



Minimally invasive heart surgery

The focused issue, guest edited by Dr. Allen Cheng on “Minimally invasive cardiac surgery”, aims to increase the community awareness and to provide cardiac surgeons and cardiologists a comprehensive illustration of the most up-to-date surgical techniques in various minimally invasive cardiac surgical and transcatheter approaches. Clinical data were provided to support the current approaches and their benefits. Many publications have shown the benefit of minimally invasive cardiac surgery over standard sternotomy, including lower transfusion and infection rate, faster patient recovery, shorter hospital stay and etc. It is important for surgeons and interventionists to be familiar with different minimally invasive approaches in order to perform the procedures effectively and successfully. The data and benefits are compelling, and all patients deserve to be offered the option for minimally invasive heart surgery when needed.

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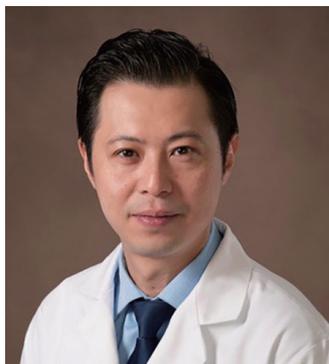
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