

The Year in Cardiology

The Year in Cardiology series: the most recent advances in a nutshell for the readers of the *European Heart Journal*

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Introduction

Not only is the pace of change in cardiology faster than ever, but the scope of cardiology practice has widened and there are close interactions with other specialities. It is a real challenge to keep up to date with innovation, subspecialty developments in cardiology, rapid progress in basic, clinical and translational research, and new important ESC guidelines! It is essential for the busy clinician to know what may really change practice, now and in the future, and what may improve current management of patients with cardiovascular disease.

This *European Heart Journal* 'Year in Cardiology' review series arose from the successful educational course developed by the British Cardiovascular Society. It provides expert insight into recent advances in key areas of cardiology, and a balanced perspective on how these may influence guidelines and patient management. The current series of reviews complement existing education activities and will cover different subspecialties such

as Imaging (i.e. CT, MRI, and echocardiography) intervention, acute coronary syndromes, valvular heart disease, arrhythmias and pacing, as well as prevention, and heart failure. Contributors have been chosen not only for their depth of specialist knowledge and stature as leaders in their respective fields, but also for their ability to communicate clearly and put the new information into perspective. Each of the contributors will work with an appropriate subspecialty editor of the *European Heart Journal*. They will focus on what is important and what will impact on modern clinical cardiology. A year is a long time in cardiology, but the 'Year in Cardiology' is a short time to get right up to date!

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