for aortic valve and root diseases depends on the severity of the condition. In some cases, medical management with medications may be sufficient. However, in most cases, surgery is necessary to repair or replace the aortic valve or root.

Traditional surgery for aortic valve and root diseases involves opening the chest and performing a sternotomy, or cutting through the breastbone. This type of surgery is associated with a high risk of complications, such as bleeding, infection, and stroke.

In recent years, there have been significant advances in the treatment of aortic valve and root diseases. These advances include:

- **Minimally invasive surgery:** Minimally invasive surgery techniques allow surgeons to perform aortic valve and root surgery through small incisions. This type of surgery is associated with a lower risk of complications than traditional surgery.
- **Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR):** TAVR is a procedure in which a new aortic valve is inserted into the heart through a catheter. This procedure is less invasive than traditional surgery and is associated with a lower risk of complications.
- **Aortic root repair:** Aortic root repair is a procedure in which the weakened or damaged aortic root is repaired. This procedure is less invasive than traditional surgery and is associated with a lower risk of complications.

Advances in the treatment of aortic valve and root diseases have significantly improved the outlook for patients with these conditions. These advances have led to less invasive procedures, lower risks of complications, and improved patient outcomes. As research continues, it is expected that even more advances in the treatment of aortic valve and root diseases will be made in the future.



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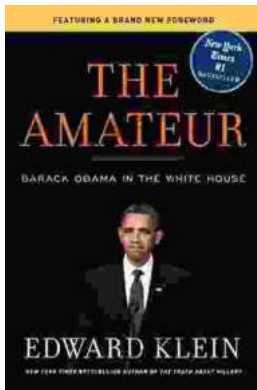
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