



State of the Art of the Management of Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care Patients

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Message from the Guest Editors

In the last two decades, the landscape of cardiac surgery has deeply changed, due to the combined effect of an increased risk profile of patients and a significant advancement of surgical techniques. The role of minimally invasive cardiac surgery has been strengthened and the extraordinary expansion of transcatheter procedures pushed towards the development of hybrid strategies, encompassing both valvular and coronary artery disease, representing a true revolution of the clinical field, especially for those patients who were previously considered inoperable. Moreover, the pandemic of COVID-19, with its supposed long-lasting effects, could force a global rethinking of healthcare systems and should prompt further studies, aimed to clarify the possible interplay between SARS-CoV-2 and cardiovascular diseases.

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