Preface

Advances in Atrial Fibrillation Ablation

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The COVID-19 pandemic forces us to reevaluate what is truly important to us as individuals and as a collective. As the tragedy unfolds before us, we are forced to pause and examine our behaviors; we are invited to think of new ways to solve this problem for our own and future generations. May we all persevere and fight for our collective well-being. Despite all the immediate turmoil and peril, life keeps going and the electrophysiology community still needs guidance and education. This issue, finalized during the COVID-19 pandemic, focuses on the treatment of atrial fibrillation (AF), from lifestyle modification to catheter ablation. Specifically, it focuses on different energy sources and balloon approaches to isolate the pulmonary veins. In addition, the issue provides guidance on what to do in patients with recurrent AF and already isolated pulmonary veins and highlights alternative technique and targets for ablation. Extensive narration of non-pulmonary vein triggers approaches is presented. Finally, as atrioesophageal fistula represents the most worrisome complication of AF ablation procedures, techniques for esophageal protection are presented.

Dr Di Biase would like to dedicate this issue to his wife, his future son, his parents, and his family.

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