

Foreword  
CardioRenal Disease



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Cardiologists are frequently confronted with patients who have kidney disease from chronic renal insufficiency to end-stage renal disease and patients pre- and post-kidney transplant. This issue of the *Cardiology Clinics* is devoted to the management of such patients. Doctors Babiga, Rajagopalan, and Saran represent the expertise of three different institutions and have recruited an excellent group of expert authors in this area. The topics range from the highly practical, such as revascularization in renal disease patients, to potential new approaches to renal disease management that may improve cardiovascular outcomes.

Clearly this is an important area, because renal dysfunction is now recognized as a risk factor for atherosclerotic vascular disease just as diabetes and rheumatologic diseases are. Also, all of these diseases interact with one compounding the risks of the others. The common thread here is blood

vessels—all of these diseases are vasculitides. Hopefully, approaches that benefit one vascular disease will ultimately benefit the others. In this vein, prevention of reno-vascular disease is critical, and optimal management is essential to prevent further vascular disease of other organs. I am sure that this issue of the *Cardiology Clinics* will provide new insights and practical approaches to patients who have renal disease.

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