



Role of Echocardiography in Current Cardiology Practice

Dear Colleagues,

Echocardiography has made significant progress over the last 2 decades so much so it has become an integral test as well as a cardiac consultative tool in of itself. Some aspects of cardiology remain challenging and despite guidelines and updates remain difficult to diagnose and treat. The purpose of this edition is to write a clinical review on commonly encountered clinical challenges that the clinicians may use to during their daily clinical practice. Recent advances in the field should be provided. You are encouraged to use multiple images delineating important points to facilitate learning. Bullet points should be used throughout to enhance learning and for the very busy readers.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine was launched in 2000 by MedReviews, LLC, in New York, NY. This journal was conceived to fill a critical gap for clinicians who were struggling with a rapidly expanding knowledge base in cardiovascular medicine with the convergence of basic science, clinical epidemiology, and therapeutic clinical trials. The founding co-editors were David P. Faxon, MD, past president of the American Heart Association, and Norman E. Lepor, MD, who is considered a luminary in interventional cardiology. The contributing editorial board grew over time and Dr. Peter A. McCullough, MD, MPH ascended from contributing, to associate, to co-editor of the Journal. In 2018, the Journal took its next big step under the leadership of Dr. McCullough as editor-in-chief to become a truly international publication. Its offices moved to IMR Press in Hong Kong, and the editorial board was made more inclusive and representative of the world-wide contributors in academic cardiology. Additionally, the journal brought on expertise in translational medicine to help face the future of molecular medicine and its role in cardiovascular disease. Today Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine is considered a top tier journal in cardiology with timely and comprehensive reviews covering all aspects of cardiovascular medicine including atherosclerosis, myocardial disease, arrhythmias, and valvular heart disease. The scope of papers ranges from population science, applied basic investigation, in-vitro diagnostics, and evidence-based strategy and therapeutic trials involving both pharmacologic intervention and interventional devices. The highly integrative style of the Journal anchored with evidence tables and instructive figures has garnered many citations over the years and many guidelines documents have relied upon works published in Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine. Supplement and focus issues have been very popular among the readership and often are viewed as the most up-to-date compilations of new knowledge in cardiology and related specialties. The future is bright for academic cardiovascular medicine and Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine is well positioned alongside the clinician-investigator in the years to come as a trusted source of critical information and analysis.

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