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Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges in Infective Endocarditis

Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues In the past two decades, Infective Endocarditis (IE) has become an extremely heterogeneous disease, accompanied by an epidemiological shift towards older comorbid patients with valve prosthesis and intracardiac devices that may present with atypical symptoms and uncommon aetiology. Despite recent advancements in the field, the prognosis of IE remains poor, with an in-hospital mortality rate peaking at 20-25%. Moreover, patients with IE need a tailored medical and surgical management, sometimes based on low-quality supporting evidence and expert opinions. In this scenario, the multidisciplinary approach represented by the Endocarditis Team is of pivotal importance. This Special Issue aims to foster interaction between different medical specialists caring for IE patients and to facilitate the spreading of medical knowledge by welcoming the submission of observational, singlecentre or multi-centre, retrospective and prospective studies together with case series, clinical case reports and narrative literature reviews focusing on the diagnostic and therapeutic management of IE.

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