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Tom Saupe, 81, MitraClip Recipient

“It caught me totally by surprise I didn’t understand how serious it was. I knew I was short of breath; I knew I was struggling a little bit because I play golf all the time, and getting around 18 holes was getting to be a chore.” (:15)

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Dr. Sudhir Mungee, OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute

“People can have valve problems for multiple years, and when they start to have symptoms, which is like shortness of breath or feeling fatigued and tired, the common response we get from people is, ‘Oh I’m just getting old. I’m getting tired. I’m getting short of breath.’ It could be that, but not necessarily only that, because valvular problems, whether aortic stenosis or leaky mitral valve can cause shortness of breath, and that’s actually the first sign of coming heart failure.” (:30)

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“We were able to bring the technology, which is called the MitraClip, which is basically clipping the mitral leaflet, which is not closing properly and causing leakiness of the valve, so the heart has to work extra. And when the heart has to work extra, it’s going to tire out, and that’s when patients develop heart failure symptoms.” (:19)

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“The future of structural heart intervention is extremely promising. We are moving from open procedures. We are moving from long duration of hospitalization to a minimalistic approach. Even in surgery, we are doing a lot of minimal approach surgeries, but I think percutaneously structural intervention, whether aortic valve, mitral valve, tricuspid valve, is going to lead the way.” (:30)

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“I did a lot of research on him. I told him I did. I told him I heard he wasn’t a very good golfer, so he told me this summer we’ll get together and find out.” (:09)