

Special Issue

Clinical Guidelines in Mitral and Tricuspid Valve Surgery

Message from the Guest Editors

Clinical guidelines are written by an expert panel and used, as their name implies, to help guide the treatment of patients daily. The writing of guidelines requires a long process and as such, the guidelines can often be outdated on specific topics when they are published. Moreover, different societies (such as the American heart association and the European society of cardiology, together with the relevant surgical societies) often publish discrepant guidelines on the same topic, leading physicians to dilemmas in clinical decision making. In this Special Issue, we will touch on the guidelines in mitral and tricuspid valve surgery, hurdles to their implementation in different settings, differences between American and European guidelines and use of mechanical valves in the real world compared to the guidelines, attempting to anticipate future directions the guidelines may take with the possible use of new technological tools, such as artificial intelligence.

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