

Mayo Clinic Minute

Mitral Valve Clip

Video	Audio
	The blue-purple splashing you see here is the problem – a backwards flow of blood from a leaky mitral valve, and the little white device can be a solution.
Title: Peter Pollak, M.D. Cardiology Mayo Clinic	The mitral valve is named the mitral valve because it looks like the Pope's mitre – that hat with two leaflets.
	Mayo Clinic cardiologist Dr. Peter Pollak says this metal clip is a new option for fixing a leaflet that leaks or is torn.
	What we can do with this technology is staple or clip those two leaflets together, and reduce or eliminate the amount of leak that's going backwards.
	Smaller than a dime and implanted using a catheter tube, the clip is intended for patients who are too old or too sick for traditional surgery.
	They just wouldn't recover from the open-chest procedure.
	But, thanks to this closed-chest, beating heart procedure, now there's another way to mend a mitral value leak.
	It allows them to feel better almost immediately.
Graphic	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Jeff Olsen.