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Thrilled to be Alive

In her 87 years, Rosalynd Klipper has learned her share of life lessons. One of them is to choose your physicians carefully. In 2003, her primary care doctor detected that her aortic valve had begun to calcify and stiffen, limiting the flow of blood through her heart. For some reason, he neglected to tell her about the condition, a serious defect that can lead to heart failure. Six years later, Ms. Klipper started feeling short of breath. "I thought it was my asthma coming back," she recalls. "I didn't think much of it. I wasn't feeling well, but I just chalked it up to being an old lady." Fortunately, she was persuaded to get a checkup. Her new physician immediately referred her to a cardiologist at NYU. He, in turn, recommended a valve replacement, arranged for a second opinion, and referred her to Dr. Aubrey Galloway, one of the nation's most experienced valve surgeons. The surgery - performed with a minimally invasive approach - went perfectly. "All in all, it was an amazing experience," says Ms. Klipper. "They kept me pain free. After a few days, I was transferred to a room at Rusk," NYU's renowned rehabilitation medicine institute. "Everything - my health, my general outlook - is gradually improving," she reports, two months after her operation. "My scars are disappearing rapidly. I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be alive." Not only that, she's back at work, running two financial services business.




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"Three weeks after his heart surgery, 94 year old conductor, David Randolph has already planned his next performance at Carnegie Hall."

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