

BMI and TAVR, Ablation for AF and HOCM...

The association of body mass index (BMI) and an "obesity paradox" with cardiovascular risk prediction is controversial. Yamashita et al from USA aimed to evaluate the impact of elevated BMI on the outcome of transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) for aortic stenosis. See the results.

Olgun et al from Türkiye studied "Transseptal Puncture and Cryoballoon Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation in Patients with Atrial Septal Occluder or Atrial Septal Defect Surgical Repair: A Single Centre Experience". Safe, effective and feasible technique.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a major cause of mortality among people living with HIV (PLWH). Identifying the most reliable risk score for estimating CVD risk in PLWH is crucial. Tükenmez Tigen et al from Türkiye evaluated Score-2 (SCORE2) and Four Other CVD Risk Assessment Tools Among People Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in Türkiye. An important study.

Twenty four hour mean arterial pressure (MAP) is underutilized for the diagnosis and risk assessment for hypertension in clinical settings. The objective of the study by Karahan et al from Türkiye is to assess the relation of MAP with systolic and diastolic blood pressure (BP) in diagnosing hypertension on 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM). What do you expect?

Patients with hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy (HOCM) have few available nonsurgical treatment options. The feasibility of CARTOSound-guided catheter radiofrequency ablation (RFA) has been reported previously; however, relevant data are limited. Xu et al from China evaluated the effectiveness and safety of CARTOSound-guided RFA for patients with HOCM. It will add new findings to this issue.

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