

Open Heart Surgery for L.A. Assessor

Los Angeles

County Assessor Philip Watson underwent open heart surgery yesterday.

His physician, Dr. Albert Attyah, said the 52-year-old assessor did "exceedingly well" in the dual bypass operation for severe coronary artery disease.

He declined to predict how long Watson will be off the job, but said some patients are back at work in two or three months.

Dr. Oddvar Myhre headed the cardiac surgeons who took veins from Watson's legs to make bypasses for both his right and left coronary arteries.

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