

Special Issue

Clinical Challenges in Endocarditis

Message from the Guest Editors

Infectious endocarditis (IE) is a fatal and debilitating disease, a growing problem in the last decade. It is estimated that IE affects 3–7.5 people per 100,000 person-years, and its incidence is reported to be increasing in some parts of the world. IE more frequently affects men around 60 years of age. Staphylococcal and enterococcal IE are the most frequent. Oral streptococcal endocarditis is less frequent, and its frequency has not increased since implementation of the 2009 and 2015 recommendations restricting indications for antibiotic prophylaxis. Much attention is paid to new methods of early diagnosis such as PET or CT scan, now used in several countries worldwide. The prognosis of IE is still unacceptably poor, and more aggressive management of this deadly disease remains necessary. With this Special Issue, we encourage submissions of studies, including clinical challenges involving IE.

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