



## New Techniques in Robotic Surgical Management of Mitral Valve Repair

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Robotic cardiac surgery was developed to offer the least invasive approach to managing a diverse array of cardiac conditions. It now encompasses mitral valve surgery, coronary revascularization, arrhythmia surgery, pacing lead implantation, congenital cardiac operations, cardiac tumour resections and diaphragmatic pacing. However, the adoption of robotic technology in the current clinical practice is not as widespread as initially anticipated, due to several negative drivers and constraints. There is a lack of robust evidence and a paucity of information from randomized controlled trials to support the wider application of robotic interventions within the current surgical climate.

The future of robotic cardiac surgery depends on a united multidisciplinary dialogue between patients, cardiologists and surgeons to deliver these innovative procedures for appropriately selected individuals, with the primary aim of delivering the highest quality of care for cardiac patients.





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