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Mitral Valve Surgery

Mitral valve surgery is a type of open-heart surgery used to treat problems with the heart's mitral valve. The mitral valve is a pair of flaps in the heart that stops blood flowing the wrong way (back towards your lungs). Surgery is often the only way that the valve can function normally and prevent your heart from deteriorating. Mitral valve surgery involves repairing or replacing the faulty or damaged valve. If the valve is replaced, then your diseased valve is removed and replaced with a new one made from synthetic materials (mechanical) or animal tissue (tissue).

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