

Guest Editorial

As 2 of the founding Board members of the International Consortium of Circulatory Assist Clinicians, we are delighted to serve as guest editors for this issue of *Progress in Transplantation*. Our organization is also pleased to become one of the Journal's partners and to have a platform for publishing manuscripts related to the care of patients with end-stage heart failure treated with mechanical circulatory support technology.

The International Consortium of Circulatory Assist Clinicians grew from the committed efforts of 14 US and 2 international individuals with a strong interest in furthering the role of mechanical circulatory assist coordinators around the world. As a professional mentoring organization, our mission is to share infor-

mation, to educate and support individuals in this field to achieve optimal outcomes for patients requiring mechanical circulatory support, and to support efforts in the area of device clinical research and development.

Whether you are involved in thoracic transplantation or not, we hope that this issue will provide you with insight into some of the unique challenges of mechanical assistance for clinicians and their patients. In addition, you will discover how the significant growth in this industry has garnered the interest of The Joint Commission through its Disease-Specific Care Certification Program.

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