

Editorial

Increasingly, cardiologists are using the coronary sinus as an access route for the protection of the myocardium. To bring the latest information on the progress of research findings gathered with respect to coronary sinus intervention to a growing number of scientists world-wide, a new series has been initiated, of which this forms the first volume.

The series is edited by the International Working Group on Coronary Sinus Interventions (WCSI), which we have recently established to serve the interests of the patient by continuous reassessment of this new method, to ensure maximum safety in its application in human settings. Experts in coronary sinus interventions from all over the world have combined to share their data and subject their research to further evaluation.

Progress in Coronary Sinus Interventions thus forms a series which will provide the reader with information on the advances made in research on this subject, and will contribute to an enhanced understanding of the nature of the coronary circulation, its anatomy, pathology and pathophysiology. The publication of these research data will establish a context in which new techniques can be evaluated within the framework of conventional methods and therapeutic approaches in interventional cardiology.

The editors have set themselves the objective of presenting the latest information in a clear, concise and readable form, with emphasis on the most essential parameters, for example the state of the art technology involved in the coronary sinus approach.

This first volume covers all relevant aspects which will serve as a basis for discussion for clinical studies with respect to synchronized retroperfusion, retroinfusion of pharmaceutical agents, and pressure controlled intermittent coronary sinus occlusion.

Progress in CSI is intended for those who are active in the field of coronary sinus interventions and coronary surgery, for whom the challenge of finding an effective treatment for cardiac disease is growing even more demanding.

Since this series owes its existence to team-work, we would like to thank all our colleagues around the world for their encouragement and continuing support in our mutual aim of establishing the route via the coronary sinus as a viable approach.

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