Heart Disease in Cancer Patients and Cancer in Patients with Heart Disease: How to Manage This Double Problem?

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear colleagues,

As life expectancy increases, more patients will suffer from both heart disease and malignancy, either simultaneously or consecutively.

- Both conditions have common risk factors, such as ageing, obesity, and the use of tobacco.
- Furthermore, treatment of malignancy can be responsible for heart disease.
- Difficult situations can also arise in patients needing antithrombotic medication after PCI, who develop cancer in the first year after the procedure, or who suffer from chronic hematologic disease.
- A very serious—but relatively rare—condition is endocarditis caused by *Streptococcus gallolyticus* and enterococci, which is often associated with colonic neoplasia.

Several questions for cardiologists and oncologists: How can I ensure that a cancer patient receives the optimal oncological treatment, especially when cardiotoxic treatment is involved? How can I anticipate and treat these patients most accurately? What is the best option for any cancer patient who is confronted with concomitant or subsequent heart disease? Any contribution could answer these questions is welcome.

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