



Current Challenges and Advances in Pleural Disease

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Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to introduce a Special Issue on pleural disease. Respiratory physicians, as well as many other healthcare professionals (e.g., surgeons, internists, oncologists, and infectious diseases specialists), frequently face pleural disorders during their careers. They include simple or complicated pleural effusions, pneumothorax, and primary or secondary neoplasms.

Pleural effusion is the most common manifestation of pleural disease and can be due to a wide range of underlying disorders, including cardiovascular and liver diseases, pulmonary infections, malignancies, and systemic inflammatory pathologies. Identification of the cause is essential to ensure the best treatment and provide prognostic indications.

More and more therapeutic options are available and further progress can be expected in the near future regarding interventional techniques and intrapleural treatments to achieve fibrinolysis or pleurodesis.

In this Special Issue, original articles and reviews on the diagnosis and management of pleural diseases are welcome.





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