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# Personalized Diagnosis and Treatment for Congenital Heart Disease

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Patients with congenital heart disease are surviving into adulthood thanks to advances in diagnosis as well as therapy at an early age. In fact, there are more adults with congenital heart disease than children, with an evergrowing population. Educating and empowering patients as well as their primary care providers and general cardiologists are important for optimizing the patients' longitudinal care. Moreover, recognizing that the interventions patients have undergone, whether surgical or percutaneous, are palliative means that, in most cases, these patients would require lifelong follow-up at a center with adult congenital heart disease expertise. Common long-term issues, depending on the cardiac abnormalities, can include a need for re-intervention, heart failure, arrhythmias, pulmonary hypertension, endocarditis, risk of and risk with pregnancy/risk to thromboembolism, offspring. However, although the guidelines provide general principles of care, each patient may demonstrate unique features of their cardiac abnormalities and their care must be individualized.



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