

# Conversations in Cardiology

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# Conversations in Cardiology: Same-Day Discharge for Elective PCI — Ready for Prime Time

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## Conversations in Cardiology: In the United States, Should TAVR Be Offered to a Low-Risk Patient?

He came back to us and said that he would pay cash for his TAVR.

What have others done in this situation? Take the man's money and do the procedure? Not do the procedure because of fear of possible Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) audit in future? Document two-surgeon consultation and patient refusal, and petition insurance company to pay for off-label use? I am very interested in the group's opinions.





# ISCHEMIA

- **David Cox: About 80% of my practice is elective stable ischemic heart disease (SIHD) PCI with much less ACS.**
- **A patient has progressed from angina 2x/week to now daily angina and some pain at rest. I wanted to admit for elective cath.**
- **Should we:**
  - 1. Count him as crescendo angina/Class III, and this doesn't become a ISCHEMIA patient?**
  - 2. With a recent nuclear scan with moderate ischemia and Class II angina, what is the role of FFR after ISCHEMIA?**



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## Whatever Happened to the Routine Use of Protamine?

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## Conversations in Cardiology Heparin Potency: What is the Right Heparin Dose for PCI in 2021?

Our perception is that there is an increasing need for heparin dosing, which raises 2 questions: (1) is the heparin we use in 2020 the same potency as it was in 2019? and (2) what should be the right dose of heparin for percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)?

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