



Multimodality Imaging in Cardiomyopathies

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Dear Colleagues,

Multimodality imaging plays an essential role in the evaluation, diagnosis and management of patients suspected of having a cardiomyopathy. In fact, multimodality imaging provides functional and anatomical information, and also variables that facilitate risk stratification and prognosis evaluation. Echocardiography with new applications such as strain imaging is the most common initial test used to establish the presence of cardiomyopathy, by depicting structural and functional abnormalities. However, echocardiographic findings are non-specific, and, therefore, have a limited role in identifying the underlying aetiology. The clinician should be capable of selecting the appropriate imaging techniques for each clinical scenario. Each technique has strengths and weaknesses, which should be known. The future of multimodality imaging in the diagnosis and management of cardiomyopathies will also involve evolution of its use in care, teaching and research.

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