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Idiopathic and Primary Cardiomyopathies in Children

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Topics in this issue include an update on the NHLBI funded Pediatric Cardiomyopathy Registry, stem cell therapies, signalosomes, familial dilated cardiomyopathy, cardiomyopathy related to fatty acid metabolism, peripartum and restrictive cardiomyopathy, and exercise rehabilitation and comprehensive care for children with cardiomyopathy.

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