tomorrow? Our early successes in repairing the mitral valve suggest that your grandchildren will do it better than we have done it.

I have never considered you a Stephen Paget in your view of the future of cardiac surgery. More likely, you epitomize Isaac Newton's allusion to the fact we have stood on your shoulders to see so far ahead. Sir, give robotic and computer-assisted surgery a chance to develop and

time will prove either the value or folly. The conscience of the surgical and patient community will direct the course.

Editor's note: A response from Dr Francis Robicsek

Time will tell.

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