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Dear Jim.

RE: Jennifer Grasso DOB: 19/12/1938

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Thank you for asking me to see Jennifer for consideration of a TAVI. She has severe symptomatic aortic valve stenosis with a mean gradient of 29 mmHg, an AVA of 0.9. She proceeded to formal angiography, which showed minor non-obstructive disease. CT TAVI showed femoral vessels on the smaller side (5-6 mm), and lowish coronary artery take-off. Past medical history includes stroke in 2004 (occluded right carotid artery), AF (on apixaban), right breast cancer last year treated with a mastectomy alone, hypothyroidism, GORD, and OA. She lives alone, and is very independent (still driving). Her daughter lives close by and is a good support.

I believe that Jennifer would benefit from a TAVI, and that would be preferable to surgery at her age if technically feasible. I will get her into our system at Royal North Shore and hopefully, we can sort it out in the coming months.

Kind Regards,

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