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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Historically, congenital heart disease (CHD) has represented a major field of interest almost only for pediatric cardiologists. The dramatic improvement in the survival of neonates with complex CHD, has led to a progressive increase in the number of adults with CHD (ACHD). ACHD constitute a very heterogeneous population, acquired diseases intervene in and complicate the management of CHDs.

On the other hand, the increasingly early and accurate diagnosis with fetal echocardiography leads to a possible termination of pregnancy in many Western countries. This can progressively change the epidemiology of the pediatric CHD population.

Finally, the world of diagnostics continues to offer more sophisticated tools and software, from echocardiography to cardiac magnetic resonance (CMR) and cardiac computed tomography (CCT), requiring continuous cultural as well as technical updates.

In this Special Issue, we aim to consider some 'hot topics' concerning CHD from fetal to adult life. In particular, we will review the main diagnostic tools available and the updated diagnostic or therapeutic pathways for the most relevant and debated issues.





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