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Updates on Spleen Diseases and Splenectomy

Message from the Guest Editor

Splenectomy is commonly used in trauma, but it is also performed to treat haematological, immunological, metabolic and oncological diseases. Other indications for splenectomy include morphological disturbances, retarded somatic and sexual development, parasitic infections. Until recently, the absence of the spleen was not considered as a risk factor for complications. However, many studies have proved that the complete removal of the spleen is useless, and is followed by a high rate of precocious mortality, due to sepsis, meningitis, pneumonia, and most of patients loose completely their libido. Haematological diseases and metabolic affections, are followed by high morbidity and mortality rates when the spleen is removed. Conservative surgeries, including partial splenectomy, subtotal splenectomy and splenic tissue autotransplantation, to avoid the complications and deaths as result of the asplenic state. This Special Issue is dedicated to all aspects of the spleen. The authors will contribute advances in the spleen knowledge. Following the latest scientific advances, it is no longer as mysterious as it was described by Claudius Galen in the first century of this era.

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