



Dear Readers,

We have prepared articles on various subjects that we considered to be useful in daily cardiology practice in our March 2017 issue.

Those who engage in echocardiography will benefit from Prof. Dr. Leyla Elif Sade's review, "How Should We Do It," on speckle tracking strain imaging, the importance of which is increasingly understood in every area from oncology to myocarditis, from congestive heart failure to cardiomyopathy. In this review, Prof. Sade not only explains how to perform the process step by step, but also shows that speckle tracking strain imaging can be used to obtain very useful information with very nice images from her own archive.

The review, "Tachyarrhythmia Treatment during Pregnancy," prepared by Prof. Hakan Paydak and his team from the University of Arkansas analyzes another area that we sometimes encounter and need information about how to manage. We thank Prof. Paydak for his valuable contributions.

An article by Prof. Dr. Volkan Korten, who shares the current data on HIV transmission in our country, includes information that both cardiology and invasive cardiology specialists should read.

We hope that the editor notes of Prof. Dr. Meral Kayıkçıođlu and Prof. Dr. Lale Tokgözođlu, who summarize the innovations in the ESC/EAS 2016 Dyslipidemia Guide will arouse your interest. We are living in a period when stunning developments occur in alternative lipid-lowering therapies and important outcomes of especially PCSK-9 are revealed one after another. We wonder how the guidelines will address the new developments, while it has been less than a year since the publication of European CVD Prevention and Management of Dyslipidemia guidelines. This edition's comics surprise was prepared for this article, and Prof. Dr. Serdar Payzın shared his comments on how patients may react to fortnightly or monthly injections.

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to the two journal supplements prepared for our March 2017 issue. One of them addresses the diagnosis and treatment of iron deficiency in heart failure patients. It was prepared by the Heart Failure Working Group under the editorship of Prof. Dr. Yüksel Çavuşođlu. The recommendation of Class I indication for measurement of ferritin and transferrin in every heart failure patient and Class IIa indication for providing treatment if iron deficiency is detected in the 2016 European Heart Failure guidelines announced last year confronted cardiology specialists with a practice about which they lacked detailed knowledge. This journal supplement and especially its diagnosis and treatment algorithm at the end can serve as a guide to these issues. Our second journal supplement was produced by the Lipid Working Group under the editorship of Prof. Dr. Meral Kayıkçıođlu. It summarizes the importance of high triglycerides and how a treatment approach should be adopted while reducing LDL cholesterol in the light of current data through—as has become almost a tradition of our journal—questions and answers.

We thank all the authors who contributed to our journal. We hope it will be useful to our readers.

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