Who will my surgeon be?

- At Mount Carmel, we take a team based approach to each person's unique surgical procedure. Your surgeons will be a team of experts, all skilled at structural heart procedures. This team consists of these well-respected structural heart experts:

  Noah Jones, M.D. – Program Director; Interventional Cardiologist
  Ab Boonswang, M.D. - Cardiothoracic Surgeon
  Michael Gibson, M.D. - Cardiothoracic Surgeon
  Patrick Wells, M.D. - Cardiothoracic Surgeon
  Thomas Fanning, M.D. - Interventional Cardiologist
  Frank Tice, M.D. - Noninvasive Cardiologist
  Bijesh Maroo, M.D. - Noninvasive Cardiologist

You may not have an opportunity to meet every physician on the team before your surgery. However, you will meet at least 2 to 3 members of the team before your procedure. Your unique history, testing and surgical needs will be reviewed and addressed by all expert members of the team, your nurse navigator and the heart team coordinator before your procedure.
How long will I be hospitalized after surgery?

- The length of stay after surgery can vary widely. Most of our patients are discharged within 4 days and some patients even go home within 3 days after surgery. Please talk with your heart team coordinator for more details about what to expect with your length of stay.

What can I expect after my hospital discharge?

- You will need to follow up with your primary cardiologist and your primary care physician. You will require ongoing, careful follow up with health care providers who know you and your condition.

- You will likely need some form of rehabilitation after surgery. This may be done on your own, with the help of a home health provider, in a skilled nursing facility or through one of Mount Carmel's exceptional cardiac rehab programs. Each person is unique in their progress and needs. A case manager will visit you during your hospital stay to help coordinate your discharge plan and rehab. Please talk with your heart team coordinator for more details.

- **You will need to attend at least 2 important appointments at the Mount Carmel Structural Heart and Valve Center – at one month and at one year after your procedure.** You will also need to have 1-month and 1-year testing, which includes a basic echocardiogram, EKG and blood work. **Please keep these all of these appointments.** They are a very important part of monitoring your progress after the procedure.

Please do not hesitate to call your APRN coordinator or nurse navigator if you have questions. At Mount Carmel, we are here because of YOU.

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