



Feature Review Papers in Cardiac Surgery

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Cardiac surgery represents one of the leading specialties undergoing continuous improvement and providing many opportunities for enhancements aiming at favorable outcomes. The development of new techniques which are non-invasive or less invasive, as well as the refinement of established procedures have led to significant progress in the last decade. Novel predictive models for risk stratification have contributed significantly to clinical decision making. Meticulous preoperative assessment as well as intraoperative and postoperative monitoring have provided the best practices and contributed to decreasing numbers of complications and mortality, while effectively improving patients' quality of life. The purpose of this Special Issue entitled "Feature Review Papers in Cardiac Surgery" is to summarize the latest advances in cardiac surgery through a series of review papers. These topics involve not only cardiac surgeons, but also closely related specialties, which are of paramount importance for the quality improvement of clinical outcomes.

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