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Advances in the Diagnostic Bronchoscopy

Message from the Guest Editor

Making an accurate diagnosis is a fundamental process in managing thoracic malignancies. Invasive diagnostic testing for thoracic lesions is challenging and involves complex and collaborative approaches using various technologies. In particular, owing to the increasing use of chest computed tomography (CT) for thoracic imaging in clinical practice and the widespread implementation of lung cancer screening with low-dose chest CT, the detection of thoracic lesions that warrant relevant diagnostic evaluations is projected to rise. This Special Issue will emphasize technological improvements that enable minimally invasive diagnosis of peripheral lung lesions and mediastinal diseases. Recent advances in diagnostic bronchoscopy, image-guided strategies for tissue sampling, the role of adequate tissue acquisition for treatment planning, and assessments and comparisons of different definitions of the diagnostic yield and strategies for using multiple-guidance tools will be discussed. We invite authors from various clinical settings who research diagnostic bronchoscopy for thoracic diseases to contribute their knowledge, including original research and review articles.

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