

## Valve Clip Works In Real World

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The percutaneously inserted MitraClip was associated with significant improvements in symptoms and functions at 1 year in patients with severe mitral regurgitation, a registry study found.

In 79 percent of the 567 patients in whom the MitraClip was used, mitral regurgitation cleared completely or was reduced to mild at 1 year and the vast majority of patients (94 percent) stayed out of the surgical suite, reported Wolfgang Schillinger, MD, of the University Medical Center Göttingen, and colleagues.

In terms of functional improvement, 72 percent were reclassified as NYHA class I or II, and there was a median improvement of about 198 ft in the 6-minute walk test, Schillinger said here at the European Society of Cardiology meeting.

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