



Psychocardiology – the Mind-Body Interaction

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Next to direct organ damage with clinical correlates (e.g., stroke with mobility and/or cognitive deficit), heart disease is closely related with patient quality of life, patient perception, and coping with chronic disease. These aspects are frequently neglected in clinical practice, which is primarily focused on the physical rather than psychical implications of the disease.

However, the field of mind–body interaction, psychocardiology in this respect, is an intriguing and interesting field that grows steadily. This issue of the *Medicina* is dedicated to research in psychocardiology at large, with primary emphasis on patient perception of chronic disease, and interventions which help the patient to cope with the disease. We also welcome contributions in a broader sense of chronic disease and in advanced stage, when body wasting is detected, and the psychological impact of the disease is more pronounced. Finally, systematic and narrative reviews as well as viewpoints to challenge the current boundaries and the potential to advance the field will be considered for publication.





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