

Valvular dilemmas for anaesthetists not in the cardiac operating room

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Valvular pathologies are common in patients presenting for non-cardiac surgery, and management often presents dilemmas for the anaesthetist – which pathologies are safely managed outside of specialised cardiac centres, when is intensive care required, whether to involve cardiology or cardiac anaesthesia, and what recent updates in management have occurred?

During this presentation, we will discuss clinical issues and possible dilemmas associated with valvular heart disease and dysfunction, using case studies. Updates in the management of anticoagulation and antibiotic therapy for valvular pathologies, and interventional strategies for valvular heart disease will also be discussed.

