**ADVANCES IN MANAGEMENT OF VALVULAR HEART DISEASE IN THE ELDERLY**

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Valvular heart disease in the elderly is a growing problem worldwide. The nature of valvular disease is also changing. This is in part due the aging of the population. The elderly present unique challenges in the management and treatment. The latter is usually surgery. Recent advances in surgical and anesthesia techniques have improved outcomes. This has translated into more options of treatment for more patients. In addition nodular technologies like percutaneous aortic valve replacement and percutaneous mitral valve repair given new hope to patients who otherwise would have no other options. Specific guidelines for management all valvular disease in the elderly are still lacking.