



Multidisciplinary Endocarditis Perspectives

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Endocarditis is a complex clinical pathology with a high mortality rate despite diagnostic and therapeutic improvements. In recent years, we have seen significant changes in its epidemiological and clinical profile, with a variation in the population at risk and increase in nosocomial forms of endocarditis with antibiotic-resistant or fastidious bacteria. Endocarditis is a great simulator when it occurs with an embolic event that might lead diagnosis towards other pathologies, or it may in turn be simulated by disparate diseases. Rapid diagnostic recognition and appropriate therapy are crucial to eradicate the infection, prevent embolism, and treat cardiac failure. Guidelines provide useful support, even though they are based mainly on the opinions of experts rather than on randomized studies, with some inconsistencies between medical scientific societies. Diagnostic and therapeutic management is therefore an important clinical challenge that often requires a tailored approach. Multi-specialist involvement with structured pathways may optimize the outcome.





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