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Dear Ravi,

**RE: Robin Stevenson DOB: 17/10/1963**  
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Thank you for asking me to see Robin for consideration of aortic valve replacement and coronary bypass surgery. He has stable angina without much in the way of dyspnoea or presyncope. Echocardiography showed critical aortic valve stenosis with a mean gradient of 61 mmHg and moderate regurgitation. He proceeded to formal angiography, which showed significant disease in the RCA. Past medical history includes Hashimoto's thyroiditis and depression. He is still smoking and is non-compliant with any medications. He lives on his own and can't work due to his symptoms.

I believe that a surgical AVR (bioprosthetic) and coronary bypass with a saphenous vein to the RCA is the best option for him, given his age and bicuspid valve. I explained the risks and benefits, including the risk of mortality, stroke, infection, bleeding, permanent pacemaker, AMI, and a higher risk of pneumonia given his current smoking. He is quite hesitant about the idea of open surgery, but is open to it. Hopefully, we can get this arranged in the coming month. Thank you for involving me in his care.

Kind Regards,



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