



Three decades of aortic valve sparing operations

In May 2022, I received an email from Tristan Yan, Editor of *Annals of Cardiothoracic Surgery (ACS)*, inviting me to be the guest editor of an issue of his journal dedicated to aortic valve sparing operations (AVS) because it had been 30 years since the first peer-reviewed publication on this topic (1). Since I was attending the 2022 Techno Praticum College meeting organized by Homayoun Jalali in July in Sydney, I proposed that we meet in person to discuss the contents of this special issue of the *ACS*. A few hours after arriving in Sydney I met my friend and former clinical fellow Gebrine El Houry, an early adopter of AVS. I told him about Tristan's proposal and asked him to be my co-guest editor. He accepted and with the indispensable assistance of Jama Jahanyar, one of Gebrine's associates, in less than a month we had enough topics to fill two issues of the *ACS*. Tristan Yan accepted our request for a second issue to better cover all aspects of AVS.

I hope that seasoned and neophyte students of AVS find the articles of these two issues as the best available information on AVS. As with any non-peer reviewed writings in medicine the reader has to have an "open and receptive mind and a balanced view" of the information provided. Gebrine and I did not question the contents of each article but asked the authors to provide the most up to date evidence available on the topic they covered.

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