

Tookie Gentilcore:

I love doing all of the things that you can do when you have time on your hands, like playing pickleball mostly. It makes me feel young. It makes me feel capable. I like being with friends. I like to garden. I just like life. After joining Kaiser Permanente, I was feeling very tired. I got dizzy. Something was definitely wrong. I could barely walk up the stairs. Life just was not where I wanted it to be. So I went to see my cardiologist and explained that to him.

Benjamin Galper, MD:

She was short of breath. She couldn't keep up on the pickleball court, and she had an ultrasound of her heart, which showed that her aortic valve was severely narrowed and needed to be replaced. She came in really nervous, like, I don't have options here. What am I going to do? And as a team we came together with a really excellent plan using cutting-edge technology to get the result.

Tookie Gentilcore:

Everything moved very fast, and this is one of the things I like about Kaiser Permanente. Things move quickly. When you go in and you describe a problem and they run the test, they get the results and they move on it.

Benjamin Galper, MD:

I think what's incredible about our TAVR program is that we're really focused on getting patients that care they need as fast as possible. The integrated care at Kaiser Permanente is key. We can get a person from the diagnosis of aortic stenosis to treatment in 2 week's time.

Tookie Gentilcore:

Thank you, Dr. Galper, you have given me my life back.

Benjamin Galper, MD:

It was an incredible feeling to be able to tell her that everything was successful, there were no complications, and she's going to do great after this.

Tookie Gentilcore:

Kaiser helps me maintain the quality of life that I need to be a healthy, happy person.

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