

Special Issue

Adult Congenital Heart Disease: An Increasing and Ageing Population

Message from the Guest Editor

Due to advances in the diagnosis and treatment of congenital heart disease in newborns and children that took place during the last decades, today, the majority of patients survive to adulthood. However, unfortunately, a cure for congenital heart disease is seldom achieved and residua and sequela are common leading to the ever-increasing patient group of adults with congenital heart disease (ACHD). However, the population is not only increasing but also ageing. Consequently, as ACHD patients are getting older comorbidities are acquired as in the general population and sometimes even with a higher prevalence. Several recent studies have emphasized the importance of these comorbidities for increasing the morbidity and mortality in this patient group in addition to the underlying congenital heart defects. Nonetheless, this ageing ACHD population is less well-studied than children or young adults with congenital heart disease. The present Special Issue aims to fill this gap by focusing on the ageing ACHD population and the impact of comorbidities on the outcome of these patients.

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