



Pandemics and chronic diseases: short- and long-term treatment and management considerations

The ongoing and seemingly endless COVID-19 pandemic is not only a global health crisis, but it has also highlighted a number of pre-existing health problems, including access to health care, greater severity of COVID-related complications for those with cardiometabolic diseases, and the added complexities underserved populations face with seeking and gaining access to essential healthcare services. Additionally, the pandemic has impacted lifestyle behaviors for many, including high amounts sedentary behavior, low amounts physical activity, poor sleep, and high levels of psychological stress. Ironically, these lifestyle behaviors could be characterized as pandemics even before the advent of COVID-19. Of particular concern, these lifestyle behaviors increase the risk of cardiometabolic diseases and may contribute to a greater likelihood of an individual experiencing health complications following COVID-19.

On behalf of HL-PIVOT (Healthy Living for Pandemic Event Protection) and Exercise is Medicine? (EIM) Underserved & Community Health, this special issue aims to expand the discourse related to the long-term impact of COVID-19 on individual and public health. We welcome any of article types accepted by RCM, including original research, case reports, reviews, and short communications.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine was launched in 2000 by MedReviews, LLC, in New York, NY. This journal was conceived to fill a critical gap for clinicians who were struggling with a rapidly expanding knowledge base in cardiovascular medicine with the convergence of basic science, clinical epidemiology, and therapeutic clinical trials. The founding co-editors were David P. Faxon, MD, past president of the American Heart Association, and Norman E. Lepor, MD, who is considered a luminary in interventional cardiology. The contributing editorial board grew over time and Dr. Peter A. McCullough, MD, MPH ascended from contributing, to associate, to co-editor of the Journal. In 2018, the Journal took its next big step under the leadership of Dr. McCullough as editor-in-chief to become a truly international publication. Its offices moved to IMR Press in Hong Kong, and the editorial board was made more inclusive and representative of the world-wide contributors in academic cardiology. Additionally, the journal brought on expertise in translational medicine to help face the future of molecular medicine and its role in cardiovascular disease. Today Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine is considered a top tier journal in cardiology with timely and comprehensive reviews covering all aspects of cardiovascular medicine including atherosclerosis, myocardial disease, arrhythmias, and valvular heart disease. The scope of papers ranges from population science, applied basic investigation, in-vitro diagnostics, and evidence-based strategy and therapeutic trials involving both pharmacologic intervention and interventional devices. The highly integrative style of the Journal anchored with evidence tables and instructive figures has garnered many citations over the years and many guidelines documents have relied upon works published in Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine. Supplement and focus issues have been very popular among the readership and often are viewed as the most up-to-date compilations of new knowledge in cardiology and related specialties. The future is bright for academic cardiovascular medicine and Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine is well positioned alongside the clinician-investigator in the years to come as a trusted source of critical information and analysis.

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