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Ventricular Assist Devices: Clinical Advances in Practice and Future Perspectives

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The progress made in the field of mechanical circulatory support over the last two decades has been remarkable. For long-term ventricular assist devices, technology has progressed from pulsatile pneumatically driven devices to completely magnetically levitated devices, which are entirely intrapericardial. For short-term ventricular assist devices, technology is once again progressing from pulsatile pneumatically driven devices to completely magnetically elevated devices, as well as microaxial miniature intraventricular devices. Entering into the realm of cardiac transplantation, various devices have been developed to mechanically support and perfuse the donor heart during transportation prior to transplantation, with remarkable successes made in recent years, especially in the field of donor circulatory death (DCD) and normothermic regional perfusion (NRP). In this Special Issue, we welcome authors to submit papers related to clinical practice in the abovementioned fields.

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